



Joan Lucile Schweitzer

August 23, 2020

Joan Lucile Shuhart Schweitzer, 84, beloved wife of Hugh, went to Heaven on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Joan was born September 2, 1935 in Valley Forge, PA, to Lucile (O'Donnell) and John H. Shuhart. A graduate of Bailey-Ellard High School (1953), and Caldwell College for Women (1957), she married Hugh in August 1957. Joan retired in 2000 after years of devoted teaching service at St. Thomas the Apostle school.

Joan's world revolved around her family and cooking at her home on the Boulevard for almost 50 years. She was a self-taught piano and organ player who never missed a chance for laughter and humor. She took her carpe-diem philosophy on many shopping adventures and trips to their cabin in Sandisfield. As if she weren't busy enough as a mother of six spirited children, including loving care of their special needs daughter Patty, she attended daily 6:30am mass, served as a den mother, a Girl Scout leader, meals on wheels, STA women's club and altar guild. From childhood, Joan was an avid baseball fan of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and later the Boston Red Sox.

One of Joan's passions was travel, inspired from a young age. While she grew up in Morris Plains, NJ, she had visited most of the then-48 states, Cuba, Canada and Mexico before the age of 5. Highlight trips included a honeymoon in Bermuda with her sweet Hugh, milestone anniversary trips to Bermuda and Ireland, a retirement trip to Turkey and Greece, and other adventures to

Japan, England, Costa Rica and Italy, including mass in Rome with Pope John Paul II. Many other family adventures throughout North America were shared with the whole gang.

Joan is preceded in death by her daughter Patty, and is survived by her husband of 63 years, Hugh; sister Kathy Lanterman of PA; 5 children: Joanie (Karl) of CA, Hugh (Becca) of CT, Susan (Kirk) of CT, Mary Lu (Jebbie) of MD, Kristen (Jason) of CA; and 7 grandchildren: Natalie, Max, Evan, Clara, Adam, Vivien and Bennett; cousins, nieces, nephews, and many dear friends.

Calling hours at Molloy Funeral Home, 4-7pm, Tuesday, August 25. Funeral mass 10am Wednesday, August 26 at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, burial immediately following at Fairview Cemetery. Memorial donations to St. Thomas the Apostle School, 25 Dover Rd, West Hartford, CT 06119. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Joan's family expresses their sincere thanks and gratitude to the staff of loving professionals at Avery Heights, including Kristen, Susan and Cheryl, among so many others.

Please click on this link to view the funeral service
<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/14806583>

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 25. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 26. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Lucile Schweitzer*



Molloy Funeral Home - August 25, 2020 at 12:47 PM

PS

“ *Dear Schweitzer family,
I look back at the many things Mama Joan taught me when I was dating Joan from the summer of 1974 through the fall of 1975. The most important thing was to love people for who they are and not what you would want them to be. How she cared for Patty and everyone else was remarkable. When she told me Patty was a special gift from God and He trusted your family to be the one to care for Patty, I realized just how selfless Mama Joan was. I saw that attitude being passed on to all of the children, especially Joanie. As a member of the law enforcement community, I owe a lot of my compassion for people I deal with on a daily basis to how I saw Mama Joan live her life. I'm sure the gates of heaven were opened wide for her arrival. May God bless you as a family and keep you in his perfect will for your lives!*
Peter Sackrider

Peter Sackrider - October 16, 2020 at 11:04 PM

MW

“ *Schweitzer family, I was saddened to learn of your mother's passing. We only met once, through Mary Lu, but as a mother of a special needs child myself, I felt a special connection with her. Please accept my condolences. I would love to be in touch with Mary Lu. I lost my father in May and am looking to reconnect with old friends during this time of sadness for all of us. Peace be with you Mrs. Schweitzer. Molly Widdicombe mwiddicombe@att.net*

Molly Widdicombe - September 20, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MI

“ *Early 2017 we visited our son Jebbie and his wife Mary Lu in Maryland. During the Easter weekend they took us to Connecticut and met Joan at Avery Hills for the first time. We had talked to Hugh and Joan many times starting from 2009. How excited and happy Joan was to see us. Her bright smile and loud laughter were really contagious. She enthusiastically joined the picnic and painting of Easter eggs organised by Mary Lu, Sussie and Becca. Joan kept us all in high spirits. Mary Lu said Joan makes all family functions very special. Our visits, with Joan in the wheel chair, to the city, her church, Patty's graveside and the hotel for Easter lunch are all so memorable. Thank you, Hugh and Joan, for Mary Lu who reflects very well her mother's caring, enthusiasm and warmth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Hugh, Joannie and Karl, Hugh (junior) and Becca, Sussie and Kirk, Krissie and Jason, and of course our very own Mary Lu and Jebbie. May the God of peace and comfort be with you all!*

Molly and George Thomas Panacheril

Molly & George Thomas, Kerala, India - August 27, 2020 at 07:20 AM

TJ

“ I met Sue Schweitzer in the 9th grade at Hall High School in Band while struggling to play the flute. We became fast friends during our high school years as we were on the swim, basketball and track teams together. This is how I came to know Mrs. Schweitzer. Yes, as Betty Chung referred to the "stink eye" that we may or may not have received on a few occasions, I remember Mrs. Schweitzer's welcoming manner. She was "interested" in us, our lives. She always wanted us to sit down at the kitchen table and chat. She was so welcoming and had an infectious laugh. I've attached a photo of a great memory I have of Mrs. Schweitzer who had a luncheon for our kids at her home on the Boulevard.

Rest in Peace Mrs. Schweitzer. I smile as I think about the heavenly luncheons you will be hosting.

*Much love,
Tara McGuire Johnson*



Tara Johnson - August 27, 2020 at 06:52 AM

MK

“ I remember meeting Joan for the first time at Mary Lu and my nephew Jebbie's wedding reception in Connecticut. I will not forget her gentle spirit, her calm demeanor, and welcoming attitude. She made me and Mathew feel totally at home. Joan has a special place in my heart. My husband Mathew shares the same feelings for Joan
*With deepest sympathy,
Mary Kuravackal*

Mary Kuravackal - August 25, 2020 at 08:47 PM

MT

“ *Mary and Mathew Kuravackal, Houston TX purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



Mary and Mathew Kuravackal, Houston TX - August 25, 2020
at 08:15 PM

KA

“ *Hugh,
I am so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. I taught at St. Thomas the Apostle with Joan for many years. I will always remember her smile, jokes, love of her family, travel experiences and of course stories of her grandchildren. Joan always amazed me with her ability to adapt to anything. She has a special place in my heart.
With deepest sympathy,
Kathy Albert*

Kathy Albert - August 25, 2020 at 04:52 PM

MS

“ Aunt Joan was my great aunt and God mother and was always so remarkably kind, generous, and energetic. She was my Dad's aunt, a beloved aunt, and treated him like one of her own children. When my Dad and I visited Hartford a few years ago, Joan and Hugh were there to greet us with the brightest smiles and the warmest hugs. Joan always kept such a beautiful home, and she always had the best food! Breakfast was at 8 am sharp, and I don't think I've ever seen so much amazing fruit (and the best coffee)! As a child, whenever she and Uncle Hugh would visit, she would remember to bring gifts for each and every one of us. Joan had a way of making sure no one ever felt left out.

Joan was truly an inspiring woman, and as a mother myself, I look to her as a role model in raising my children with care, passion, and attention to every detail. Out of everything I love about Aunt Joan, I think her zealousness for always doing what was right will be what I think about most. We will miss you, Aunt Joan, and we hope for and look forward to seeing you in Heaven.

Love, Mary (Lanterman) Stenmoe

Mary Stenmoe - August 25, 2020 at 02:20 PM

TF

“ The Lanterman Family purchased the Purity and Peace Casket Spray for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



The Lanterman Family - August 25, 2020 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



August 25, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dear Joan and the Schweitzer Family,*

My deepest and heartfelt condolences for your loss .I would see your parents often at church. I still see your father out and always spend time talking to him. Your mother was a remarkable woman. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mark Lewis

West Hartford,

Mark Lewis - August 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Sincerely, Larry and Mary Daum purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



Sincerely, Larry and Mary Daum - August 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM

DM

“ I met Joan and Hugh for the first time when Susan and Kirk had just moved in next door to our home in Guilford. They gave a party and invited my husband and I. When I saw all the neighbors and friends from their old home in West Hartford, I realized how wonderful they must be to have such a "following". I felt the warmth of all the family and with holiday sharing through through the years, I got to know Joan a little more each time. She always said "Dodie, I am so happy to see you!" and then we would talk. It is so nice to read all the tributes she is receiving in these pages and know her better in her role as a teacher and friend. Joan and Hugh have a beautiful family that reflects all the love and caring they have given through the years.

Dodie Marchese - August 25, 2020 at 09:27 AM

PT

“ Pandy Tomko-Green purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



Pandy Tomko-Green - August 25, 2020 at 08:44 AM

EB

“ Mrs. Schweitzer was my teacher over 30 years ago at STA. She was smart, loving and straight as an arrow. She made each day better. I have been blessed over the years to see her and Mr. Schweitzer at Mass when I've been home for visits to CT. When I got married 10 years ago I was so happy that she and Mr. Schweitzer came to the church. It made a wonderful day even more special.
I'm sending love and prayers to everyone who loves her. Heaven is rejoicing at her arrival - I pray we'll all be reunited someday as she's reunited with Patty now. Lots of love from Ireland 💕



Elizabeth McGloin Browne - August 25, 2020 at 07:54 AM

KD

“ Please accept my deepest condolences. I had the pleasure of having Mrs. Schweitzer as a 6th grade teacher at St. Thomas The Apostle School in the mid 1980’s. She was a wonderful, devoted teacher who made learning fun every day. My older brother had her two years prior to me and I couldn’t wait to have “the best teacher in the school.” Her warm smile, caring connection, wonderful sense of humor, her distinct hearty laugh, her beautiful cursive handwriting, my book report on Greece and sharing the extra baklava that I brought in for my presentation with her, the class field trip to Quincy Market,...these are among the instant memories I have engraved in my heart when I think of her. She was the ultimate role model and inspired me to become a teacher. I was so honored to have stayed connected through the years and I even invited her to my wedding, where she confided that I was the first student to ever do so. She was always an unquestionable, extended family member in my mind. Through the years I would run into her at church, at Stop & Shop, around town and even down at the shore dining out. It was always “such a treat” to catch up with her wherever we were. I use that phrase, her phrase, whenever I see my former students all grown up now. I understand the pride and love that are truly behind those words. She was always so proud to share about her family and loved hearing about mine. She was one of the most genuinely loving people I have ever had the pleasure to know. God bless you Mrs. Schweitzer- teacher, mentor, friend, and now angel. May you rest in peace.

Kristin (Hunter) Dobransky - August 25, 2020 at 07:10 AM

KD

From the families of
Kristin (Hunter) Dobransky
William Hunter, Sr.
William Hunter, Jr.

Kristin (Hunter) Dobransky - August 25, 2020 at 07:12 AM

EB

So well said, Kristin ❤️

Elizabeth McGloin Browne - August 25, 2020 at 07:45 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



August 25, 2020 at 07:04 AM

BC

“ My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the entire Schweitzer family . May mother Schweitzer Rest In Peace.

Mrs. Schweitzer was one of our “neighborhood” moms that I loved as a child and as an adult. When we were in high school , I remember helping Sue with the paper route in the morning and nervous that we were going to get in trouble for staying out late . As we sat around the kitchen picnic table, Mrs. Schweitzer always greeted us with a dozen donuts , shared fun stories and lessons (while giving us an occasional stink eye for staying out too late). I always marveled at Mrs. Schweitzer’s loving Interaction with her family-her laugh was so jolly and filled the entire house .

As an adult when I came back to the States to visit my family I would also stop by to see the Schweitzers on the Boulevard. We would share a picnic on back lawn and catch up ... and I would listen to stories of her family . Mrs. Schweitzer, thank you teaching us how to be a loving mother and adoring wife. May you Rest In Peace . Your infectious laugh and joy of life is a beautiful lesson to us all .

To my dear childhood friend Sue- please feel my arms wrapped around you and your family in prayer and love . I wish I could be there to hold your hand . I love you ! - Betty

Betty Chung - August 25, 2020 at 06:40 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



August 25, 2020 at 06:09 AM

JF

“ On behalf of the Joe and Blanche Wincze Family, I would like to send my deepest sympathy to Hugh Schweitzer and his family....neighbors and friends who shared wonderful memories. Love and prayers from Jo-Ann Wincze French

Jo-Ann Wincze French - August 25, 2020 at 05:51 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



August 25, 2020 at 04:32 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



August 25, 2020 at 01:56 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.



August 25, 2020 at 12:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



August 24, 2020 at 11:33 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joan Lucile Schweitzer.*



August 24, 2020 at 10:33 PM