



JoAnn M. Ward

March 21, 1947 - November 1, 2020

JoAnn M. (neé Couch) Ward, 73, of Bonita Springs, passed away peacefully after a short illness on November 1st. She was the beloved wife of David G. Ward IV.

JoAnn was born on March 21, 1947 in Pawtucket, RI, to the late Edward A. and Mary E. (neé McLaughlin) Couch. She grew up in Warwick, graduating from Warwick Veterans High School. She continued her educational pursuits by earning her undergraduate degree from Bryant College. She immediately acquired a teaching position with the Providence School System and concurrently earned her Master's Degree from Providence College while educating young minds. She held her position as a teacher in the Providence School System for 37 years until her retirement in 2005. She and her husband became permanent Floridians in 2013, moving to Bonita Springs.

JoAnn held a deep passion for learning and education. She loved shaping her world gardening, and capturing the moment by photography. She loved to travel, particularly enjoying the time she spent in Las Vegas.

JoAnn is survived by her devoted husband of 45 years, David G. Ward IV. Sister to James Couch of RI, Edward Couch of RI, and Kathy Lewandowski and husband Steve of NM. Proud step-mother to Christine Ward of FL. Sister-in-Law to Lawrence Ward and wife Cheryl of FL, Harold Fuhrman and wife

Carolyn of FL.

She is also leaves many nieces, nephews, and countless friends.

Services will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

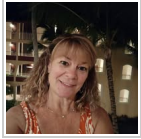
In Lieu of Flowers, donations in memory of JoAnn may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Tribute Wall



“ *JoAnn M. Ward*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *David and Christine, I was so sad to hear of the passing of JoAnn. I have fond memories of her throughout my entire childhood and early 20's. I was always in awe of her beauty and her ambitious work ethic. She was one of my mom's best friends and I'll forever appreciate how good she was to her. Sending hugs from RI* ❤️

Missy Bagley - November 08, 2020 at 09:36 PM

KL

*Missy I remember how much Jo-Ann loved visiting and gardening with your mom. She loved you as well. I remember attending your mom's funeral with Jo-Ann. Jo-Ann and I both saw what I could only describe as glimmering light pass from your mom's body up to the top of the cathedral. Some say that is a physical manifestation of the soul. Hugs from New Mexico
Kathie Couch-Lewandowski*

Kathleen Couch Lewandowski - June 30, 2022 at 09:02 PM

KA

“ *Kathleen sent a virtual gift in memory of JoAnn M. Ward*



Kathleen - November 05, 2020 at 07:55 PM

KA

“ Kathleen lit a candle in memory of JoAnn M. Ward



Kathleen - November 05, 2020 at 04:13 PM

FP

“ I was a classmate of JoAnn at Bryant and ironically had her as a student when she went for her MEd at PC. I was teaching School Finance as an adjunct, In fact, I wrote a letter of recommendation when she applied for the Principal position at the "Mall School". We enjoyed many good times at Bryant and various locations on the East Side, she always had a smile and always pleasant. We laughed the day she walked into my class at PC, and we often reminisced about times and people at Bryant. May she be welcomed into her heavenly home and God bless her family.
Frank Pontarelli

Frank Pontarelli - November 04, 2020 at 10:57 PM

LW

“ David I miss her so much, you got a great picture for this I'll see you Friday.

Larry Ward - November 04, 2020 at 04:27 PM

AD

My heartfelt condolences from from myself and my wife to you and your family and JoAnn's. We were friends since our Freshman year at Bryant college and taught together in Providence for most of our careers . JoAnn was was one of the most caring sweetest persons You could ever work with. She was always willing to help you out with anything. Her students respected her because of her ability to always give them her time unselfishly. She would always ask me about my family as they became adults. I'll miss my friend and fellow faculty member God Bless you JoAnn

Anthony D'Uva - November 04, 2020 at 09:55 PM

KA

My condolences go out to everyone that knew and loved my sister. David & Christine, I wish you comfort in your grief. In my conversations during her last days with us, Jo-Ann said she found strength in knowing she was loved. Jo-Ann, you will always be in my heart & thoughts. You were an inspiration to us all. May you rest peacefully among the angels that have left us too soon!

Kathleen - November 05, 2020 at 03:01 PM

SD

*David, Hugh and I send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family. We were so happy to meet a fellow New Englander on Danios Drive! How JoAnn loved to attend and host our monthly happy hours. Such a sweet, caring person. JoAnn will truly be missed. God bless you JoAnn.
Sue and Hugh Dickinson*

sue and Hugh Dickinson - November 12, 2020 at 05:16 PM

EF

Sad to learn about her. My twin brother and I had her for General Business and Typing in 1970. I guess we were inspired because we became teachers certified in Business later on, too. She taught us how to write checks, so I'll always remember her every time I write a check. God bless. Ed & Ralph Flori --Central High 1970.

ed flori - August 12, 2021 at 12:45 AM