



Joan W. Bell

February 18, 1951 - March 4, 2026

Lt. Commander Joan W. Bell, USN Retired, a Warren resident, went home to be with the Lord Jesus on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Joan was born on February 18, 1951, in Philadelphia, PA to the late Aloysius and Marjorie White. Joan graduated from Nazareth Academy in Philadelphia and then from St. Joseph School of Nursing. She also graduated from Western Illinois University.

After nursing school, Joan briefly worked at JFK Medical Center in Philadelphia as a CCU registered nurse. She then joined the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps, working many types of nursing jobs, including helping the U.S. Marines at Fleet Hospital Five during the Gulf War.

Those who loved her will never forget her infectious laugh, beautiful smile, warm hospitality, and kind heart. She loved fashion, singing Broadway songs, dancing to 70s hits, holidays, and being with the people she loved at Disneyworld. Though she had an impressive career and service to our country, she was most proud of the titles of wife, Mom and Mom-Mom. Joan loved Jesus with all her heart and enjoyed reading her Bible, teaching Sunday School, and singing in the church choir.

Joan was preceded in death by her sister, Lorie Bennett. She is survived by

her husband, Gregory F. Bell; her children, Lorie (Bill) Barnwell and Brenden K. Bell; her special grandsons, Bill G. Barnwell and David Barnwell; and her sisters, Anita (David) White and Margie (Bernie) Bujak. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial visitation for Joan will be held on Saturday, March 21, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service, 11:00 a.m., at Royal Oak Church, 411 E. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Military honors will be rendered by the U.S. Navy at the conclusion of the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Royal Oak Church
411 E. 11 Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Memorial Service

MAR 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Wojno Family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Joan W. Bell.*



The Wojno Family - March 19 at 07:34 PM

MF

“ *Mike & Tammy Barnwell and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joan W. Bell.*



Mike & Tammy Barnwell and Family - March 18 at 03:34 PM

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“ *Mike & Tammy Barnwell and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan W. Bell.*

Mike & Tammy Barnwell and Family - March 18 at 03:34 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan W. Bell.*

March 16 at 10:52 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan W. Bell.*



March 16 at 10:52 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan W. Bell.*



March 13 at 09:47 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan W. Bell.*

March 13 at 09:47 AM



“ *From family Bells purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joan W. Bell.*



From family Bells - March 11 at 06:59 PM

AF

“ Anita, Dave and family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joan W. Bell.



Anita, Dave and family - March 11 at 06:18 PM

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“ Anita, Dave and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan W. Bell.

Anita, Dave and family - March 11 at 06:18 PM

WF

“ Warren Professional Firefighters purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan W. Bell.



Warren Professional Firefighters - March 05 at 11:51 AM