



## Joan E. Ray

September 8, 1943 - June 27, 2022

Joan E. Ray, age 79, of Winter Springs, Florida passed away peacefully on June 27, 2022.

Joan was born on September 8, 1943 in Camden, New Jersey, the daughter of Marie and Walter Eckhardt. After graduating from Pierce Business School in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and previously from Collingswood High School in New Jersey, Joan went to work as a secretary at RCA in Camden, NJ. It was there she met her future husband Roy. Joan and Roy were married on April 13, 1963 at the Oaklyn Lutheran Church. They lived in Barrington, New Jersey until 1969 when for better employment prospects they moved to the Akron, Ohio area. In 1972 they decided again to relocate to the Orlando, Florida area. Their first home there was in the Conway area and in 2000 they moved to Winter Springs, Florida.

In Florida Joan became a licensed real estate sales and rental property manager as well continuing as a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She enjoyed spending

time with friends

and family, her pets (both cats and dogs), traveling, dancing, exercising, listening to music,

working in her yard, and taking care of people who needed her help. Joan never met a stranger.

In 2009 she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She fought the disease by taking

experimental trial medications and continued with strenuous mental and physical exercises. She

persevered until the Lord called her to his home to rest.

Besides her loving husband, Roy D. Ray, Joan is survived by her sons Roy D. Ray Jr., and Bryon

M. Ray, five grandchildren: Nicole Alexandra (Korry) Hink, Roy Nicolas Ray, Shane Juston

(Bethaney)Ray, Alexis Lynn Ray, and Lauren Lee Ray as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

Joan was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Marlene and Norma.

Services are currently pending, please check back on this web site for updates.

In lieu of flowers tribute gifts may be made to the Alzheimer's Association in memory of Joan at

[https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other\\_ways\\_to\\_give/tributes](https://www.alz.org/get-involved-now/other_ways_to_give/tributes)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Ave  
Maitland, FL 32751  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
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## Reception

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# Tribute Wall

LR

“ *A sister-in-Law more like a sister and a fine lady of dignity and beauty. She was adored by her sister Marlene and I remember those years that we all spent around the swimming pool in Casselebrry. Her wit and compassion were exceptional. God's speed Joan. Rest in Peace.*

*Lee Radford*

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**Lee Radford** - July 15, 2022 at 01:54 PM

SS

“ *Deepest condolences to Roy and his family. Your sweet devotion to Joan was inspiring to see. Prayers are with you.*



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**Susan Stern** - July 12, 2022 at 01:46 PM

RS

“ *So sorry to hear of Joan's passing. Have great memories of being neighbors in Conway. Sending prayers to family!* 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

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**Rita be Swann** - July 12, 2022 at 01:35 PM

NM

“ I remember the many summers we spent at Camp Ashtabula on Pigeon Lake in Canada fishing, riding horses, go carts and eating lots of fish with all the family. Good times! Also one Winter when I was down at your home Joan treated me to my first Mani Pedi for my birthday. She & I took an oil painting class & turned out a couple good pictures. She was a fine sister-in-law & I will miss her. May she rest in peace. Nancy

Nancy McGlone - July 12, 2022 at 11:05 AM

MB

“ Millie Brittingham lit a candle in memory of Joan E. Ray



Millie Brittingham - July 09, 2022 at 09:48 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Don Davies - July 07, 2022 at 10:12 AM

NM

Roy & Joan, Nancy & Aunt Myrtle

Nancy McGlone - July 14, 2022 at 05:38 PM

TW

*Joan was my beautiful neighbor who never ever met a stranger with her kind compassionate heart and her gentle spirit. We shared stories of kids and life and she had a strong faith in the Lord. The love her husband, Roy, had for Joan was inspiring during her difficult fight with Alzheimer's disease! He was devoted to her and truly understood the words "Til death do us part"... yet this journey does not end as we know Joan is in Heaven joined by her family that we talked about often that passed especially her sister! God bless this family! No more pain, no more sorrow, no more tears....We love you Joan!! 💕💕🙏🙏*

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**Terri Walsh** - July 18, 2022 at 10:59 AM