



Mrs. Joan A. Colvin

November 26, 1931 - June 6, 2023

Joan A. Colvin, 91, passed away on Tuesday, June 6th, at the Cortland Guthrie Medical Center. Born Thanksgiving Day (November 26, 1931) in New York City, she was the daughter of the late Alvine and Louis Werner. Upon graduating from Bayside High School, Joan attended Cortland State Teachers College where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Early Elementary Education. While attending college, she met and married Joseph H. Colvin. They were married for 58 years before Joe's passing in April of 2010. Joan began her teaching career in Massapequa (NY) and later taught 3rd grade at Randall School from 1963 to 1986. She was loved and respected by all of her students and kept in touch with many of them.

Joan was the historian of the family, spending countless hours researching genealogy and preparing scrapbooks for her grandchildren over the years. She enjoyed knitting Christmas stockings for every family member as well as many friends. She also knit mittens for her entire classroom each winter. She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Yankees and SU basketball games, in particular. However, her greatest joy came from watching her grandchildren's participation in sports/activities. She never missed an event. Joan loved all types of music, and growing up in NYC provided her many entertainment opportunities at Madison Square Garden and on Broadway. While she had many hobbies and interests, her family was what she cherished the most.

Joan is survived by three daughters, Kathy (Mike) Kumpf, Eileen (George) Griffith, and Patti (Mike) Ondrako. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Sean Kumpf, Kelly Kumpf, Steve (Hannah) Kumpf, Jenelle (Andy) Dwyer, and Alex Ondrako, and eight great grandchildren, all of whom fondly called her Nan. She was predeceased by her sister (Lois Ellis), and her brother (George Werner).

In honor of Joan's wishes, there will be no calling hours or service.

Tribute Wall

BM

“ I am so sad to see this...she was terrific _ I remember her so fondly from my teen years.....I hope she has found peace and a glimpse of sunset....sending white light to all of you....

Barb Milligan - June 17, 2023 at 06:32 AM

KW

“ I met Joan later in her years and we became best friends at the YWCA on our daily water aerobics rouytnes. We shared the love of knitting Christmas stockings for our grandchildren and her great garndchildren. Had wonderful rides and conversations about her active life and her love of the family and the geneology. She will be sorely miissed. Prayesr for the entire family. RIP, Joan.



Kathie Wilcox - June 16, 2023 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ Patti,
I loved working with you at the college, but was thrilled when I realized your mom was Mrs. Colvin. She was by far one of the teachers who influenced me the most. I adored her laugh, her “fancy” accent and her smile. Whenever her name came up when my sisters and I talked about Randall, a smile came across my face. She had all three of us as students and we adored her. Thinking of you and your family during this time. Mickey Gibbons

Mickey Gibbons - June 15, 2023 at 10:53 PM

CA

“ Our deepest sympathies, so many of us worked with Joan over the years

Cortland Retired Teachers' Association - June 15, 2023 at 10:48 PM

JB

“ One of my favorite teachers at Randall school. Such a sweet lady! Condolences to your family.
Jacque DeRushia Buddenhagen

Jacque Buddenhagen - June 15, 2023 at 09:43 PM

EZ

“ *She was one of my favorite teachers and such a sweet and lovely person. She touch many lives at Randall School and we all benefited from her wisdom. My sincerest condolences.*

Erica Zado - June 15, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TW

“ *I remember Mrs Colvin as a teacher at Randall School. My condolences to the family. Terri Semeraro Woodford*

Terri Semeraro Woodford - June 15, 2023 at 10:37 AM

RP

“ *Kathy, Patti and Eileen, I am so sorry to see your mom passed away. She was always one of my favorite teachers and we had some great chats all the years I did her hair from the salon in Homer to our two moves in Cortland and even the final time at Walden. Such a special lady! My condolences to you all, Robin Pierce*

Robin Pierce - June 14, 2023 at 08:01 PM

AB

Joan was a wonderful neighbor for many years. She shared stories of her love of teaching, family geneology, knitting, and sports. Above all, her family was paramount. She had a deep connection to her girls and their families. My condolences go out to them and her many friends.

Amy Beekman - June 19, 2023 at 12:36 AM