



Julia Joyce Raymond Gangel

May 31, 1943 - September 22, 2025

Julia “Joyce” Raymond Gangel

5/31/43 - 9/22/25

She was more than just a matriarch; she was a grandmother to everyone she met, always ready with a warm smile. Those who knew her became part of her family, cherished by her loving spirit and unwavering kindness.

Born in 1943 to second-generation Hungarian immigrants and Western Pennsylvania coal miners, she later resided on her grandparents’ farm on Route 38 in Southampton, New Jersey. There, she cultivated a profound bond with her grandparents, extended family, and learned the value of hard work. She attended the Southampton School district and was the first graduating class of Lenape High School. Denied the opportunity to pursue her dream of architecture when she was young, she demonstrated remarkable strength and determination by returning to college at age 40, after her children were grown. She began her nursing studies at Stockton University and later earned a Master’s degree as a Nurse Practitioner with a specialty in geriatrics from the University of Pennsylvania. Her dedication to caring for others was profound, touching the lives of many.

She went on to serve as Director of Nursing at several nursing home facilities

in South Jersey, leading with compassion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of her patients and staff. Upon retirement, she became an Adjunct Professor at Burlington County College teaching clinical to the next generation of nurses. Additionally she embraced a new venture, owning and operating a family-run Curves fitness franchise for nearly a decade.

Throughout her life, she was an artist, mentor, a kind soul, and an entrepreneur—qualities that shaped her creative spirit and compassionate approach to the world. Outside of her family and career, she was a great cook, an amazing hostess, and a bookworm. She loved collecting antiques and vintage cars, seeing beauty and history in every piece. Gardening was her favorite way to relax and enjoy nature, especially tending to her orchids and watching the hummingbirds flit around the blossoms. She had a tradition of walking barefoot in the first snow of the season. Joyce held a deep affection for Ocean City, NJ, where she found solace and happy memories with her grandchildren through the years.

Her home of nearly 50 years in Juliustown, New Jersey, was known as a place of joy, where many family gatherings were held, creating fond memories by the pool, along the railroad tracks, riding golf carts, and in the lively basement game room. It was a sanctuary filled with laughter, love, and togetherness.

Joyce was born to the late Jackson Raymond and Julia Ann Kadar Raymond in Chalkhill, Pa on May 31, 1943. She was predeceased by sister Delores Jakob and brother John Raymond (Robin) and survived by brothers Roger Raymond (Kathleen) and Gary Raymond.

Joyce leaves behind her devoted husband of 50 years, Bill Gangel Jr and children Marty Gangel and Valerie Hopkins Dietz, and stepchildren William, Edward, and Michelle Gangel. Her grandchildren Priscilla (Lindsey) Smith,

Brittany (Wayne) Stackhouse, Martin Gangel, Serena Gangel, Kyra Gangel, and Spencer Gangel cherished her as a guiding light and source of unconditional support. Her great-grandchildren Oliver Smith, Evelyn Smith, and Warren Stackhouse.

Her nurturing heart touched numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members, as well as the many friends who quickly became family.

She leaves behind a legacy of compassion, strength, and unconditional love. Her memory lives on in the stories shared and the countless lives she nurtured throughout her extraordinary journey.

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CS

“ *Such wonderful pictures. Although just a short timespan, I have nothing but amazingly fond memories of Joyce. As a young man during the mid-1980's, she was always there to lend advice. Inexperienced eighteen year old's generally don't listen to their elders but she had such a way talking to you which made it so easy to. She will be missed. Prayers to the family. May she Rest in Peace.*

Chris Stajdel - October 06, 2025 at 08:50 AM

PR

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Priscilla - September 26, 2025 at 08:39 AM

VD

Priscilla, thank you for posting this picture of my mother and I. It was the happiest time living on the carpenter farm with all the animals. She loved nature. The farm was our first homestead and one of the most peaceful places in this lifetime.

Blessings, Valerie

Valerie Dietz - October 04, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ I remember the day I saw Joyce again after so many years. She was walking in with her grandchildren, bringing them to Religious Education, and the moment we saw each other, her face lit up with the most radiant smile. In that instant, I was a child again, wrapped in the warmth of her joy and kindness. Her smile wasn't just bright, it was contagious, the kind that made you feel seen and loved. She was beaming with pride, so happy to share this part of her faith with her grandchildren. Joyce was more than remarkable, she was a light in the lives of everyone who knew her. Her absence will be deeply felt, but her spirit lives on in the love she gave so freely.
Merry

Merry Marcellino - September 25, 2025 at 07:59 AM

PR

Thank you, Merry

Priscilla - September 25, 2025 at 08:28 AM

KI

“ Priscilla, my deepest condolences to you and your family. Wishing you peace at this difficult moment. I have appreciated from afar the bond you share, and I will smile each time I pass that special place on the OC boards you devoted to her. Her legacy lives on in so many meaningful ways.
~Kira

Kira - September 24, 2025 at 08:34 PM

PR

Thank you, Kira.

Priscilla - September 25, 2025 at 08:29 AM

PR

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Priscilla - September 24, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MA

“ Grandmother, thank you for taking me in as another grandchild ❤️ I loved spending weekends and summers at your house and in Ocean City. I'll miss your hugs; they were the best. I'll miss your wit, your sarcastic comments and remarks, your love. I'll miss your absolute truthfulness. You spoiled everyone and took them under your wing. We could never argue with you; you always gave us that “you're full of shit” look hahaha. Your advice was solid and practical. Your front door was always unlocked for visitors - so many days I would walk in and see you sitting on the bench in the kitchen reading. You always had snacks and time to talk. 35+ years of being my honorary Grandmother ... I'll miss you ❤️

Maria - September 24, 2025 at 06:07 PM

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Priscilla - September 24, 2025 at 05:40 PM

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