



Mrs. Joan Harriet Lahart-Mahoney

September 25, 1933 - October 30, 2025

Joan Harriet Lahart Mahoney, 92, of Lenox, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on October 30, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on September 25, 1933, in Lenox, Joan was the daughter of the late William and Constance Lahart. A proud graduate of Lenox High School, she began her career at General Electric before meeting the love of her life, Francis "Moe" Mahoney — a Lenox Merchant player and a former Boston Celtic from Brooklyn, New York, who would forever capture her heart.

Joan and Moe were married on May 21, 1955, at St. Ann's Church in Lenox. The couple spent their first year of marriage in Brooklyn, where they welcomed their first child, Colleen. Before long, they returned to Joan's beloved hometown of Lenox to raise their growing family.

Together, Joan and Moe became part of local history when they posed as models for Norman Rockwell's iconic painting, "The Marriage License."

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Joan's greatest joy was her family. She was a woman of deep faith and quiet strength who dedicated her life to caring for others. She volunteered with Hospice and the Visiting Nurse Association, served as a Eucharistic Minister, and was a member of the Disciples of Jesus and Mary, the Irish American Organization, and St. Ann's Parish.

A lifelong supporter of local sports, Joan could always be found in the stands cheering for the St. Joe Crusaders or the Lenox Millionaires — and especially for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren through the years.

She cherished growing up in Lenox and held dear her memories of Tanglewood, Laurel Lake, and St. Ann's Church. She once played semi-pro basketball for the Merchanettes, a highlight of her younger years that reflected her competitive spirit and love of the game. Joan was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and would proudly recite the Gettysburg Address from memory — a testament to her patriotism and sharp mind, even into her final days.

Joan leaves her loving children Colleen MacDonald (Jack), Michael Mahoney (Rebecca), Terence Mahoney, and Kelly Joan Mahoney (Dave), as well as her son-in-law Nicholas Nicotra. She was the cherished grandmother of Kelly Bridget, Katie, Claire, Ann, Bridey, Nicholas, Kelly Rose, and Zack, and the adoring great-grandmother of Brenna, Jack, Maeve, and Owen.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband Francis H. "Moe" Mahoney; her daughter Kelly Anne Mahoney; her granddaughter Kaley Rose Nicotra; her brother William Lahart Jr.; and her sisters Constance Clifford and Margaret Casey.

As was her wish, a private funeral Mass for family will be celebrated. She requested no public calling hours or gathering after, desiring a simple and peaceful farewell surrounded by those closest to her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's memory may be made to Boston Children's Hospital, the Alzheimer's Association, or Hospice Care in the Berkshires, in care of Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann's Cemetery

1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall

DC

“ To Mickey. Colleen and all family members-my deepest condolences. I certainly remember your mom cheering in the St. Joe stands. Your parents were terrific people. Thinking of you all.

Diane Carey - November 09, 2025 at 05:48 PM

MB

“ Your mom was the first neighbor I was drawn to at 4 years old. I would visit her while she hung up her laundry in the back yard. I always felt safe with her. I am so sorry for your loss❤️

Maureen Kane Borgnis - November 04, 2025 at 05:10 AM

CW

“ Many years ago I worked at the Curtis Hotel with Joan. I remember her because she was kind. It is hard to lose a loving mother.
Cynthia Wassell

Cynthia Wassell - November 04, 2025 at 02:51 AM

SP

“ Aunt Joan was my spiritual hero. There are so many fun memories that we will be recalling in the days and years to come. We especially loved praying the Stations of the Cross with her at St Ann and I will always remember her loving smile as she gave Holy Communion to parishioners. She has earned her eternal reward and will be greatly missed. Sharon P

Sharon Popeo - November 03, 2025 at 04:57 PM

FS

Simplicity is best Joanie. My Spiritual inspiration. A true example of Service above self, and that Prayer conquers all. The Crown of Heaven is yours Joanie...thank you for being a good friend, and a guiding light.

Francie Sorrentino - November 03, 2025 at 09:13 PM

NA

Lots of times over the years I've been asked who my childhood role model was. Without hesitation I named Aunt Joan. She was fun, she was funny, she had the best personality. And, she was my sixth grade basketball coach! Colleen, Mickey, Tee and Kelly you were so loved by her, and so loved her back. ❤️

Nancy - November 03, 2025 at 10:43 PM

GC

Dear family I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of your mom and dad. I was able to spend time with them at many Irish/American functions.

Gary Clarkson - November 17, 2025 at 05:36 AM

JG

“ *To the Lahart Family, My deepest sympathy on the passing of your Mother. I will remember her fondly. The neighborhood lost another wonderful mother. Joan Gennari Tyer*

Joan Gennari - November 03, 2025 at 01:00 PM