



## Joan P. Gorzynski

June 27, 1934 - December 15, 2010

Latham-Joan P. Gorzynski, 76, died Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at St. Peter's Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Born in Albany, she was the daughter of the late Andrew J. and Stephanie Small Makowski. Joan was known for her kindness, patience, laughter and loving compassion.

Joan graduated in 1952 from Vincentian Institute and The College of St. Rose in 1956 with a degree in Business Education. She began her career teaching at Mildred Elley School and then Albany Business College. Joan worked at WQBK radio station for several years and Siena College for fifteen years in the Arts Department, where she affectionately became known as "Joan of Arts".

She was a founding member of the Siena S.O.B's and regularly kept in touch with her former coworkers. She was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed baseball and basketball, especially Siena Basketball – never missing a home game; theater, traveling and family vacations at the ocean. She made lifelong friends wherever she worked and will be remembered with love by all. Joan often celebrated with lifelong friends sharing life, laughter, and sometimes a few tears. She was an amazing cook, loved to read and knit, often gifting her afghans or Christmas stockings to family and friends.

There was nothing more important in Joan's life than family. There were no roles she was more proud of than wife and mother. She was the wife for 53

years of Theodore L. Gorzynski; beloved mother and best friend of Judith L. Dougherty, Stephen E. Gorzynski (Cindi) and Stanley J. Gorzynski; dear grandmother of Matthew and Meagan, and Christopher and Kyle; loving sister of Paul A. Makowski and Carol A. Makowski; sister-in-law of Nancy Peters and Richard Gorzynski; several nieces and nephews survive. She loved us all unconditionally and we always knew how much we all meant to her.

Joan's family would like to thank the nurses at St. Peter's Cardiac Critical Care Unit for their gracious and gentle care of our mother.

Funeral services Monday, December 20, 2010 at 10:45 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 11:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, December 19, 2010 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment will follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Joan in a special way may send a contribution to Siena College Development and External Affairs, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

To leave the family a special message on their guest book; obtain a prayer card or directions; view Joan's Cinematic Life Tribute; or share a photo or E-card with them, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

DEC **20**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



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



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - December 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan P. Gorzynski*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. Joan of Arts was the most welcoming person on campus. I will miss her.  
Prof. Robert Woll###imported-begin##Robert Woll###imported-end##*

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December 19, 2010 at 11:19 AM



“ *Ted, Joan's children and family, I met Joan and Ted at St. Mary's Church before they moved and starting going to St. Pius. The last time I saw Joan and Ted was at Mass during the summer and she mentioned that I would not see them during the winter. Although I did not know her very well, I knew that she was a charming and caring woman. I am so sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Martha Lasher-Warner###imported-end##*

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December 17, 2010 at 01:08 PM



“ Ms. D, Meagan, Matt, and family ~

*Our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. May it bring comfort to your minds to know she is watching over you in peace.##imported-begin##The McGovern Family##imported-end##*

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December 17, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ Joan, my ultimate bridge partner of the 60's and 70's will live in my memory as joyful, smiling and patient. Even our last meeting at the Siena game a few short weeks ago, she knew she was being challenged physically but displayed hope, determination and her ever present charm. She will be missed by all who knew her. My deepest sympathy to you.##imported-begin##Maureen Topping##imported-end##

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December 17, 2010 at 12:26 PM



“ Our condolences##imported-begin##George Tyburski and The Bells##imported-end##

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December 17, 2010 at 12:18 PM



“ A bright vibrant star has been added to the heavenly sky. So sorry for your loss. Ed and Eveline Sells.##imported-begin##Ed and Eveline Sells##imported-end##

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December 17, 2010 at 11:48 AM