



Joan Anne Patricia Curis

October 15, 2021

Joan Anne Patricia (Meskill) Curis, a devoted wife and mother, a proud Irish Catholic woman whose faith guided her throughout her life, passed peacefully on October 15, 2021 at home having shared laughs, songs, advice, stories, and smiles with her devoted children and grandchildren.

Joan was born in New York City on January 31, 1933, the fifth of eight children of Mary (Mame) and Daniel Meskill. Growing up in the Bronx, she took care of her father's chickens and delivered eggs off the back of her bike to neighbors and aunts. Joan attended Villa Maria Academy in the Bronx where she was known as "Joan Anne Meskill...a girl to like. She always arrived on her faithful bike." She completed her nursing training at Misericordia Hospital, and then, at night, attended St. John's University for a bachelor's degree.

Her nursing career began at Lenox Hill Hospital. She went on to work at Metropolitan City Hospital and was Head Nurse of the pediatric Communicable Disease floor. She met her loving husband of 57 years, Francis (Frank) T. Curis at the hospital chapel. Their early days together were in San Antonio, Texas, then Columbia, South Carolina. Eventually, they settled in West Hartford, Connecticut, joining St. Timothy's parish.

Joan was happiest when surrounded by her children and grandchildren. Her greatest gift to them was her faith and love. She lived an active lifestyle that included playing tennis, biking, and golf; volunteering for school boards and childhood literacy; and bringing communion to home-bound individuals of her parish community.

Frank and Joan loved entertaining their friends and family. She cherished her close friends. There was always room at the table for one more. Many a college education plan was developed and sometimes applications had their i's dotted and t's crossed at Joan's table. Joan and Frank set high standards and willingly made the sacrifices required to send all their children for Catholic education from kindergarten all the way through private universities.

Joan loved laughing with her family, demonstrating her (basketball) right hook, singing in St. Timothy's choir, cheering at her kids' games, exercising in the pool, sharing summers in North Carolina, and spending time with friends and family. We will miss her telling us how to do what to do, and laughing at herself, and always being there for us when we needed her.

Joan is survived by her children: Jim (Mary Margaret) of Durham, NC; Cathy of West Hartford, CT; Tom of New York, NY; Bill (Heather) of Cumming, GA; Tricia (Pat) Gerity of West Hartford, CT; Robert (Edlira) of Orange, CT; Maureen (Kurt) Vanscoy of Wilmington, NC; and Dan (Teri) of Southport, CT. She was loving grandmother to 14 grandchildren: Justin, Cole, Liam, Caitlin, Delia, Thomas, Kathleen, Sara, Robert, Emma, Reamon, Fiona, Kaitlyn, and Danielle.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Francis T. Curis (2017) her sister Mary (Mitchell), her brothers, Danny, Bill, Jim, and Robert. She is survived by her brothers, John and Larry Meskill, as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06119, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 PM Wednesday, October 20.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the Church of St. Timothy 225 King Phillip Drive, West Hartford 06117 on Thursday, October 21, at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow Mt. View Cemetery, Bloomfield. The mass will also be live streamed for those unable to attend in person. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to St. Timothy's School, 225 King Phillip Drive, West Hartford, or Doctors Without Borders. Directions and a link to live stream are

available at: www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Cemetery

Mountain Road
Bloomfield, CT
(860) 243-9897

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Joan Anne Patricia Curis*



Molloy Funeral Home - October 19, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JF

“ *Jonathan Miller & family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



Jonathan Miller & family - October 20, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 19, 2021 at 10:51 PM

LM

“ *What I'll remember most about my Sister Joan is that the 'glass was always MORE than 1/2 full'. She had a great life, the devotion of her family to her sums it all up!*
Vicki & Larry

Larry Meskill - October 19, 2021 at 08:59 PM

TD

“ *The Notre Dame Board of Directors purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



The Notre Dame Board of Directors - October 19, 2021 at 04:30 PM

CC

“ *Charlotte Clarke purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



Charlotte Clarke - October 19, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 19, 2021 at 09:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 19, 2021 at 07:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 18, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 18, 2021 at 01:06 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Anne Patricia Curis.*



October 18, 2021 at 01:05 PM

JM

“ Condolences to all the Curia Family. I am sorry I will not be able to attend the funeral. I have many fond memories as a kid either going to our cousins house or them coming to our house. Two big family's, a rarity today. 19 people between the 2 families. I remember one year we rented a big house in Rhode Island for vacation. My thoughts are with you all. Aunt Joan was a great person and raised a great family. Take care all.
John Mitchell

John Mitchell - October 18, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JM

That would be Curis family. Sorry for the typo.

John Mitchell - October 18, 2021 at 01:08 PM