



Joan M. Scanlon

January 28, 1951 - May 24, 2023

Joan M. Scanlon, of Primos-Secane, originally from Springfield, passed away peacefully on May 24, 2023 at the age of 72.

Joan had a larger-than-life personality and a reputation for lighting up any room she walked in. Born in Philadelphia to the late William and Joan (nee Burke) Scanlon, Joan was a graduate of Holy Child Academy and later went on to receive bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice from Widener University. Joan worked as Site Coordinator of the Weed & Seed program for Upper Darby Township, a professor at Neumann University, and founded the Forward Step organization. Joan was known as a true community activist having a deep passion for helping victims of domestic violence and for rescuing dogs from unsafe environments.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and sister who loved summer, Christmas time, traveling, and hosting fabulous parties. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Predeceased by her brother, William Scanlon.

Survived by her children, Jennifer (Thomas) Green and Chad Gehringer; her companion, John Webb; grandchildren & great-grandchildren, Amanda, Casey, Brittany, Daelyn, Mia, Meredith, and Lennon. Also survived by her

brother, Anthony (Barbara) Scanlon and sister Gerarda (Phil) Shober, and several nieces & nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30am on Saturday, June 17th, 2023, at Saint Bernadette of Lourdes Church in Drexel Hill, PA. All are welcome as early as 9:30am.

A Celebration of Joan's Life will be held on Saturday, June 17th from 4pm to 8pm at Cardington-Stonehurst Fire Hall at 350 Harrison Ave, Upper Darby, PA. All are welcome to attend!

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

Condolences: www.lombardofuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
1035 Turner Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Funeral Mass

JUN 17. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette of Lourdes
1035 Turner Avenue
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

Memorial Service

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Cardington-Stonehurst Fire Hall
350 Harrison Avenue
Upper Darby, PA 19082

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan M. Scanlon*

October 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *Joan, was such a amazing strong woman, she'd helped me in my time of need, way beyond belief, she vouch for me when I didn't have faith in myself & showed me 1mistake doesn't define the rest of my life, so Joan, thank you so much, I am immensely grateful for knowing you & acknowledging you as my friend ❤️*

Anthony Talton - June 16, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *My first memories of my cousin Joanie center around Wildwood NJ and the beach where our extended family would gather for reunion/vacations. Later, we reconnected over Facebook (I live in California) to offer birthday wishes and share family news.*



I was heartbroken to hear of her passing. I'm sending love to her kids, grandchildren and the entire family and her community.

I imagine that she is reuniting with Uncle Bill, Aunt Joan, Billy and cousin Maura. ❤️

Gen McGarvey - June 16, 2023 at 09:58 AM

AM

“*Joan was an amazing woman. She taught Sociology courses for me at Neumann University for many years and helped our students by providing them internships through her Weed and Seed program. I always looked forward to chatting with her whenever she dropped by the office. She had a real gift in life and was willing to share it with so many others. I am a better person today for having known Joan. Sincere condolences to her family...*

Alfred Mueller - June 14, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“*Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Scanlon.*



June 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“*A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan M. Scanlon.*

June 14, 2023 at 02:13 PM

MB

“*My cousin Joan wanted to live a full life and wanted to make a difference. She did. She spread good cheer and happiness to others and was not afraid to get her hands dirty. Love you Joan. You'll be missed.*

Matt Burke - June 14, 2023 at 11:20 AM

PB

“ When I think of my cousin Joanie I am reminded of her mom, my aunt Joan. It seems they had ‘identical-twin’ souls. Joanie had a great love for life, great joy, and great compassion for her fellow humans.

Thank you Lord for Joanie. Please shower Your grace and peace on her children, siblings, nephews and nieces.

Hope to meet up with Joanie again....Amen

Patrick Burke

Patrick Burke - June 13, 2023 at 10:32 PM

MM

“ Joan and I worked together and shared many laughs, and talks about our family and life. Joan was a compassionate, genuine person who cared and was always willing to help others. She did a lot for her community.. I will truly miss her. My condolences to her family who Joan loved with all her heart.

Rich and Mary Jane



Mary Jane Moyer - June 11, 2023 at 05:01 PM

BO

Joan was my cousin and full of life and always eager for the next adventure. She loved to laugh and spread her happiness. My memories of being little girls together will always be sweet.

Betsy Oleszewski

Betsy Oleszewski - June 13, 2023 at 08:25 PM

MM

“ *Joan and I worked together for many years. We shared many laughs and conversations about our family and life. Joan was such a devoted person to her family and her community. She loved with all her heart. I will miss her but I will hold on to all our memories together. I always had fun when I was with Joan. My deepest sympathies to her family. I know they r all devastated. So sorry to hear this news.*

Mary Jane Moyer



Mary Jane Moyer - June 10, 2023 at 04:44 PM

TF

“ *The Family lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon*



The Bartolomei Family - June 10, 2023 at 04:44 PM

LP

“ *Joan was a very sweet lady, she was kind to everyone! I miss will our conversations. My condolences to her family.*

Laurie Powers

Laurie Powers - June 09, 2023 at 01:53 PM

MG

“Joan was truly a larger-than-life personality who often started her phone calls to me with, “We need to do.....,” usually in support of a domestic violence survivor. She was dedicated to her cause and never hesitated to challenge both victims and offenders to make positive changes. Her impact on the criminal justice community in DelCo will endure forever. Joan was also a true friend who often checked in just to say hello and ask how things are going. She was so proud of her family and gave so much of herself to help others.

Mike Galantino - June 03, 2023 at 10:07 AM

GS

“Joanie was a loving sister. When I look back on life I will fondly remember her as my protector and advocate. It was so special to hear her say, “this is my little sister Gerarda.” She kept life real and never boring. She inspired me and showed me that life has no limits. I treasure the memories we made. Joanie, I will always feel your presence and you will forever be in my heart.

Gerarda Shoher - June 01, 2023 at 10:22 PM

JG

“ A wonderful person who was dedicated to her work with victims of domestic violence. I first met Joan when she was a graduate student at Widener University. She was enrolled in several of my CJ courses. She was an outstanding student. Joan and I later connected in early 2000 when I established the CJ program at Neumann University. She was eager to teach and share her knowledge with the students who were enrolled in the courses she taught. She frequently assisted me in securing internships for students within the Weed and Seed program, Upper Darby, PA. She was always available to help me and the students in any way possible, to include letters of recommendation and employment searches. She continued to teach through the spring semester of 2023. We often talked during her illness and her enthusiasm and willingness to help me and the CJ program, never wavered. God Bless you and rest in peace. Joe Gosseaux

Joseph Gosseaux - June 01, 2023 at 10:58 AM

MH

“ Melanie Hudson lit a candle in memory of Joan Scanlon



Melanie Hudson - June 01, 2023 at 02:49 AM

MH

“ Scanlon family, Joan brought her flame of light into Veronica and I lives by a chance, meeting at one of Upper Darby’s chicken festivals at Christ Lutheran Church. From that day forward, Veronica was able to have many opportunities to experience programs through the organization she hosted. I was also able to take advantage of some adult programs as well to assist in shaping mindsets of humans to become better people to build stronger connections for a better community. Because of that chance meeting at a day of community fun, Veronica and I gained a beautiful and caring friend that extended further than the work that she was passionate about. Thank you for gracing us with the presence of YOU and without a doubt, we’re not far apart because you remain in our hearts ❤️ rest sweetly dear friend 🙏 always, Melanie Hudson

Melanie Hudson - June 01, 2023 at 02:43 AM