



Ms. Joan Murray Cleary

November 27, 1930 - December 5, 2022

Joan Murray Cleary, 92, died Monday evening at Hillcrest Commons Nursing Care Center in Pittsfield.

Born in Pittsfield November 27, 1930, the eldest daughter of Edward M. and Mary Griffin Cleary, she was a 1948 graduate of St. Joseph High School and later earned her BA degree in biology and chemistry from Our Lady of the Elms College of Chicopee and Masters in Education from North Adams State College in 1958.

Joan was an educator and junior high math teacher for Pittsfield Public Schools for many years, retiring in 1986. After retirement she worked part time at Hillcrest Hospital.

She enjoyed being a volunteer at Hancock Shaker Village, chair caning, weaving, needlepoint, crossword puzzles, traveling, was an avid reader, and enjoyed playing Bingo, Suduco, and caring for her many cats over the years. She was a faithful friend of Bill W. for the past 48 years.

Joan is survived by one sister, Mona Guidi (Raymond) of Dalton, her brother-in-law, Justin Davis, of Pittsfield; and several nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her sister Patricia Davis of Pittsfield. The family would like to thank Gerry Rollinger for her many years of helping Joan.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Joan M. Cleary will be celebrated Monday, December 12th at 10 am at St. Ann's Church in Lenox by the Rev. Monsignor John J. Bonzagni, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Peter's Cemetery in Great

Barrington. The ROCHE FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

Great Barrington, MA 01230

Previous Events

Service

DEC **12**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann's Church
134 Main Street
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

JL

“ I was a friend of Joan’s for the last 5 or so years. A funny, smart woman that wasn’t afraid to share her opinion. Thank you for all the wonderful stories. Hope you’re up there visiting with Julie and Nana!!

Jen LePrevost

Jenifer LePrevost - December 12, 2022 at 01:40 PM

ID

“ Aunt Joan sent several photos to me some years back, with some gems that I’ve included here. Our Aunt Mona, her youngest sister, is especially on my heart today.

Irene Davis - December 11, 2022 at 09:53 PM

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“ Aunt Joan sent many old photos to me years ago, a lot of candid gems. I’ll include a few here. Thinking of her youngest sister, our Aunt Mona, today.



Irene Davis - December 11, 2022 at 09:51 PM

MD

“ Hello Tim and family, don't forget pictures at balance rock?

mike davis - December 09, 2022 at 01:49 PM

TD

“ Aunt Joan will be remembered as the "fun" Aunt, who introduced me to McDonald's, the bird sanctuary, and many other new experiences as a young boy. May she find heavenly peace

Tim Davis - December 09, 2022 at 01:43 PM