



Josephine O'Brien

August 23, 1929 - March 28, 2021

Albany-Josy was born on August 23, 1929 in Albany NY, to the late Josephine (Lavenia) and Anthony Savoca. Josy was predeceased by her devoted husband William F. O'Brien who thought Josy was the most precious of all gems, her best friend and sister, Carmela Savoca, and her beloved cousin Thomas Genovese.

Josy is survived by loving cousins Antoinette Tomlin (Wil), Phillip Genovese (Nicole), Christina Mejias (Gilbert). Christian, Zachary, and Joseph Tomlin. Dante and Sydney Genovese. Gabriel, Alexa and Valorey Mejias. In addition to many close cousins and friends.

Josy cherished growing up in a close-knit large Italian family, she loved her many close friends, and adored the many students she taught over the years.

Josy attended Blessed Sacrament School, and Vincention Institute in Albany. She graduated from The College of Saint Rose in 1951, and then went on to get a Master's degree in Education from SUNY Oneonta.

Josy loved teaching, and taught middle school English and Social Studies at Fort Crailo School in Rensselaer for 20 years. She had a deep Catholic faith and shared this faith teaching religious education for 17 years at St. Francis de Sales Church in Loudonville. After retiring from teaching, Josy relished her second career as a care giver. Gifted in helping and caring for others, Josy nurtured a loving home and family for those around her, her husband, her mother, her sister, her in-laws, and when her Aunt Veronica died suddenly, Josy helped to raise her four young cousins.

Josy had a zest for life, a joy for all people, and most of all Josy loved to talk and to entertain in her home. Josy loved to travel, the opera, plays, reading, gardening and shopping. She was a member of the Ladies of Charity, and belonged to a Book Group, and Garden Club.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the caring and compassionate staff at the Teresian House for taking wonderful care of Josy during the final years of her life.

Rest easy Josy, we know you are singing and dancing with the family in Heaven.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Josy's family Wednesday, March 31, 2021 9:30 am to 11:00 am at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 45 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services Wednesday at 11:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave. (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206 where her Funeral

Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. Parking Lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors at a time will be allowed in the church.

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

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Josephine O'Brien in a special way may send a contribution to Blessed Sacrament School, 605 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

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Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine O'Brien*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Josy was the most beautiful, kind, and generous lady. She had so much energy, devotion, and interest in her family and people in general, She is so loved and so missed.*

Kelly Leonard - March 31, 2021 at 07:20 PM



“ *Josy will be very missed, wonderful human being. Made the world a better place.
Heaven is lucky to have her. I'm glad she will get to see her husband and sister again.*

Todd Collins

Todd Collins - March 30, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Dear family,
I first ,met Josie when she and my former English teacher (1956) from Guilderland Central HS attended the wedding of one of our best friends son was married. She was a sweet caring person. O'B was so happy when he was with her and I was happy for both of them. God Bless and RIP*

Helen Keller DeSantis Graves

Helen K Graves - March 30, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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“*Josy was my godmother, my father's cousin, a middle school teacher, a wife, a sister, a friend. She was a kind, optimistic person. All my memories of her are fond, happy ones. I will miss visiting with her. I will have the many memories of luncheon dates, visiting with her, and receiving Christmas and Easter cards from her. May you rest in peace Josy.*

Deborah A Raucci - March 30, 2021 at 12:54 PM

KH

Josy was a kind and compassionate woman who always looked on the positives in life. Her and Obie always said our front door is always open. She loved. her family and all that were in her life. I know she is up in Heaven smiling down on all of us. She once again has joined Opie and all her family. God bless you.

Kathleen Hutson - March 30, 2021 at 02:46 PM

RW

Josy was my 8th grade teacher and Obie was the guidance counselor for both my husband and myself. We were fortunate to see them over the years at different occasions. They were a special couple and we'll never forget them.

Regina (Dede) and Dennis Wheeler

Regina Wheeler - March 30, 2021 at 04:08 PM

KL

Josy was the most beautiful, kind, and generous lady. She had so much energy, devotion, and interest in her family and people in general, She is much loved, she will be so missed.

Kelly Leonard - March 31, 2021 at 06:57 AM

TH

We all love Josie and her husband. We all have such fond memories of their visits with art and Audrey Hudson either at the Hudson house or at Terry's in Lou house. They were both so kind and generous of their time. Josie will be greatly missed. All my best to her family and relatives.

Tom hornbach - April 01, 2021 at 03:22 PM