



Josephine Ann Curran

May 30, 1924 - April 13, 2013

Josephine Ann Rombilus Curran of Sayre, Pennsylvania, went to be with the Lord Saturday evening, April 13, 2013.

Josephine was born in Nanticoke, Pennsylvania on May 30, 1924, although she never admitted her real age to anyone, even her own children. She grew up on her parents' farm with her six siblings, attended Hunlock Creek High School, and went to beauty school in New York. She married her high school sweetheart, James Curran, in 1948 and moved to Los Angeles. In 1954, they moved back to Pennsylvania to the valley, where she would spend the rest of her life.

Jo was widowed at a young age, became an active member of the Legion of Mary and attended mass almost every day at Epiphany Church, her second home. She was a stylist for over 40 years at Kinner's Beauty Shop, where she made myriad friends and delighted in making them beautiful.

Later in life would find her going out on the town with her longtime companion, Fran Fitzgerald. She loved going to the Concerts in the Parks at Howard Elmer Park in the summers. Her dear friend Ruthie remembers skiing with her at Greek Peak, where they ambitiously tackled all but the black diamond runs.

Jo generously supported numerous charities, particularly favoring those for

children. She also had a soft spot in her heart for all animals, and tended to the care of any who needed it. Her last adoptees were the feline HeyYou and a neurotic Yorkshire named Maurice (a.k.a. Kujo.)

Jo was quite the fashionista, even in her later years, and always stylish and well put-together. She was poised and gracious in every endeavor, even when she was rendered waterlogged by a wayward renegade jet skier after her grandson's wedding. She was a lady of very few words, but was always able to come up with witty one-liners that would have her company roaring with laughter. She was convinced that she would win the Publisher's Clearing House, but to her family's knowledge, never received a visit from Ed McMahon. It was his loss.

Jo was predeceased by her husband, James T. Curran Jr., parents Andrew and Anna Biller Rombilus, brothers William, Andrew, and Joseph Rombilus, and sister Sonia Bartoshek, as well as her special friend Francis Fitzgerald.

She is survived by her brothers John and Alec Rombilus, daughter Cindy Curran, son John Curran and his wife Carey, her former son-in-law Dr. Richard Flynn, and many nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Also surviving her are grandchildren Sean Flynn, Shannon Wise and her husband Karl, Shane Curran and his wife Julie, Meredith Flynn, Alison Flynn, Samantha Curran and her fiancé Jeff Nelson, Shea Curran, Connor Curran, and Carson Curran. Also surviving her are two step-great-grandchildren, Courtney and Whitney Wise, and three great-grandchildren, Tyler Curran, Jameson Curran, and Brogan Nelson.

On the night Jo departed us, the Aurora Borealis put on a rare spectacular show in the skies over Pennsylvania. It was a fitting exit for such a grand lady. She will be dearly missed.

A mass celebrating her life will be held Friday morning, April 19, 2013 at 9:30 at Epiphany Church, with a reception following. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society, 1948 E. 3rd Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 or to the Legion of Mary, in care of the Epiphany Parish, 304 S. Elmer Ave. Sayre, PA 18840, in Jo's honor. Arrangements are under the direction of the Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home, 314 Desmond Street, Sayre, PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed and shared by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Service

APR **19**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany
304 South Elmer Ave
Sayre, PA 18840

Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Ann Curran*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Josephine Ann Curran*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Josephine Ann Curran*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Josephine Ann Curran*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Josephine Ann Curran*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Jo was very kind hearted. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
She will be missed*

Bill & Jolie Lee

Bill & Jolie Lee - April 18, 2013 at 05:37 PM

BL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.. Jo was a very kind hearted woman. We enjoyed having her at a lot of family functions.

Bill & Jolie Lee - April 18, 2013 at 05:34 PM

MC

“ Cindy & John - So sorry to read of your mother's death. Didn't know she was ill. She was a great lady. She kept me "in style" for years. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Mary Cerutti



Mary Cerutti - April 18, 2013 at 02:48 PM

RS

“ Cindy: My sympathy on the loss of your Mother.
Ruth Schrader

Ruth Schrader - April 18, 2013 at 06:15 AM

TF

“ The Garrapy Family lit a candle in memory of Josephine Ann Curran



The Garrapy Family - April 17, 2013 at 04:03 PM

DC

“ *David Collett lit a candle in memory of Josephine Ann Curran*



David Collett - April 16, 2013 at 05:27 PM

DC

Ali ,my thoughts and prayer are with you and your family

David Collett - April 16, 2013 at 05:31 PM

VV

“ *Jo was such a wonderful lady. She will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing her. Such a strong, wonderful woman. - Vanessa Voorhees and Dawn Garrapy*

Vanessa Voorhees - April 16, 2013 at 05:03 PM