



## Joan Marie Guzzardo

March 26, 1942 - February 9, 2017

Joan M. Guzzardo, age 74, a longtime resident of Royal Oak and St. Lucie West, Florida passed away with her loved ones near her on February 9, 2017. Joan was born on March 26, 1942 to the late Joseph and Mary Murphy in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. She ventured to the United States, bringing her genuine Newfoundland spirit with her, to continue her career in nursing.

Joan's family was the center of her universe and every single one of them brought her great joy. She was always checking in with you on the telephone and quick to exchange a story or breaking news. Her giving heart was not limited to her family but also carried over into her career. Joan was an exemplary nurse. Her exceptional bedside manner combined with her selfless spirit lead her to multiple positions as director of nursing at Oakland General Hospital, Hilton Convalescent Home, and Upjohn Healthcare Services.

Joan will always be known for soaking in the sun whenever she could. She loved to travel with her late husband, Thomas, and never missed her yearly trip to visit her family back in Newfoundland with her daughters and grandchildren. Joan was also known for her second to none sense of style and love for shopping. She was always impeccably dressed and perfectly accessorized.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas W. Guzzardo; loving mother of Stefanie

Clarke and Stacey (Anthony) Smith; proud grandmother of Marisa Clarke, Isabelle Clarke, Ethan Clarke, and Kaya Smith; and dear sister to Doreen (the late Tom) Mortati, the late Gwendolyn (survived by Harold) Richardson, Sheila (John) Kenny, and the late Brian (survived by Juli) Murphy.

Private services will be held.

In honor of Joan's memory and "National Heart Health Month" memorials to the American Heart Association are appreciated.

Share your memories on the Tribute Wall tab at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Tribute Wall

PW

“Joan was a friend of mine from the day we started school - a long time ago. We kept in touch over the years and it didn't matter how long it had been since we were in touch. Once we were, we picked up from where we left off. She was a beautiful person and I am so proud to call her my friend. Friendship like ours doesn't come every day. We were really good friends. She loved to stay at my place when she visited Nfld. and on one occasion, after Tom's passing, she spent her entire holiday with me. What a treat for me. I am so sorry she has gone. I will miss calling her, and she calling me. I called her "Nanny", and she called me "Miss Peg". I will really miss her. She had two beautiful daughters and 4 wonderful grandchildren, which she prized. God bless you Joanie.

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**Peggy Walsh** - February 13, 2017 at 03:29 PM

TG

“I met Joan here in Newfoundland 26 years ago! Thanks to Joan I also got to meet two of the most wonderful people in the world, Stefanie & Stacey. We have been friends now all this time and have shared many, many trips "home" with Joan and family in addition to many trips to Royal Oak. I enjoyed every minute of my time with Joan and loved her personality and the fact that "St. John's" was always in her heart. Rest in peace Joan but know this....you always be remembered from Newfoundland to Florida to Michigan!

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**Terry Gulliver** - February 12, 2017 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ *Dana Schuetzler lit a candle in memory of Joan Marie Guzzardo*



**Dana Schuetzler** - February 10, 2017 at 06:43 PM

DS

*When I think of Joan, I think of our Florida trip with Stef when we were young. She opened her home and hospitality to Stef friends and made sure we enjoyed every minute of our trip. She was a wonderful lady and I will always be grateful for having the chance to know her through her daughter.*

**Dana Schuetzler** - February 10, 2017 at 06:47 PM

LL

*My condolences to Joan's family from an old school friend at St Joseph's, Quidi Vidi Road.  
Louise (Hansford) Lawlor*

**Louise Lawlor** - February 11, 2017 at 06:53 PM

DO

“ *Joan was ALWAYS dressed to the 9's! She loved you with every piece of her heart which had to be the size of the universe. Thank you Joan for your beautiful daughters who I treasure and love to pieces.*



**Dona** - February 10, 2017 at 03:27 PM

DS

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**Dana Schuetzler** - February 10, 2017 at 06:40 PM

PW

*“ When our grandson Anthony Smith married Joan's daughter, Stacey. we were very happy to have Joan in our lives, She was a very sweet lady and we loved her for being Stacey's Mom and Kaya's grandma.  
Peggy and Tom Williams*



**Peggy Williams** - February 10, 2017 at 01:20 PM



*“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Guzzardo.*



February 10, 2017 at 11:45 AM



*“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Marie Guzzardo.*



February 10, 2017 at 09:55 AM

JS

“ *janet S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Joan Marie Guzzardo.*



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**janet S.** - February 10, 2017 at 09:26 AM

JS

“ *I will always remember Mumsy! She was one classy lady and I adored her. You will be greatly missed. Rest in Paradise sweet Joany.*

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**janet smith** - February 10, 2017 at 08:31 AM

JS

“ *Janet Smith sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Marie Guzzardo*



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**janet smith** - February 10, 2017 at 08:28 AM

JS

“ *Janet Smith lit a candle in memory of Joan Marie Guzzardo*



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**Janet Smith** - February 10, 2017 at 08:21 AM

PS

“ *Paul, Janet and Jon Smith purchased the My Soul Lives On Blanket for the family of Joan Marie Guzzardo.*



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**Paul, Janet and Jon Smith** - February 10, 2017 at 05:37 AM

AK

“ *I will always and forever see an airplane and think of my Queen. I will miss your kindness and genuine true hearted love . I promise I will always love deeply, respect and take care of to the best of my ability your daughter Stacey and your granddaughter Kaya!*

*I love you so much my Queen!*

*Love always*

*Your King*

*Anthony*

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**Anthony (Son In Law) Aka your King!** - February 09, 2017 at 07:55 PM