



## Joan M. Edelheit, Ph.D.

June 7, 1937 - December 1, 2022

Dr. Joan Marilyn Edelheit

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Joanie, as she liked to be called, was born June 7, 1937, to David and Beatrice Edelheit in Detroit, MI. She passed peacefully in the hospital on December 1, 2022, after a short-term illness.

Joanie earned a PhD from Eastern Michigan University and spent her career working as a child clinical psychologist. She also helped with the family hardware business in Highland Park doing the bookkeeping on weekends. In addition to working, Joanie could be found volunteering for a variety of organizations. She was actively involved with B'nai Brith for many years and had served as president of her local chapter. She especially enjoyed her time volunteering at Providence and Beaumont Hospitals. She also volunteered for Channel 7 Call for Action answering phone calls for people seeking help to a problem, and for many other local charities.

Joanie loved animals and was willing to adopt anyone's pet that needed a home. She had numerous dogs that she cared for and loved until the end of their lives. After her last dog had passed, stray cats started coming around and she began to care for them. She had a new family of cats, some indoors and some outside, to keep her company.

Joanie kept active until the end of her life. When she was younger she traveled to many countries. One of her most memorable trips was attending her nephew's Bar Mitzvah in Israel with the family. Joanie was an

accomplished bowler and loved to play bingo, tennis, and golf. She was often seen in her neighborhood walking one of her dogs. She won numerous trophies and awards for the various activities she participated in.

Other than her time away for school, she was a lifelong resident of Oak Park, MI. Joanie is survived by her only brother Marty (Shelley), nieces Lisa (Charles) and Nicole (Marc), grandniece Madison and grandnephews Max and Jonah.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I lived next door to Joanie on Otsego Ave in Detroit in the late 50's. I was around 10-12 & Joanie 12-13 .I have many wonderful memories of our friendship. Joanie was not only fun but sweet & kind. During this time my father was ill & passed away in i950 when my family moved to Dearborn Mi. 🙏❤️🙏  
With Love Nancy (REED)BUDD

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**Nancy Budd** - October 30, 2023 at 01:55 PM

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“ I was fortunate to share many years with Joanie at Call For action. She was the most compassionate, caring volunteer. She took each of her callers very seriously and did everything she could to help them. She constantly had them on her mind and always tried to find sources to assist them.  
She was a pleasure to be with.  
May she rest in peace  
Evelyn Stern

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**Evelyn Stern** - December 28, 2022 at 06:19 PM

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“ *Joanie was a very kind and compassionate person. She spent a lot of her time volunteering for numerous organizations. Joanie loved animals and she provided a loving home to numerous dogs and cats that needed a new home. Joanie also loved traveling, bowling, bingo, and a variety of other activities.*

*Joanie was my aunt, but she was also a friend and always available if anyone ever needed anything, even if it was just someone to talk to. One of the things that I admire most about Joanie (in addition to her big heart) was her fierce independence and a bit of mystery to her. Joanie led a full and active life, but she was very humble. There was so much to her that even now, we are still learning things we never knew about her.*

*Joanie was an amazing person and she will be missed by all that knew her, but especially by me, her niece and her friend.*

*-Nicole Siwak*

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**Nicole Siwak** - December 05, 2022 at 01:12 PM

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**Nicole Siwak** - December 05, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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**Nicole Siwak** - December 05, 2022 at 12:31 PM