



Joan Ann Murphy

October 26, 1932 - May 10, 2026

Joan Murphy, age 93 of Columbus, NJ, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2026, at Jefferson Memorial Hospital at Cherry Hill, surrounded by her loving family. Joan was born in Pottsville, PA, the daughter of Gervase and Laura (Kessler) Murphy.

Joan was affectionately known as “AJ,” to her family, and was a beloved aunt, great-aunt, great-great and great-great-great aunt to several generations of family whose lives she touched in so many wonderful ways. Her love, devotion, generosity and unwavering support for her family was legendary. She fought a courageous twenty-year battle with cancer, never allowing the disease to dampen her eternally upbeat spirit. She faced her illness with the same strength, fierceness and determination that defined her life.

Joan enjoyed quiet times in the Pocono mountains and the Jersey Shore. She devoted her later years to the daily care of her beloved sister, Shirley.

She was predeceased by her brothers: Russel, Francis, Earl, Gervase and William; And, her sister Shirley.

Joan is survived by her nephew and nieces James Lamont (Josephine); Laura Belfiore (Nicholas); Lisa Lindquest (William)

Great nieces and nephews, Angela O'Connor (Owen); The late Jennifer Kryzanowski (Jeff); Christina Rasmussen (Todd) Laura Van Degrift

(Cameron); James Lamont. (Caroline); Danielle Dwyer (John); Andrew Dwyer (Valerie); Nicholas Belfiore.

Great-great nieces and nephews Brandon Green (Ashlee); Michael Green (Julia), Emberlee Green (Jeremy); Vicky Vansant; Kimberly Robbins (Zack); Tyler Kryzanowski, Lexi Rose Rasmussen; Spencer Rasmussen; Charlotte Rasmussen; Jubilee Rose Dwyer; Harrison John (Hank) Creely

Great-great-great nieces and nephews, Gianna Green; Giulian Green; Michael Green; Magnolia Green; Jasper Robbins.

Services for Joan will be held privately.