



Joan Helen Fagan Kuypers

October 8, 1932 - June 6, 2022

Joan Helen Fagan Kuypers, age 89, a lifelong Madison, WI and Naples, FL resident passed away peacefully on Monday, June 6, 2022 with her family by her side. Joan is preceded in death by her husband, Jerome Harold Kuypers (2002) and her oldest son, James Harold Kuypers (1991).

Joan was born on October 8, 1932 to Helen (Church) and Joseph Fagan in Madison, WI. Joan had 2 older brothers, Joseph (Helen Barnhill) and James (Shirley Fagan). They grew up in Shorewood Hills and thoroughly enjoyed living close to Lake Mendota. Joan spent many summers with her grandparents William and Katherine Church in Iowa as well as running her own youth art camps in the summer.

Joan attended elementary school at Shorewood Elementary and Edgewood Campus School. She graduated from Edgewood High School in 1950.

Joan attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and graduated with an Art Education degree in 1954. Joan was an active member of the Alpha Phi sorority. While attending the UW-Madison, she met a gentleman who was a roommate of her brother Jim named Jerry Kuypers. Little did she know she would be marrying her older brother's friend. Joan took a teaching job right out of college in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Jerry would visit Joan often. Joan and Jerome were married on August 13, 1955 at St. Raphael's Cathedral in Madison, WI.

Joan taught elementary art for many years in the Madison area at Edgewood Campus, Hoyt, Glen Stephens and Thoreau schools. She loved her job and

touched many children. Joan established the Art Aids of America where the kids would stay after school and do an extra art project which brought her great joy.

Joan and Jerry were married for 47 years. They raised 4 children, James (deceased 1991), John (Mary Didier) of Madison, WI, Jenny Kuypers Maroney (Scott) of Mequon, WI and Jerry (Kelli Pittrof) of Libertyville, IL. Joan was known as "Gran" to all of her 8 loving grandkids: Genna Kuypers Jankowski, Paige Kuypers Schaeffer, Taylor John Kuypers, Sarah Grace Kuypers, Reagan Noelle Kuypers, Campbell Rose Kuypers, Carson Bella Kuypers and Cole Jerome Maroney. Joan was a great "Gran" to Hattie James Jankowski. She referred to them as the "olders and youngsters" plus "the great one". She cherished the time she spent with them.

Joan and Jerry retired to the Bonita Springs, FL in the late 80's. They both loved to travel and would often be with members of the family. They loved to cruise and see many different places in the world. Joan was a big Disney fan and visited the parks often. Joan was an avid golfer, volunteer at Attic Angels in Madison, WI, the Art League of Bonita Springs, FL and the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, FL. Joan loved to sing and was in several choirs at Bonita Bay and Bentley Village in Naples, FL. Joan was a member of Blackhawk Country Club in Madison WI as well as Bonita Bay Club in Naples, FL. Joan's Catholic faith was very important to her. She was a member of Our Lady Queen of Peace in Madison, WI and St. John the Evangelist in Naples, FL. Joan spent her last 12 years at Vi Living/Bentley Village in Naples, FL. She thoroughly enjoyed all her friends she met there. In her later years, she loved making fused glass pieces and painting with water colors. Her glass jewelry, plates and pictures were something she was very proud of.

The family would like to thank the Physician's Regional Hospital-Pine Ridge and Avow Hospice in Naples, FL for their great care, dignity and concern they took with Joan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11AM on Thursday July 21 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church, 401 S. Owen Drive, Madison, WI.

Visitation will be held at the church from 930AM until 11AM. A reception will follow at Blackhawk Country Club, 3606 Blackhawk Drive, Madison, WI.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the following organizations: Edgewood High School of the Sacred Heart, 2219 Monroe Street, Madison WI 53711; American Family Children's Hospital, 1675 Highland Avenue, Madison WI 53792; Attic Angels Association, 640 Junction Road, Madison, WI 53717 or the charity of your choice.

To sign Joan's guest register or to leave on line condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home & Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church
401 S. Owen Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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401 S. Owen Drive
Madison, WI 53711

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Helen Fagan Kuypers*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened by the loss of Joanie. She was a beacon of life, iconic. What I will always remember is Joanie's bright spirit, she absolutely loved life and her family. She welcomed me with open arms into the Kuypers family when Jenny and I met moving into the dorms freshman year at Wisconsin. I will remain grateful forever. What I will remember most is her beautiful smile and infectious positive energy. Rest in peace. Huge love and prayers to her family. XO Mike and Jackie Cornwall*

Mike and Jackie Cornwall - July 24, 2022 at 02:17 AM



“ *Oh, how I loved art with Mrs. Kuypers at Hoyt School, 1966-1971! "Tell me about it!" The perfect exclamation for a child to hear. What a joy for her family to have shared her personality for 90 years.*

Kathy Rieser Evert - June 15, 2022 at 10:16 PM



“ *We are very sorry to hear of your Great Loss. Joan was such a Wonderful lady and one of my favorite people! I knew her through Attic Angel and she Always "Lit Up the Room" with her smile and humor! We will be in Door County and unable to attend the funeral which makes us very sad.
With Sympathy,
Nancy and Peter Leonovicz*

Nancy Leonovicz - June 15, 2022 at 07:24 PM

EN

“ We’re so sorry for your loss. Joan was a friend, fellow Angel and AmFam supporter as well as a neighbor. She was compassionate, funny, lovely and generous. She will be missed. So very sorry we will be unable to attend her service as we will be out of town.
Enid and Jerry Weygandt

Enid - June 14, 2022 at 04:12 PM

PH

“ *"Tell me about it!" That is what I remember most about Mrs. Kuypers when she taught art at Hoyt School in the 1970s. We were never allowed to say, "What is it?" when asking another child about their creation. I also remember her love of the color magenta and our Kookie Kontraptions we got to display downtown. I am sure no artist, but she made it fun for all of us. Mrs. Kuypers was just the best.*

Pam Tuffli Haselow - June 12, 2022 at 02:44 PM

SB

The alumni of Hoyt School were blessed by many educators who lived the importance of forming positive relationships with their students. Among these wonderful teachers, Mrs, Kuypers was a standout. Her warm sense of humor and beautiful smile filled the art room with joy. Mrs. Kuypers taught us how to create and how to not take our creations or ourselves too seriously. She was fun, encouraging, engaging and engaged.

"Tell me about it!"

So I'll tell you, Mrs. Kuypers, that you were one of the reasons I always loved school and still do. No doubt, you are one of the reasons I am an Elementary School Counselor. Thank you.

Peace, prayers and sweet memories to your family.

Siri Greve Bendtsen - June 14, 2022 at 08:53 AM

PS

“ *RURT, RURT? SIM, SIM*

What a wonderful teacher!

Paul Sherman, Hoyt Elementary School, 1975-1978

Paul Sherman - June 12, 2022 at 09:01 AM