



## Joan M. Bailey

April 27, 1925 - July 7, 2022

Albany-Joan Marie Fitzgerald Bailey passed away peacefully on Thursday July 7 at her home in Albany. Born in Illion, NY in 1925, she was the daughter of Howard Charles Fitzgerald and Florence O'Toole Fitzgerald. She was predeceased by her brother James Howard Fitzgerald in 1987, husband Robert J. Bailey in 1996, her son Robert F. Bailey in 2001 and her grandson, James R. Wisnewski earlier this week.

She is survived by her daughter, Lynda (John) Hartman of Croton on Hudson; her son James (Debra) Bailey of Charlotte, NC; Her daughter, Geraldine (Jorge) Tijmes of Dallas, Texas; her daughter Bonnie (Warren) Wisnewski of Averill Park; her daughter Debra Bailey of Albany; her daughter Nancy Lee (Michael) Gallitelli of Loudonville; and her daughter Suzanne (John) Arduini of Guilderland. She will be dearly missed by her 15 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and her many nieces and nephews.

Joan graduated from her beloved Academy of the Holy Names in 1944 and stayed involved with her Alma Mater throughout her entire life. In 2002, she received the Mother Marie Rose Distinguished Alumna Award from the school. In 2009, she received the Lifetime Achievement award from AHN in recognition of her many contributions. She organized a group of her fellow AHN alumna into an elite cadre called, "The Glitterbugs" and planned gatherings, parties and social activities to keep everyone connected.

Joan worked for the Sisters of the Holy Names at the school for 45 years and was loved by the students, faculty and the administration. Though she officially retired at 88, she continued her service and love for the Sisters well into her 90's.

Joan's passion was her unquenchable desire to lift up, guide and support her children, her grandchildren, and her many friends. She was known for her fantastic sense of humor and a party at Joan's house was sure to be a great time. She enjoyed hosting her family and friends at Jack's Oyster House in downtown Albany and loved the staff including Brad, Josh and especially Bill.

In her later years, Joan loved traveling to see her children in Texas and North Carolina. She fulfilled a lifelong quest with trips to the Kentucky Derby in Louisville KY and to the Jack Daniel's Distillery in Lynchburg TN.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Hospice for their loving care.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joan's family on Monday, July 11, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. To view the Mass please visit [YouTube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi](https://www.youtube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi)

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

JUL 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell St  
Albany, NY 12208-1505  
(518) 489-3204

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan M. Bailey*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 11, 2022 at 11:42 AM

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*Just found this. Beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady. You did her proud!*  
*Nancy Burke O'Hara*

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**Nancy Burke O'Hara** - September 25, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ *Joan M. Bailey*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MD

“ Lynda-  
Your mother was always a shining light. She was kind, caring and funny!  
I remember her asking questions and being very interested in the answers, often responding with a delightful laugh. Your family home was full of love and activity thanks to your mom.

*I feel like she was an integral part of my childhood and feel very fortunate to have known her.*

*Thinking of you and your family in this time of loww-  
Michele Sheehan Danish*

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**Michele Danish** - July 16, 2022 at 09:53 AM

JE

“ My condolences to the Bailey family. Mrs. Bailey was a treasure!

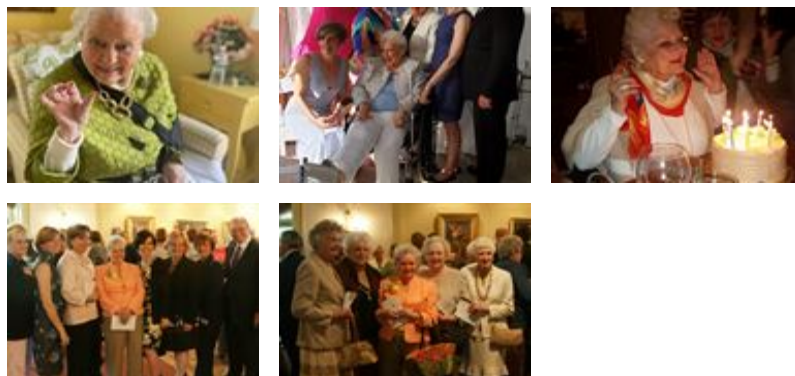
*John Emsing*

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**John Emsing** - July 11, 2022 at 12:57 PM

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FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
(518) 489-0188

“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 11, 2022 at 11:41 AM

LN

“ To the wonderful, loving Bailey Family, My name is Lorraine Newton and I am lucky enough to say that I took care of your Mom's hair for many years at Peter and Paul's Salon. It always seemed like a grand event when she entered our shop. She always had great stories to tell and had everyone laughing. But my fondest memories were the personal conversations that we had. Many times they were very comforting to me. Her generosity to me was limitless. But most of all was her unwavering kindness to me as well as others. I used to tell her that I wished every one of my clients were a "Joan Bailey" She shared so many things with me but the greatest of them all was her unconditional love for her family. I cherish the wonderful times she gave us, but now she is in our Lord's comforting hands having a joyous time with her family and friends. So sorry I could not make it down to her celebration of life but my thoughts and prayers are with you all. With much love, Lorraine & Gary Newton

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**Lorraine Newton** - July 11, 2022 at 11:16 AM

BW

Hi Lorraine, my mother loved you so much! You made special trips just to do her hair for special occasions and she never forgot that. Thank you for making my mother feel so beautiful.

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**Bonnie Wisnewski** - July 13, 2022 at 07:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 11, 2022 at 10:16 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.*



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July 10, 2022 at 07:48 PM



“ *Joan Bailey was a beautiful woman, inside and out, who brightened many lives in many ways. I feel fortunate to have known her and I treasure my memories of time spent with her wonderful family. I'm happy she was with all of you for such a long time. Sending love to you all,*  
*Ellen Benoit*

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**Ellen Benoit** - July 10, 2022 at 09:31 AM



*Thank you so much Ellen. She loved you and would ask about you often. Thank you so much for your support and love, it means so much to us all.*

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**Bonnie Wisnewski** - July 13, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ *A true gem of the world has passed. Such a warm heart with the utmost class, charm and character. I enjoyed waiting on her at Jack's Oyster House many times over the years and it was always my pleasure. I could hear her voice from afar and I knew I was going to laugh and smile. You will be missed by many and always in my thoughts. My condolences to all the Bailey family and friends.*  
*Glenn Passmann.*

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**Glenn Passmann** - July 10, 2022 at 08:32 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.*



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July 09, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.*



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July 09, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Love, Mary and Frank purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Joan M. Bailey.*



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**Love, Mary and Frank** - July 09, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *Here's to Mrs. Bailey and all her great laughs, good times. She always lit up the room. Beehive hairdo and all! Love her. Cheers Mrs. B*

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**Joe Koch** - July 09, 2022 at 11:17 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 09, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 06:27 PM

DW

“ I met Joan in 1966 at the Holy Names Provincial House where her dedication to the Sisters of the Holy Names was unbeatable. I could never forget the whiskey sour mixes that she stuffed in my pockets as I entered the PH. From there, I was fortunate enough to meet Nancy and Susie at the Grade School during my time teaching there. The parties and gatherings with Joan and her wonderful family were the best ever. Joan brought smiles and laughter whenever we gathered. During Covid, she sat on her porch on her birthday and waved to so many in the City of Albany who paraded in front of her house. Truly, there are no words to express how greatly she will be missed. I can only say that heaven has become much more fun in the last 24 hours. Joan will spread that same happiness in heaven that her memory leaves with all of us. So, God bless You, Joan. We love You with all of our hearts. Donna

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**Donna Wickert** - July 08, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 04:08 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 02:17 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 12:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



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July 08, 2022 at 12:01 PM

JM

“ Jay and Valerie Martin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



Jay and Valerie Martin - July 08, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



July 08, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan M. Bailey.



July 08, 2022 at 10:06 AM