



Joan Ann Travers

August 13, 1941 - March 2, 2023

Joan Ann Travers, 81, of Glen Ridge, New Jersey, passed away on March 2, 2023.

Joan was born on August 13, 1941, to Stella and Matthew J. Travers, Sr. in Jersey City, New Jersey. After graduating from Katharine Gibbs College, Joan worked as an executive assistant at the law offices of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in Manhattan for her entire 40+ year career. While working full time, Joan earned a B.S. in Economics and a B.A. in Business from Upsala College. Joan loved working in Manhattan and going into the city everyday over the years. She enjoyed walking around downtown each day during her lunch hour and shopping for birthday presents and, during the holidays, Christmas presents for her nieces and nephew during these walks.

Joan had visited Europe several times with friends and belonged to a hiking club. She really enjoyed hiking each weekend in the mountains in NJ, NY, and PA. In 2001, Joan retired and continued to travel on many trips with her companion, Joe: long vacations to places such as the California coast and Tahoe, road trips along the east coast to places such as the Outer Banks and the Shenandoah Mountains, and unplanned weekend trips to local destinations. She loved the beach, too, and always took the day off on her birthday to spend time at the shore. Joan also enjoyed hunting for antiques; she was partial to Norman Rockwell plates, figurines of dogs, and paintings of

all kinds.

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Joan was predeceased by her father, Matthew J. Travers, Sr., her mother, Stella Travers (née Orlowski), and her brothers, Matthew (Jane) J. Travers, Jr. and Fr. James Travers. She is survived by her companion of 28 years, Joseph Pelt, her three nieces, Ann Travers, Kathleen (Christopher) DeCarlo, and Christina Travers, and her nephew, Matthew J. Travers III, and three grand nieces, Mary Jane DeCarlo, Izolina Travers and Catherine DeCarlo and six grand nephews, John DeCarlo, Michael DeCarlo, Aiden Travers, Vincent DeCarlo, Finn Travers and Wyatt Travers.

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Sacred Heart Southern Missions (<https://secure.shsm.org/>) or St. Joseph's Indian School (<https://www.stjo.org/>)

Cemetery Details

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Holy Name of Jesus
246 Dodd Street
East Orange, NJ 07017

Tribute Wall



“ *Travers Family- Very sorry to hear of Joan's passing! Her brother James was my best friend through college and beyond. After his passing Joan often came to our reunions in his place. She will be missed. May she rest in peace! Love, Richard Cummings*

Richard D Cummings - March 11, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Ann Travers.*



March 10, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Ann Travers.*



March 09, 2023 at 07:33 PM