



Joan Driscoll Lynch

November 9, 1935 - February 19, 2024

Joan Driscoll Lynch passed away on February 19th, 2024 in Naples, Florida. Her devoted husband Tom was by her side.

Born in Brighton, MA on November 9, 1935, to the late James and Agnes (Delaney) Driscoll, Joan was an outstanding student. One of nuns at Notre Dame de Namur encouraged Joan to enter a Latin competition which led to a scholarship to Boston College, where she was on the debate team and starred in several theatrical productions. Tom saw Joan starring in *The Crucible* and asked their mutual friend Gloria Thomas to introduce them. They were married in 1959 and moved to Pennsylvania for Tom's career in the insurance industry.

Joan entered Villanova University where she graduated with a Masters in Theatre and became a professor. Soon after, Joan completed her doctorate in Film at Temple University. Her dissertation is still being used as a text book.

Joan became chairman of the film department at VU and created the popular Cultural Film Series, introducing international films to the community.

Joan published many academic articles in notable journals, including *American Theatre*. Her book, *Women Of The Passion, A Novel*, sold to Christians with the support of her priest and Bishop in Florida.

In addition to her beloved husband Thomas, Joan is survived by children: Maureen (Kevin) Brosnan of Belmont, MA, who was a Managing Director at Accenture and is now a Financial Planner and Investment Advisor, Thomas Christopher (Nu) Lynch, who was a Senior Process Engineer at Analog Devices, and Julie, who is a screenwriter. She is also survived by grandsons: Patrick, Christopher and Connor.

Joan is survived by siblings James (Edna) Driscoll of Cape Coral, FL; John (Merrilyn) Driscoll of Toronto, Canada; Maureen (Denis) Clifford of Stoughton, MA; and Eileen Greaney of Newton, MA. She was predeceased by her brother Joseph (Judi) Driscoll of Walpole, MA and her Sister-in-law Coralie (Jay) Goerk, of Lakewood, NJ. She is also survived by cousin, Mary Twomey and late husband John of Milton, MA and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her family will receive friends on Sunday, February 25, 2024 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108. Entombment will follow at Palm Royale Cemetery.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
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Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Tom. We loved being your next door neighbor in Florida. So many wonderful memories. Liz & Bill Dumortier

Elizabeth Dumortier - March 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM

JL

Thank you, Elizabeth. I didn't see this until today. Wanted to tell you that our father Tom passed away on November 22 of '24. Thank you for being such good neighbors.

julie agnes lynch - January 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

FV

“ Friends in Communication at Villanova planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Driscoll Lynch.

Friends in Communication at Villanova - February 27, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ Southern Magnolia Tree was purchased for the family of Joan Driscoll Lynch.



February 27, 2024 at 09:59 PM

ES

“ Joan was such a beautiful person, inside and out. She was a wonderful mentor to me, and I always thought of her as our local Doris Day: a shining star. Rest in peace, friend.

Elana and Elana Starr - February 24, 2024 at 10:35 AM

JL

Thank you so much, Elana.

julie agnes lynch - January 23, 2025 at 12:19 PM

JO

“ *John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Driscoll Lynch.*

John - February 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Driscoll Lynch.*



February 24, 2024 at 09:27 AM

FK

“ *From, Jack & Jackie Kudzma purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan Driscoll Lynch.*



From, Jack & Jackie Kudzma - February 23, 2024 at 01:01 PM

SP

“ *Susan, Katie and Pam planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Driscoll Lynch.*

Susan, Katie and Pam - February 23, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joan Driscoll Lynch.*



February 23, 2024 at 11:30 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathies to Tom, Maureen, Thomas , Julie and extended Lynch and Driscoll families.
May Joan Rest in Peace.*



Steve, Geraldine & Andrew Farrell - February 22, 2024 at 08:18 PM



Thank you all so much. So kind of you to think of us. Much love, Julie

julie agnes lynch - January 23, 2025 at 12:20 PM