



Johanna Catherine German

May 25, 1925 - November 3, 2021

Johanna Catherine German 96, of Naples Park, closed her eyes for the last time, Wednesday, November 3, 2021. She was born in Clifton, New Jersey on May 25, 1925, a daughter of the late William Francis Nelson and Johanna Catherine (née Eck) Nelson. She had been a resident of Naples since 1974 coming from Paramus, New Jersey.

She was a child during the Great Depression and developed a sense of gratitude for the simple things in life, family, friends, and faith. She met her husband John German when they were in their teens. She loved him from the moment she saw him, and he adored her and worked to make her life happy. Their young marriage endured separation during World War II, and afterward, John and Johanna lived the American Dream.

She was a loving wife, a mother of four, a homemaker, and a great cook and baker. She loved to make poppyseed cakes and crescent cookies at Christmastime. She loved to sing while in the kitchen. She enjoyed walking the beach and shelling, making crafts adorned with the different shells. She also enjoyed crocheting and needlepoint work. Many of her pieces are in the homes of her children and grandchildren. Her favorite TV shows were Days of Our Lives, Wheel of Fortune, and Jeopardy.

In 1987, Johanna became a published author when her book titled,

“Delawanna” was published. The book was the story of her parents’ lives and the lives of her family members, spanning from 1887 to 1987. There was nothing more important to her than her family and her faith. She was a Sunday school teacher for over 35 years both here in Naples and in New Jersey.

She is survived by her three of her four children, Anna Pietragall and her husband, Michael of Pembroke Pines, FL, John German, Jr. of Naples, FL and Michael German and his wife, Lisa of Tallahassee, FL; 19 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Nelson and Johanna Nelson, her husband, John German who died in 1994, her ten brothers, George, William, Lewis, Charles, Albert, Warren, Henry, Marvin, Calvin, and Donald, and her two sisters, Viola and Dorothy, her daughter, Diane Bees who died October 12, 2021, and her granddaughter, Julia German.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday, November 24th, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 South Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. The service will be held at 3:00 PM.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers a memorial contribution in her memory be made to Vitas Hospice, 4980 North Tamiami Trail, Suite 102, Naples, Florida 34103.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **24**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Johanna Catherine German*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Johanna Catherine German.*



November 22, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Johanna Catherine German.*



November 20, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Annie and Mike purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Johanna Catherine German.*



Annie and Mike - November 19, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Johanna Catherine German.*



November 17, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *168 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - November 16, 2021 at 03:52 PM



“ *Sending our deepest condolences to you all. May you find comfort and peace in the days ahead and hold all your loving memories close to your heart. Tami and Stu*

Tami Stogner - November 12, 2021 at 08:09 PM



May peace fill your hearts and happy memories fill your minds now. Such a wonderful legacy she left! So many fun times, laughs and hugs. Be at peace knowing she is now free of pain and enjoying the everafter with all her loved ones who greeted her in Heaven. Peace and love to all who knew and loved her! Rene and Suzie

Suzie and Rene de Miranda - November 15, 2021 at 01:08 PM

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Dear family May God's love and grace look down on you and comfort you at this difficult time .May you be comforted by fond and loving memories you will hold in your hearts forever. My love to all Sincerely Diane

Diane Sasse - November 15, 2021 at 04:48 PM