



## Joan Kopacz Patacchia

August 11, 1934 - September 7, 2020

Joan Ramus Kopacz Patacchia of Fort Pierce, FL, formerly of Mount Holly, passed away on Monday September 7, 2020 in Florida. She was 86.

Born in Wilkes Barre, PA, Joan graduated in 1951 from Hanover Township Memorial High School in Wilkes Barre, PA as the class Valedictorian. She earned her BA with Honors in Elementary Education from Trenton State College and went on to earn her Master's in Special Education from Trenton State. As part of her master's program she worked as a Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant in the Hamilton Township School District and remained in that position for 15 years. She felt that throughout her family life her "primary goal has been, to be a supportive and positive influence on my children and especially my grandchildren and to instill the importance of an education."

Joan was a longtime member of the Mount Holly Women's League. She loved to play the piano, was an avid reader, and enjoyed playing Mah jongg.

The mother of the late James Kopacz Jr.(Jean Camba), she is survived by her husband William Patacchia of Fort Pierce, FL; 2 daughters: Janette Volkman and Kathy (Charlie) Babcock both of Mt. Holly; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild as well as numerous nieces and nephews. The sister of the late Vera Rudnitskas, she is also survived by her former husband James Kopacz, Sr.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday at 12 Noon at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St, Mount Holly. Relatives and friends may visit with the family on Friday from 10am- 12pm at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Sacred

Heart Cemetery. Face coverings must be worn and social distancing guidelines followed.

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# Previous Events

## viewing

SEP **18.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Service

SEP **18.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Kopacz Patacchia*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Joan Kopacz Patacchia*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



September 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



September 17, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



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September 16, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *I am so saddened to hear of my dear friend Joan's passing. she was the sweetest kindest and most loving person. Condolences to her family.who I know will miss her as I will.*

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**Bobbie Forman** - September 15, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ *Love, Benjamin, Jacylyn and Debra purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



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**Love, Benjamin, Jacylyn and Debra** - September 14, 2020 at 08:48 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



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September 14, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Margery E Horner lit a candle in memory of Joan Kopacz Patacchia*



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**Margery E Horner** - September 14, 2020 at 06:55 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan Kopacz Patacchia.*



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September 14, 2020 at 05:22 PM