



Joan Schichtel Murphy

October 7, 1945 - February 20, 2011

Murphy, Joan Schichtel went to visit her mother in heaven February 20, 2011 after a long battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Joan was born on October 7, 1945 in Buffalo, NY to Helen Morrisey Schichtel and Howard Schichtel. Joan attended and graduated from Rosary Hill College in Amherst, NY, and in 1973 moved to Florida before eventually settling in Altamonte Springs, FL. Joan was a professional educator in the Seminole County School District for nearly 20 years, teaching various grades and touching thousands of lives. Joan will always be remembered for her contagious smile, warm and loving personality, and an overall love of life. Joan devoted her life to her family, friends, and students.

Joan is survived by her son Kevin Murphy of Orlando, daughter Kathleen Hawkins and her husband Jason Hawkins of Deltona, daughter Kolleen Murphy of Lake Mary. Joan is survived by three grandchildren Nate, James, and Mark Hawkins of Deltona. In addition Joan is survived by her former husband George Murphy, her sister Mary Ellen Power and her husband Dr. James Power of Washington, D.C. and brother David Schichtel and his wife Patricia Schichtel of Buffalo, NY; as well as numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Joan will be dearly missed by all but never forgotten.

Joan's funeral will be held Monday February 28, 2011 at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Altamonte Springs, FL at 1:00PM with reception to follow. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to www.curepsp.org.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751 407-695-CARE (2273). Please view and send condolence at www.degusipefuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Kevin, Kathleen and Kolleen, Your mom was a special person - a wonderful mother- a great teacher and a special friend. She will be missed by all of us. Stay close and remember to celebrate her life. Thinking of you. Paulette##imported-begin##Paulette Sikes and Family##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Kevin, we are so sorry for your loss. May your loving memories help you and your sisters during this time of grief. Keep her close in your hearts for she is always with you.##imported-begin##Janet and John Knudsen##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kevin, Kathleen, and Kolleen, We were so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We will always remember her as a wonderful friend and neighbor. Please take peace and comfort knowing that she is in the hands of God, for which she is so deserving. With sympathy, Mr. and Mrs. Sims##imported-begin##Greg andPatti Sims##imported-end##

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“ Dear Murphy family, I was so very sorry read of Joan's passing. I will always remember her laughing as Nathan's kindergarten teacher, and smiling as Kolleen's mom (same class as my Sarah.) She was a wonderful mom, teacher and advocate for education. She has gifted all fo us with so much. love in Christ, Susan Reich##imported-begin##Susan Reich##imported-end##

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“ Dear Family of Joan,
Im sorry for your loss. I would like to share a comforting message from the Bible. Isaiah 25:8 states that God will soon eliminate death along with the sorrow that comes along with it. He also promises to ressurect to life on earth those who he chooses (John 5:28,29). Until that time by praying for his help the "God of all comfort" can help you get through this difficult time(2 Cor 1:3).##imported-begin##Cheresa Schuster##imported-end##

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