



Joanne M. Toomey

April 27, 1931 - June 17, 2024

Albany, NY-Joanne Marie Skelly Toomey, 93, was born in Albany, NY on April 27, 1931 to Edna Leddy and Joseph J. Skelly, entered Eternal Life Monday, June 17, 2024 at Albany Medical Center Hospital with her family at her bedside.

Joanne was a loving wife and proud mother to nine children, grandmother to 13 grandchildren, and great grandmother to four great grandchildren.

Joanne attended Vincentian Grammer School, Vincentian High School, and The College of St. Rose. She was a teacher at St. Teresa of Avila Grammer School and Lansingburgh High School. She was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Teresa of Avila and Mater Christi parishes. Joanne also taught religious education and confirmation classes at Mater Christi. She was a confirmation sponsor to numerous grandchildren and family members.

Joanne was appointed by Governor Carey to the New York State Governor's Commission for Developmental Disabilities (NYS Council on Developmental Disabilities). She served on the parents teachers association at St. Teresa of Avila and as president of the CBA Mother's Auxiliary. She was involved for many years with the Pre-Cana classes. Joanne served as a dedicated member of the Mater Christi Funeral Planning team.

Joanne was a woman of great faith. She valued the spiritual bonding she shared with her daily morning Mass friends.

She was always very supportive of whatever events her children and grandchildren were involved in. She could be seen at numerous CYO basketball games, volleyball matches and crew events as well as being a decades long mainstay at CBA basketball games.

In her early married years she enjoyed Fall trips to Lake Placid. Since the early 1970's she cherished the family vacations spent at her favorite destination, Lake St. Catherine, VT. It was at Lake St. Catherine where she shared her love for the Lake with her grandchildren who in turn have found a great joy in being at the Lake.

Joanne was the beloved wife for 67 years of the late William A. Toomey, Jr, whom she married on January 6, 1953; cherished mother of Bill, Nancy (Jack) Spillane, Jim, Meg (John) Capozzola, Joe (Kathy), Paul (Lisa), Maura, and John (Ashley) and the late Mary Beth Toomey Dunne; mother-in-law of Phil Dunne; grandmother of Bridget (Andrew) Holbrook, Matthew (Sarah) Spillane, Kevin (Juliann) Spillane, Ellen (Kevin) King, Catherine (Gary Root) Capozzola, Shannon Capozzola, Connor Toomey, Joe Toomey, Faith Skibbee (Josh), Maeve (Trevor Ryan) Toomey, Kean Toomey, Quinn Toomey and Ryan Toomey; great grandmother of Adelaide Skibbee, Rosalie and Jack Spillane, and Anna Holbrook.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joanne's family Thursday, June 20, 2024 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, June 21, 2024 at 9:00 am at The Parish of Mater

Christi, 40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208 where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed at [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

Those wishing to remember Joanne in a special way may send a contribution to either the Wildwood Foundation, 1190 Troy Schenectady Road, Latham, NY 12110 or the Food Pantry of Mater Christi Parish, 40 Hopewell St (Rev. Kenneth Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

JUN 21. 9:00 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 Joanne M. Toomey*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 19, 2024 at 09:05 PM

DS

Toomey Family:

Alcia and I regret that we are unable to attend either the wake today or funeral tomorrow. But please know that your mom and all your family will be in our thoughts and prayers. She was a Saint! This AM I lite a Siena Grotto candle in her memory and said a special prayer for you all. God Bless and Pax Et Bonum

Dave and Alicia Smith

david smith - June 20, 2024 at 10:14 AM

BH

“ *Remembering Joanne on her anniversary with God. Finding out she was a distant cousin on the Skelly side of my family over recent years of genealogy research is most precious to me. I babysat during summers when she and the family lived on New Scotland Ave. My girlfriend, Maura Heim and I would take the young ones to the School 19 playground and she would most graciously be sure we had a small amount of change for our time which was really fun for us at our early teen years. She had a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace.*

Beverly Huba - June 13, 2025 at 02:34 PM

DS

“ Joe, and the Toomey family, Noelle and I are so sorry for your, and our City's loss. The long line at the wake was testament to a life well lived, in a community we love.

Darius Shahinfar and Noelle Kinsch

Darius Shahinfar - June 24, 2024 at 09:41 AM

SJ

“ Dear Toomey Family,

*Ever since the first moment I connected with your mom Joanne, I felt her warmth, caring, nurturing and love. She and both Bills are Angels in my life, who came into it as only Heaven can send when we need them most. I savor with gratitude our many entertaining and inspirational phone conversations, spending time over favorite desserts, almost having the same birthday and our most magical time at her favorite lake. Every memory is a blessing, every moment is a treasure. My heart is with the family during this time and always with great adoration for Joanne and her everlasting light. Love,
Shalini*

Shalini Jain - June 22, 2024 at 05:51 PM

RN

“ To the Toomey Family,
*My deepest condolences to all for your beloved Mother.
May you be comforted by her eternal love.
Sincerely,
Roseanne Norton*

RE Norton - June 22, 2024 at 10:13 AM

SA

“ *Paul, Lisa and Family*
Very sorry for the loss of your mother. Thoughts and prayers,
Steve and Arlene

Steve and Arlene - June 21, 2024 at 03:03 PM

LG

“ *Please accept our family's deepest sympathy on the loss of Joanne. We worked together at Lansingburgh CSD and shared many experiences over our time there. She was such a caring woman with a heart of gold. She will be missed by many of the children she helped as well as the staff.*
With love, Linda Graf

Linda D Graf - June 21, 2024 at 01:20 PM

DU

“ *Dear Bill and Family:*

I attended the mass for your mom this morning and I wanted to share with you all what a beautiful tribute you all created for her. She was an amazing and wonderful person. I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to not only meet her but read some of her monthly prayers, through Bill. God Bless you all. May she rest in peace.

Sending my deepest condolences.

Donna Urschel



Donna Urschel - June 21, 2024 at 01:20 PM

MK

“ My condolences go out to the Toomey family for your great loss.

I met Bill and Joanne only once but the impression they made has remained.

I was at the Albany Capital Center for the first time, in March of 2019, for the tournament festivities for the NCAA Women's Basketball Regional Tournament. Bill and Joanne invited me to join them at their high-top table rather than juggling my food samples and drink in the walkway. They were immediately considerate and welcoming, and I was taken by Joanne's charms! She was gracious, well-mannered and thoughtful. I could feel the warmth of her spirit immediately. That may sound strange, but it was true. From a relatively brief encounter of perhaps 60 total minutes, I was captivated. We talked of many things and Bill and Joanne were both charming. They were both forthcoming about their local ties and loves. I learned of their Siena connection and was greatly impressed by their vast knowledge of the Notre Dame women's team and their recent success and players. The three of us just chatted away, enjoying each other's company. Strangers one minute, friends the next. It was very uplifting. Then we eventually discovered we had mutual friends and acquaintances.

Overall, just warm memories of a beautiful couple.

I can only imagine the life and the love and the vitality Joanne gave on a daily basis to her family.

Thank the heavens (I'm sure you do!) that you had this woman in your life.

I wish you all peace at this difficult time.

Mark Kulzer - June 21, 2024 at 12:22 PM

MF

“ A great lady. I spent a lot of time at her house as a youngster. Always felt welcome. Definitely ate my share of her ice cream and Ellio's pizza. Generous and kind. My condolences John and family.

Matt Fitzgerald

matt fitzgerald - June 21, 2024 at 07:59 AM

JP

“ My condolences to the Toomey Family. Your mother was a true Matriarch who will forever be etched in your memory. Just a lovely Lady.....and so much more

Jerry Pucci

Jerry Pucci - June 21, 2024 at 07:32 AM

TV

“ Two remarkable 93 year old icons loved by all, both of whom impacted the lives of many in a most positive way left us this week after a life well lived. God bless Mrs. Toomey and Willie Mays.
TV

TV - June 20, 2024 at 02:52 PM

CC

“ We are so sorry to learn about the passing of Joanne. I had the privilege of spending some time with her in years past and cherished her wisdom and faith, her patience and kindness. A truly beautiful soul!

Our deepest condolences to the whole family

Cinzia Cera and Michael Fasullo

Cinzia Cera - June 20, 2024 at 02:24 PM

LI

“ Larry and I are sorry for the loss of your mother. We send Prayers and condolences to all especially Lisa and Paul. God Bless all of you. Larry and Barbara White

LAWRENCE C WHITE III - June 20, 2024 at 02:01 PM

AC

“ Thank you, Joanne for allowing me the unique privilege of caring for you in your final days. It is clear that you were such a lovely lady and I am so glad you were surrounded by your loving children (and brother ...sorry Jim) right up to the end. May you rest in peace with your husband. To the Toomey family - it was such a pleasure meeting you all. May you all find peace.

~Amanda Caifano

AMANDA CAIFANO - June 20, 2024 at 01:57 PM

ET

“ To the Toomey family, I regret not present at the wake or funeral for your mother because I am not home. Know that I have treasured the privilege of your mother and father's friendship and good example for many years.
All of you children, now adults are a tribute to the love of your family.
Peace, love, joy. Eleanor Tunny

Eleanor Tunny - June 20, 2024 at 11:01 AM

KL

“ My sympathy to the Toomey family for the loss of Joanne Toomey. Joanne was such a wonderful and kind person who will be missed always. Love, Kelly Leonard

Kelly Leonard - June 20, 2024 at 10:48 AM

ET

“ Eleanor T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.

Eleanor T. - June 20, 2024 at 10:38 AM

GC

“ Gary Root and Kate Capozzola purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



Gary Root and Kate Capozzola - June 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM

MD

“ Dear Paul, please accept my sincerest condolences on the death of your mother. She certainly led a life filled with accomplishments.
Maryrita

Maryrita Dobiell - June 20, 2024 at 09:42 AM

RM

“ Mrs. Toomey was a true blue individual. Not only did I have the privilege of knowing her but because I too belonged to St. Teresa of Avila parish and attend St. Teresa's elementary and middle school I was friends with a few of her children. Mrs. Toomey was a dear dear friend of my mother, Gloria (Mayer) Gallagher which also brought me closer to the privilege of knowing her. Though everyone who reads her obituary has the opportunity to know about Mrs. Toomey, to see her WALK THE PATH of God and see her live her life as such a fine human being was a gift! My prayers and beautiful memories go out to the family. Sincerely, Rosanne Mayer

Rosanne Mayer - June 20, 2024 at 09:39 AM

TD

“ Jim and Bill, Sad to see the obit, but at the same time a smile came too. A life well lived, so very well lived. Willie Mays has nothing on Mom.
Best to the whole family, thinking of you all.

Tony Duffy - June 20, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



June 20, 2024 at 08:31 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



June 20, 2024 at 07:36 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



June 20, 2024 at 07:32 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.*



June 20, 2024 at 07:30 AM



“ *FROM Michael Francis: I met Coach Bill Toomey parents William & Joanne in 1983 and stayed at their house for the summer before attending my first year at JCA. They welcomed me with open arms and I will never forget the experience I had with them. I had the opportunity during an alumni game in 2016, for them to meet my son Joseph, who was 6 at the time. I shared many phone calls with Mrs. Toomey, talking about life and sharing stories of family and faith. She and her husband were amazing people, real life angels, and will miss them dearly. This is the article they wrote about us. PAGE 13.*

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Michael Francis - June 20, 2024 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jim and Renee Deeghan and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.*

Jim and Renee Deeghan and Family - June 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM

JF

“ Jim and Renee Deeghan and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



Jim and Renee Deeghan and Family - June 19, 2024 at 09:15 PM

BS

“ Bruce & Janet Wagner, Sarah & Stephanie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.

Bruce & Janet Wagner, Sarah & Stephanie - June 19, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



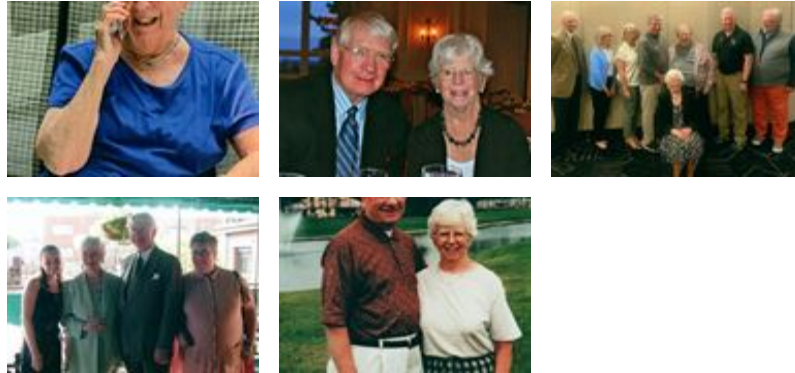
June 19, 2024 at 08:47 PM

RS

“ We lived a few houses away from the Toomeys on Cardinal Avenue in the 1950s and '60s, and Mary Beth, Billy, and Nancy were our constant playmates all those years ago! Mrs. Toomey was always patient with our little gang, so kind and pleasant and sweet. I remember her with fondness and appreciation. My condolences to the entire family! ~ Risa (Sherer) Scranton, Albany

Risa Scranton - June 19, 2024 at 05:09 PM

“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 19, 2024 at 05:02 PM

SM

“ As a fellow graduate of the College of Saint Rose, Class of '64, I got to know Joanne through her classmate, Audrey Hughes '53 and through her daughter Mary Beth with whom I worked on the National Alumni Board in the '90's. I also remember the Reunion when Joanne did the beautiful dance during the mass in the Chapel at St. Joseph's Hall. She was elegant! Mary Beth had convinced her to do it to show how both music and dance could celebrate Christ during the mass. In 2018, Joanne and Bill celebrated their 65th Anniversary at the Cathedral Mass in October where my husband and I were also celebrating our 50th. We waited in line together to be greeted by the Bishop. The last time I saw Joanne was at the St. Rose Reunion in 2023 where she and Audrey celebrated their 70th!! Much love and prayers to her family. She was a great lady!! Sharon Vilardo Maneri '64 .

Sharon Maneri - June 19, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.*



June 19, 2024 at 02:36 PM



“ *Remembering all the wonderful times together and the loving approach you had to everything. You are greatly missed and in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Love,
- Kevin & Julie*



KEVIN SPILLANE - June 19, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *Marc, Janet and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.*

Marc, Janet and family - June 19, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.*



June 19, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss.
May she rest in peace
Dale Wotherspoon*

Dale Wotherspoon - June 19, 2024 at 01:03 PM



“ *Academy of the Holy Names sends its sympathies, thoughts and prayers to the family of Joanne Toomey. May she rest in peace and each of you find comfort in your loving memories of Joanne. Those we love dearly are never truly lost, as we carry them in our hearts forever. Please accept our condolences.*

Kristin Vivian - June 19, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *Love, Cathy & Rick and Julianne & Cam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.*

Love, Cathy & Rick and Julianne & Cam - June 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM

LC

“ Love, Cathy & Rick and Julianne & Cam purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



Love, Cathy & Rick and Julianne & Cam - June 19, 2024 at 10:11 AM

CF

“ Cappellano Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



Cappellano Family - June 19, 2024 at 09:48 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Toomey.



June 18, 2024 at 09:52 PM

MA

“ Thanks for all the rides for the junior high cheer team when you didn't even have a kid in the squad! I'll miss our impromptu grocery market chats about ballet.

Maureen - June 18, 2024 at 09:22 PM



“ Cathy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. Toomey.

Cathy C. - June 18, 2024 at 05:14 PM