



## Joan D. Plesh

July 17, 1936 - September 27, 2021

Joan D. Plesh, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away at the age of 85 on September 27, 2021 at her home in Bonita Springs, FL surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born in Lakewood, OH to Walter and Veronica Hamilton on July 17, 1936. Joan met her husband of 61 years, Jim, in Rocky River Falls, OH. Together, they built a beautiful family, of 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren, residing for fifty years in Medfield, MA.

Joan is survived by her loving husband, James (Jim) A. Plesh, her children, Gregg Plesh, Scott Plesh, Dawn Young-McCaffrey (Mark McCaffrey), and Doug Plesh (Mari Plesh), her siblings, Walter Hamilton Jr. (Sharon Hamilton), Richard Hamilton (late Elaine Hamilton), and Linda Freedman (Mark Freedman), her grandchildren, Nicole Plesh, Michael Plesh, James Young, Kortni Plesh, Cody Young, Sarah Plesh, Abigale Raymond, Scott Plesh, Lucas Plesh, Drew Plesh and Christian Plesh, and her great grandchildren, Rita DeSouza, Anthony DeSouza, Logan Forrestal, Zoey Plesh and many nieces, nephews, extended family members and close friends. She is predeceased by her parents, Walter and Veronica Hamilton and her son Kirk Plesh.

Joan cherished her friendships and the love of her family. An athletic woman, she was a basketball star in her youth and in her senior years enjoyed bocce

with her friends.

She was a proud and devout Catholic who attended church every Sunday at St. Leo's in Bonita Springs, FL. Her generosity touched many across the world through regular charitable contributions to organizations near and dear to her heart.

Joan's wit and humor will be missed by all who knew her. She was an amazing cook and loved to host friends and family for parties and reunions. Although Jim was the artist of the family, Joan was fondly known as his "Art Director" often giving him critiques and suggestions on his numerous paintings. Joan had a heart of gold; she cared about and loved everyone. Though she will be missed, her impact will continue to reach others for many years to come through the people whose lives she touched.

Family and friends will gather together to remember an amazing woman on Friday, October 1, 2 - 4 PM and 5 - 7 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 South Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 2, at 10 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Bonita Springs, followed by a celebration of Joan's life at the Bonita Bay Country Club.

To honor her memory, in lieu of flowers Joan's family asks that donations in her name be made to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 Phone: 239-482-4673.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

## Visitation

OCT 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan D. Plesh*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Ours was only a ten-year friendship, but long enough to realize what a wonderful, kind and caring friend we had in Joan. Her deep faith and courageous strength set an example for all of us. Our memories of our dear friend Joan will help guide us on our own paths and remain with us forever. Our sincere condolences to Jim and the entire family. Your loss is beyond unfathomable... Love always, Suzanne & Lou Supanek*

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**Suzanne Supanek** - October 01, 2021 at 12:33 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan D. Plesh.*



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October 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM

MB

“ So many wonderful memories in the 54 years we shared with you and Jim and our great families! We really missed you when you moved permanently to Bonita Springs, but as luck would have it, we were close again when we found our winter residence in the community next to yours!! We had many good times again. Except for the last year and a half when we didn't see you. We will always remember your great sense of humor, your laugh, and just YOU. My one regret is that I never got to hug you one last time💔. Mary Ann and Charlie Breen. Bless you forever dearest Joan

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**Mary Ann and Charlie Breen** - September 30, 2021 at 09:06 PM



“ Sincerest prayers and condolences. May the angels console you during this difficult time.

Love,

*Fred, Heidi, Ricky and Katie Sanford*

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**Frederick Sanford** - September 30, 2021 at 05:46 PM

AF

“ All our Love. Pat Rizzuto and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joan D. Plesh.



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**All our Love. Pat Rizzuto and Family** - September 30, 2021 at 05:21 PM

KK

“ I have so many fond memories of Mrs. Plesh...from coaching soccer, sleepovers, and family camping trips, she was truly an important part of our lives growing up in Medfield. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Plesh family and Joan, may she rest in peace.

Karen Gatz Kosh - September 30, 2021 at 10:25 AM

AN

“ Joan has touched my heart in many ways. She has always made me and my sons feel welcomed and special. I will always remember how positive and funny she was even during the toughest of times. I'm praying for her now, as she has always prayed for us.  
Anne

Anne - September 29, 2021 at 05:01 PM

PD

“ I will think of you, Aunt Joan, while watching Hallmark Christmas movies.



Patrice DeMartino - September 29, 2021 at 03:18 PM

SW

“ Remembering Aunt Joan for the beautiful person she was. Sending heartfelt sympathies to Uncle Jim, Gregg, Scott, Dawn, and Doug. Comforting thoughts that she will be reunited with Kirk. Thinking of you, ❤️ Sally

Sally Work - September 29, 2021 at 11:51 AM



“ *I am with you all in prayer. God Bless Joan and God Bless all of you.*



*Mary Anne*



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**Sarah Plesh** - September 29, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Angie lit a candle in memory of Joan D. Plesh*



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**Angie** - September 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM