



Joyce Marie O'Connor

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Joyce Marie O'Connor, age 88, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully January 10, 2024 surrounded by her family. She was born on May 18, 1935 to the late Max and Mary Pellegrini. She married the love of her life, James O'Connor on May 25, 1957. Joyce was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, St. Clair. She was also active in the Meals on Wheels program for several years. However, most of Joyce's time was spent being the best mother and wife she could be. Some of her hobbies included sewing and crocheting. That was so she could sew and crochet clothing and costumes for her children. She was an excellent cook, and put that on display on a daily basis. Joyce and her family loved playing cards, board games, and sports. They have played countless games of euchre, and spent many hours around the card table. Her credo was "Winning is Everything!" She enjoyed traveling with her husband, Jim. They went on multiple cruises and travelled all over the world together; from Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Ireland, to Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska. Every year for Christmas, Joyce and Jim would gift the family a week-long summer holiday. The O'Connor family would go to a complex of cottages in Lewiston, Michigan. This was a trip the children and grandchildren always looked forward to. Joyce was an avid Tigers and Red Wings fan, frequently watching games in her jersey and hat to cheer on her team. Joyce and Jim even flew to Washington DC to watch the Red Wings sweep the Capitals for the Stanley Cup in 1998. Joyce's world revolved around her family. She cherished the time she spent with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She never missed an opportunity to attend her children and grandchildren's sporting events, their graduations, and to be their number one supporter. She was able to recognize and acknowledge the varied interests and needs of her children individually and supply the love and guidance to help them to achieve their maximum potential. She had the perfect balance of care and compassion, but wasn't afraid to get feisty if someone needed to



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straighten up.

Above all, her sense of humor and light-up-a-room smile will be missed by all. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, James; and her children, Jim (Chris) O'Connor, Jeff (Anne) O'Connor, Jill (Paul) Beshears, Jeanne (Jack) Bulmer, John (Kara) O'Connor; grandchildren, Jesse (Ashley), Samantha, Maggie (Isaac), Phillip, Owen, Ian, Jordan, Jackie (Andrew), Quinn, James; great grandchildren, Addison and Cooper. She also treasured her relationships with nieces, nephews, extended family, including the families she gained through her children's marriages.

She is preceded in death by her grandson, Scott O'Connor, and brother, Bert (Ann) Pellegrini.

A funeral mass will take place on Monday, January 15th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, Marysville. Visiting hours will be Sunday, January 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. as well as one hour prior to the mass on Monday. A scripture service will be Sunday at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reflection time where family and friends will share stories of Joyce. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Clair, grandchildren are to serve as pallbearers. Memorial donations are suggested to Wounded Warrior Project or Tunnels to Towers. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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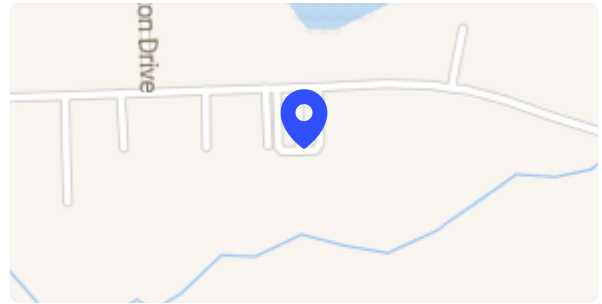
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Visitation

Sunday, January 14, 2024

12:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

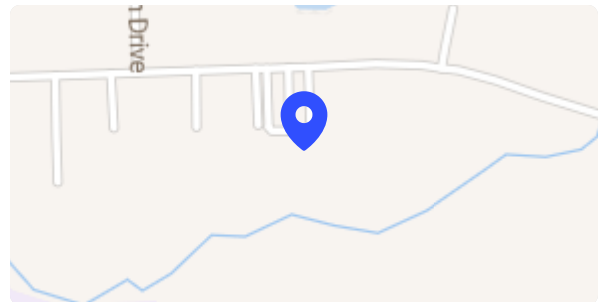


Scripture Service

Sunday, January 14, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

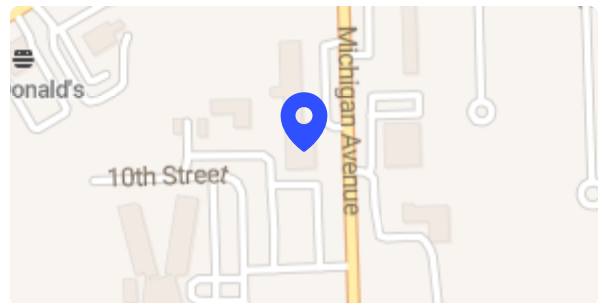


Visitation

Monday, January 15, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Christopher Catholic Church
1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville MI 48040

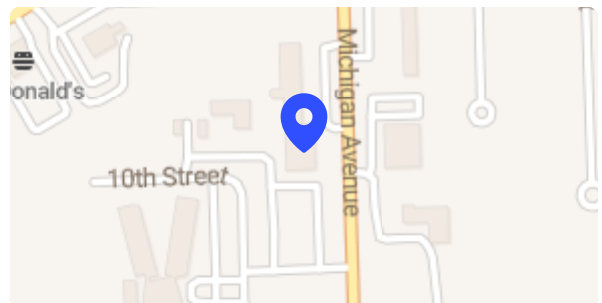


Funeral Mass

Monday, January 15, 2024

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

St. Christopher Catholic Church
1000 Michigan Ave., Marysville MI 48040






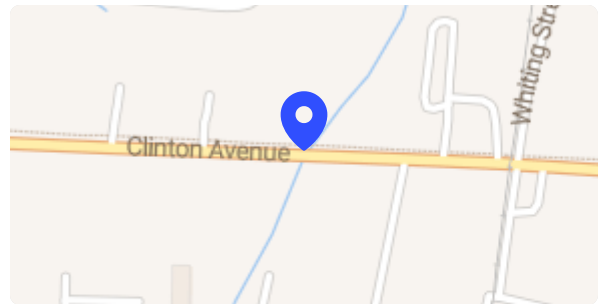
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Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**
Clinton Ave., St. Clair MI





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MB

Mary Beth lit a candle in honor of Joyce.

Lit a candle for family Jeanne, so sorry for your loss. Love and peace, from the 82's

January 14 at 7:10 AM



AJ

Ann Jones posted:

It was always a pleasure to see Joyce, especially at our annual 4th of July celebration on the St. Clair River. Her enthusiasm was catching and her spirit a joy. Our condolences to John and the O'Connor family. Ann and David Jones

January 13 at 8:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the O'Connor family.

January 13 at 7:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the O'Connor family.

January 12 at 11:47 AM



PS

Patty Schneider posted:

Jeanne and family I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom; she was a wonderful lady. Prayers of comfort and peace to all of you. Arnold & Patty Schneider

January 12 at 8:05 AM

NB

Nancy Beaudua lit a candle in honor of Joyce.

Jill and family, sorry for the passing of your Mom. Nancy Beaudua

January 12 at 7:01 AM





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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the O'Connor family.



January 12 at 5:54 AM



Garrett Taormina posted:

Growing up, Aunt Joyce was like a second Mother to the Taormina's. We spent a lot of time with their family, playing hockey together and going on vacations together. We played a lot of euchre together and Aunt Joyce was always a fierce opponent. She will be greatly missed. I am so sorry that Paula and I cannot make the funeral, we are down in Florida (we moved Anthony down here). My deepest sorrow to the O'Connors, our second family ☹️

January 12 at 5:50 AM



Joyce Friederichs posted:

My condolences to you you and your family Jim. Joyce Friederichs

January 11 at 9:19 PM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the O'Connor family.



January 11 at 6:29 PM



The Alleys posted:

Mrs. O - You were one of a kind. We love ❤️ you and all you brought to our lives.

January 11 at 6:13 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joyce by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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