



Dr. Joanne E. Langan

April 20, 1938 - July 19, 2023

Dr. Joanne Ernst Langan, a native of Buffalo, NY and resident of Naples, FL, who taught hundreds of lucky students Shakespeare and journalism, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2023 in Florida. She was 85.

Mrs. Langan taught in the Buffalo public school system; at Nardin Academy in Buffalo, NY; and in the Maryland public school system. She was a dynamic teacher who inspired her students over a more than three-decade career. In Maryland, she helped pioneer the International Baccalaureate curriculum.

At a time American women did not have equal rights. Mrs. Langan did not think twice about setting her sights on a doctorate, which she earned from the University of Buffalo.

After retiring from full-time teaching, Mrs. Langan became a mentor to students in her Collier County district.

Mrs. Langan, a daughter of Edwin Ernst and Lucile Ostermeier Ernst, grew up in Amherst, NY and attended Holy Angels high school; she earned a bachelor's degree at D'Youville College (now university) and masters and doctorate degrees in English literature at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Mrs. Langan, while part of the Junior League of Buffalo, took part in visiting prisoners in the New York state system.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Michael D. Langan; children, Joanne Cleary, Jeanne Burris and Michael Langan; grandchildren, William Cleary, Elizabeth Cleary, Brendan Burris, Cyrus Burris, and Madeleine (Mimi) Burris, Sebastian Langan and Andre Langan; and great grandchildren, Nico Pelc and Aria Pelc.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 12, 2023 at 11:30 AM at St. Agnes Catholic Church, 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, FL 34120. Inurnment will follow in the church columbarium.

Memorial contributions in Joanne's name may be made to OLV Charities, 780 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14215 or by visiting <http://www.olvcharities.org>

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

St. Agnes Church Columbarium

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd.
Naples, FL 34120

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Joanne E. Langan*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Joanne E. Langan.*



August 11, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ *Joanne and I were friends at Dyouville I am not surprised that she was a great teacher she was such an amazing person even thou our paths took us in different directions in life I always and always will think of her so fondly. To Michael and her proud family her love will never leave you.*



NORINE Kirkpatrick

Norine Kirkpatrick - August 08, 2023 at 12:59 AM

JG

“ Dear Langan Family:

Each day that I teach English in the Williamsville Central School District, I build in the values and standards of excellent English teaching that I learned from Mrs. Langan.

My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.

Jacqueline Kuczkowski Goergen, 1984

Jackie Goergen - July 31, 2023 at 10:10 AM

JG

“ Dear Dr. Langan, Joanne, Jeanne, and Michael,
I am saddened to hear of Joanne's passing; and am praying for you and for her during this difficult time. Joanne and I began teaching at Nardin together in September, 1973, and I always felt a special connection with her as we "learned the ropes." I was privileged to be her colleague and to get to know the whole Langan family. May she rest in peace.

JoAnne Grippi

JoAnne Grippi - July 27, 2023 at 11:21 AM

IS

“ Dearest Mike and family,
This is such a devastating loss not only for you, for whom Joanne was an estimable treasure , but for the rest of us too: her friends who adored and respected her, and legions of students for whom she was legendary. You all rest in my heart during this painful time. I will write a note soon.

With love, Iris Skoog

Iris Skoog - July 24, 2023 at 01:05 PM

PH

“ *Joanne was a beautiful ,sweet, and kind person. What a wonderful neighbor she has been to us! We will miss her dearly. A favorite memory -Several years ago, Joanne stated that wanted to the go see the Swamp Buggy Races in Naples. I was surprised, because she was an English professor and didn't look the type that would enjoy such an event. We got tickets and braved the chilly soggy weather. It was an interesting experience. I am glad we went. But, neither of us mentioned going again. However, sometime later she stated that she would like to go to a rodeo. Sadly, we never got around to going.*

Patsy Hansen - July 23, 2023 at 05:16 PM

JC

“ *Dr. Langan,*

I am sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of my years at Nardin with you as headmaster and Mrs. Langan as my English and journalism teacher. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time

*With deepest sympathy,
Jean Steinwachs Childs*

Jean Steinwachs Childs - July 23, 2023 at 10:47 AM

VP

“ *Mike,*

Joanne was a wonderful human being, so kind, generous, and loving. I loved seeing her at church every week. And have prayed for her since. With a broken heart and sadness, now the world is much dimmer but in heaven, it's a little brighter. Vincent Petrosini

Vincent M. Petrosini - July 22, 2023 at 06:59 PM

KL

“ *The standard for excellence in teaching. I feel immensely grateful to have been a student of Mrs. Langan's when she taught at Nardin Academy. She shines on, and so many of us stand in her light. My condolences to Dr. Langan and his family. Thank you for sharing an extraordinary person with us. Kerry Langan, Class of 1975*

Kerry Langan - July 22, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JB

“ *Mike*
It is with great sadness that I read of Joanna's passing. Please know that we share many pleasant memories of our visits together. Stay strong as we say a prayer for Joanne and your family.
Joe Bieron

Joseph Bieron - July 22, 2023 at 11:17 AM