



## Joan Teresa Murray

August 25, 1953 - August 1, 2022

Albany, NY-Joan Murray, 68, of Albany died on August 1, 2022 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Joan was born in Albany, the daughter of John L, and Loretta T. Murray.

She graduated from Maryrose Academy in 1971 and D'youville College in 1975. She earned her master's degree from the College of St. Rose. She was employed by Bethlehem Central Schools for many years as a Special Education Teacher. Her students felt what everyone feels around Joan - valued, welcomed and appreciated.

She will be missed by her husband Bill Bailey, her daughters, Kelly (Derek) Cerza, Katey (Tony) Brown, Kimberly (Christopher) Maiello and Kristin (Marc) Keneally, her father John L. Murray and her sister Nancy (Jack) Siedlecki. She is also survived by ten wonderful grandchildren, Madelyn, Hayley and Greta Cerza, Sullivan and Emmett Brown, Vanessa, James and Giovanni Maiello and Rita and Oscar Keneally and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Joan was always active - the life of the party. She welcomed everyone into her home and had a contagious smile. She was an avid skier and swimmer and

spent hours in her beautiful garden growing vegetables for the whole neighborhood. In retirement, she also volunteered for the garden of the parish of Mater Christi in Albany.

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

Funeral services Friday, August 5, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Mass.

Those wishing to remember Joan in a special way may make contributions in her name to Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Research York 11797 US, 415 Crossways Park Drive, Suite D, Woodbury, New York 11797 US.

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

**AUG 4.** 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

**AUG 5.** 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Teresa Murray*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Dear Kimberly, Katie, Kelly and Kristin-I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful Mother. When you were little she always told me that we are only as good as our children are-physically, emotionally, spiritually and mentally. I took that to heart and often quoted those lines. She was an awesome friend and even though we separated as our lives took different directions-whenever I would run into her-we always had great hugs and good thoughts for each other. I am so very sorry for your loss- Joan was amazing.*

**Mary Bayham** - August 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ *Joan sat next to me in freshman, highschool, homeroom..and she was as sweet then as she remained all of her life. She will be missed, and I was so saddened to hear Joan lost her battle with cancer. Heaven has another angel! Penny Dykeman Apple*



**Penny Apple** - August 09, 2022 at 03:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.*



August 04, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.*



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August 04, 2022 at 04:11 PM



“ *It is with sadness and sympathy that I share this message about a wonderful teacher and a beautiful person. Joan was an inspiration to many students, faculty and staff members, but to me personally. My condolences to her family and friends, and may God keep you all in support and cherished memories.*

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**Michael D. Tebbano** - August 04, 2022 at 07:36 AM



*Miss link was a great woman who was all was happy and all was there wen you need a hug and some one to talk to and also had fun dancing with me and everyone in here class room she taught how to be myself and happy to see me and Kelly when she was trying to fight for us to come back to Bethlehem i'm glad I got to learn so much from her I am really going to miss her and her smile💜 PS I hope me and her daughters can stay good friends I love you Mrs. Link someday we will meet again*

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**Marcie** - August 04, 2022 at 03:18 PM

EH

“ *Mr. Murray, Nancy, Jack and Family,*

*I just want to extend my condolences to you on the passing of Joan. She was a great person, and a great friend of the Hedderman Family for 65 years. I enjoyed when she, Tom, Michael Gadani and I met at Martel's in 2019 and were making plans for a Westford Street/St. Catherine of Siena reunion, and got to listen to all of the great stories about their childhood, etc.*

*Again, please accept my sympathies on your loss, and I'm thinking and praying for you during this difficult time.*

*Love,*

*Ellen*

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**Ellen M. Hedderman** - August 04, 2022 at 12:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.*



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August 03, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.*



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August 03, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RN

“ So sorry to hear about Joan's passing. Heaven has gained a beautiful lady.

Rosemary Norelli - August 03, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



August 03, 2022 at 06:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



August 03, 2022 at 04:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



August 03, 2022 at 04:44 PM

DB

“ I am heartbroken to hear of Joan's passing. Joan touched the lives of many in the best possible way and made a difference in such a caring, kind way. I am grateful to have known her as a colleague and friend. Joan was a loving daughter, sister, wife and proud mother and grandmother. I was glad that she found Bill and that he made her so happy. I will miss her beautiful smile, her sense of humor and her friendship. Even in challenging times, Joan approached life with courage, hope and a positive attitude. Thinking of all of her family members at this profoundly sad time. May you rest in peace, sweet Joan!

Sincerely,  
Donna Bailey

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**Donna Bailey** - August 03, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



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August 03, 2022 at 09:22 AM

MD

“ To Mr. Murray, Nancy, Jack and Family,  
Thinking of you as you mourn the loss of your beautiful Joan.  
Maureen Devine

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**Maureen Devine** - August 03, 2022 at 08:54 AM

KS

“ I met Joan while playing CYO basketball back in the 60's..she was a force to be reckoned with on and off the court!!! Many years later, we reconnected and realized that some people make long lasting impressions on our lives!! Joan was a woman of integrity, honesty and righteousness. Her girls will carry on her legacy with love and respect for all!! Peace to the whole Murray family!❤️  
Kathy Sherman Sutter

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**kathy sutter** - August 03, 2022 at 08:49 AM

KL

“Joan was an incredible person, loving wife, caring daughter, amazing mother, proud grandmother, unforgettable teacher and lifetime friend. I loved talking on the phone and catching up about our lives over the years. I treasured our annual Albany visits, lunches or dinners, meeting up with our kids in CT or MA or seeing each other once in a while at Christ the King Mass. Each visit and phone call, we just picked up where we left off like we never left. That was Joan! From high school, to marriage, children, working, and retirement, Joan was always present and positive. I admired her as she lived her life to the fullest, navigated life's challenges, enjoyed her children and grandchildren, loved skiing, sailing and the water and was always a good friend. We shared a passion in retirement for gardening, plants and home renovations. I was so happy that Joan found Bill and loved to see her smile and laugh often. Her smile and humor was infectious. Joan was taken too soon and will be sorely missed. She will always be my dear, high school friend and always in my heart. I wish Bill, Kelley, Kate, Kimberly and Kristin and their families, strength, hugs and peaceful grieving knowing that you made Joan so happy everyday and that she will keep watching over you for eternity. Love to all.



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**Kate Driscoll Leone** - August 03, 2022 at 08:23 AM

BM

“ Dear Bill, Kelly, Katey, Kimberly, Kristin and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I am heartbroken for all of you. In all the years I have know Joan she always greeted me with a smile and hug. We spent many summers at ACC watching our kids swim and having fun. I pray that her many memories give you all strength at this very difficult time. She will be missed by many.

*Beth Musella*

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**Beth Musella** - August 03, 2022 at 08:15 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



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August 03, 2022 at 03:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



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August 03, 2022 at 02:23 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Teresa Murray.



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August 02, 2022 at 09:52 PM

BA

“ *Joan was a wonderful colleague and friend. She was the true embodiment of a woman who was beautiful inside and out. Her family is a lasting legacy to Joan’s loving spirit.*

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**Beth Anderson** - August 02, 2022 at 07:09 PM

DK

“ *The world has lost one of it's bright lights. I'll remember Joan as a warm, friendly, and generous in spirit. Attributes she had even as a high school student, when I first met her, and which she continued to carry out into the world in her career choice serving students, as a loving mother, sister and daughter and in her friendships and community commitments.  
God bless her and may she rest peacefully.*

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**Denise Kornak** - August 02, 2022 at 05:54 PM



“ *I worked with Joan at Bethlehem High School and am so sorry to hear of her passing. She was a lovely lady, a kind and helpful special ed teacher, fit and fashionable, and very proud of her daughters. May her spirit soar.*

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**Debra Barnes Breitenbach** - August 02, 2022 at 04:55 PM

DG

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family of Joan. I had the pleasure of accompanying her father to visit her one day in February and she was very welcoming. I often helped John FaceTime Joan and she always enjoyed hearing from him no matter how she was feeling.  
May she Rest In Peace.  
Diane Gauthier*

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**Diane Gauthier** - August 02, 2022 at 04:17 PM

MS

“ So many memories,  
I am sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother. We worked together  
for many years and shared lots of stories. Keep her memories close  
in your hearts. She will always be with you.  
Fondly,  
Mary Sheevers

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**Mary Sheevers** - August 02, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the  
family of Joan Teresa Murray.



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August 02, 2022 at 04:03 PM

EH

“ Ellen M Hedderman lit a candle in memory of  
Joan Teresa Murray



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**Ellen M Hedderman** - August 02, 2022 at 02:40 PM