



Joan A. Heffernan

May 15, 1931 - May 13, 2026

Albany, NY-Joan A. Heffernan, 94, entered into eternal life on May 13, 2026, at home with her family at her side.

Born on May 15, 1931, in Cohoes, New York to the late Philip and Beatrice Gadoua, Joan graduated from Vincentian Institute and began her career at the New York State Public Service Commission. She also worked as an office manager at the Family Rosary working for Father Peyton, which she found extremely rewarding, and later she retired as an administrative assistant at the law offices of William Toomey who together with his wife Joanne were Joan's life-long friends.

In September 1958, Joan married the love of her life, John (Jack) Heffernan and together they created a home filled with love, faith, laughter and three loving children. Joan was the best and most dedicated mother providing her children with endless love and support, she was always their biggest cheerleader, never missing a track meet, basketball game or dance recital. She was creative and made many of her children's costumes for Halloween and she was a talented knitter making beautiful scarfs and hats. Joan was an avid crossword puzzle fan – doing the puzzle every day. She also loved to make greeting cards, sending beautiful cards made with love to family and friends. Joan treasured her two granddaughters, who brought her endless joy. Joan was a parishioner of the Church of Blessed Sacrament, and her faith

guided her throughout her life and brought her great comfort in her final days.

Joan is survived by her loving children, John (Joy), Gary and Kathyann; her two beautiful granddaughters Jenny (Chris) and Julia and beloved nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Jack, her parents and her three sisters and brother.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joan's family Sunday, May 17, 2026, at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 N. Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Joan's Funeral Mass will be held Monday, May 18, 2026, at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Avenue (Rev. John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206 at 10:30 am.

The Rite of Committal will immediately follow the Mass in St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Sister Maureen Joyce Center Food Pantry in care of Church of Blessed Sacrament.

To leave a message for the family or view other helpful services please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



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



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 15 at 11:42 AM

BR

Gary, I would like to extend my most sincere condolences. I know you were a wonderful son.

Brigid from Monday Painters

brigid - May 19 at 02:22 PM

JD

“ *Jean DellaRocco lit a candle in memory of Joan A. Heffernan*



Jean DellaRocco - May 20 at 03:42 PM

NM

“ *Mrs. Heffernan was such a kind lady. My mother (Nuala McCarthy) and I were sorry to hear about her passing. May she rest in eternal peace. Prayers for John, Greg and Kathy.*

Nancy R McCarthy-Mangels - May 18 at 11:14 AM

KF

“ *My deepest condolences to Gary and the family. I would get to talk to Mrs Heffernan occasionally the last few years when Gary would invite me to the Siena vs Manhattan College basketball games. She was always very positive in spirit. God Bless.*

Keith Frering - May 17 at 07:49 PM

KL

“ *Warm, welcoming, and kind are words to describe Mrs. Heffernan. Joan's strong faith and love for her husband and children were remarkable and strong. Mrs. Heffernan will always be remembered for her unique goodness. XO Kelly*



Kelly Leonard - May 16 at 01:30 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan A. Heffernan.*



May 16 at 09:21 AM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 15 at 11:37 AM

MK

“ John and Gary,
I'm sorry to hear of the passing of your mother.
She obviously raised you with good values and provided all the
guidance and support that only a mother can. Cherish the memories
of your precious time with her.
I wish you peace.

Mark Kulzer - May 15 at 08:54 AM

YC

“ Your Friends from Bureau of Contracts
purchased the Angel's Embrace Bouquet for the
family of Joan A. Heffernan.



Your Friends from Bureau of Contracts - May 14 at 04:21 PM