



## Joann Fellinginger

November 1, 1956 - July 6, 2025

### Joann Fellinginger

Loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

Joann Fellinginger of Washington Township, MI, passed away on July 6, 2025, at the age of 68. She was surrounded by family and friends at Corewell Health (William Beaumont Hospital) when she was called to God.

Born in Rogers City, MI, on November 1, 1956, Joann was the seventh child of the late Watson and Angeline Hentkowski (Chojnacki). Growing up on a farm in Posen, MI, she was raised with a strong sense of family values that she carried with her through her entire life.

Joann was passionate about advocating for her family. She spent much of her time catering to holidays and social functions. She loved organizing gatherings, initiating quality time with relatives and friends. She took great pleasure in spending time at the treasured lake house during the summer months with Tony, her beloved husband and soulmate of 32 years.

A Summa Cum Laude graduate of Walsh College, Joann was a retired Senior Relationship Manager for Mass Mutual Financial Group, forging a reputation as a strong leader and mentor. That admiration and respect were prevalent in every aspect of her life and were highly regarded by every person she shared a connection with. She chose to be an organ donor, whose donations through Gift of Life will continue to save lives even after her passing.

Joann is survived by her loving husband, Anton Fellinginger, daughters Katy Wojtaszek and Kelly (Josh) Hartley and granddaughter Gwendolyn Hartley. One of a family of 11 children; survived by siblings Raymond (Pat) Hentkowski, Judy Scott, Richard Hentkowski, Ken Hentkowski, Charlene (Don) Sheldon, Monica Simmons, Marylou (Jeanette) Henderson, Missy (Jeff) Cornett and Marie (Fred) LaPointe. Joann is welcomed hereafter in paradise by her sister Barbara Wright, alongside their parents.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Joann's life with a memorial visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Wednesday, July 16 from 2:00-8:00 p.m., followed by the funeral service on Thursday, July 17, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

In lieu of sending flowers, charitable donations will be appreciated at Gift of Life Foundation 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) Or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 [www.stjude.org/tribute](http://www.stjude.org/tribute) Please share a memory with her family at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Celebration of Life gathering

JUL 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Utica  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317

### Celebration of Life Service

JUL 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

HP

“ Joann and I were classmates. The first time I ever spent the night away from home it was with her. We begged our moms for days! Finally I went home with her on the bus and back to school the next day the same way. I remember how excited she was showing me the farm. We were so tiny we fit in the bathtub together that night to wash off all the dirt our adventures had layered on us. We reconnected a couple years ago - around the time she and Tony got married. We had lunch last summer and promised it would be an annual get together - she had even talked me into going to the class reunion the next time, too! She was always so positive and supportive. A few weeks ago I noticed she had liked one of my face book posts and I made a mental note to pop in and see her at her cottage when I was up at my cottage for the fourth of July. But more important plans had been in the works for Joann's holiday festivities - she was going to be spending the fourth with long lost loved ones - she was being promoted to heaven, without delay. Fly high, Joann, fly high! Until we meet again...

Helen Szymanski Polaski - July 24, 2025 at 02:55 PM

FG

Helen, that was beautiful. I miss her so much. Still hope to see you summer 2029 or before. Your friend and classmate, Fay

FGV - July 24, 2025 at 03:05 PM

KM

“ Joann was vibrant, energetic and a wonderful friend. I had the privilege of hiring Joann at MassMutual. I knew from the time I met her that she would be an amazing team mate. Joan was always thoughtful and brought much joy to everyone she knew. I will miss her texts and calls that started with “hey girl...how the heck are ya? Joann, you are truly “On top of the World” and now our angel.

Tony, Kelly, Katy and G you were the light of her life. I'm sorry for your loss and will keep you in my prayers.



Karrie Morisette - July 17, 2025 at 08:37 PM

KM

“ Terry and I (Karen) knew Joann for her kindness and generosity. Joann was one of the first to welcome us to the neighborhood in 2021. She always had a smile on her face.

We will also remember her for her holiday baked goods. I was always happy to receive goodies at Christmas. We will miss Joann. Rest in peace. I am sure you are up there with all the angels that you knew in the past. Terry and Karen Moreno

KAREN MORENO - July 16, 2025 at 11:30 AM

PZ

Thinking of you today Tony. May the memories you cherish bring you peace. Hugs ❤️ Pam and Steve.

Pam Zopf - July 16, 2025 at 09:03 PM

ES

Joann was one of the friendliest and happiest people I came across in my 24 years at MassMutual. She was always willing to chat and her smile was ever present. I have nothing but fond memories and send my deepest condolences.

Eric Sarrazin - July 17, 2025 at 09:15 AM

MH

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Marylou Henderson - July 15, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MH

Words cannot express how much we miss you. You were truly the best of all of us. We love you so very much. See you later Joannie. All our love, Jeannie & Lou 💕🙏

Marylou Henderson - July 15, 2025 at 10:55 PM

JS

“ Rest in Peace dear Joann. RCHS class of 1974 will miss you. Our loss is great. Heaven's gain is greater.

Janelle Santini - July 15, 2025 at 08:26 PM

LJ

“ For 19 years, I had the joy and privilege of calling Joann my friend. We met through our husbands, who have known each other since kindergarten, and from the very beginning, Joann welcomed me with warmth and open arms into her circle of friends.

From unforgettable vacations and lively parties to our cherished girls' dinners, Joann brought laughter, kindness, and grace into every moment we shared. The memories we created together will forever hold a special place in my heart.

You will be deeply missed, Joann.  
Rest in peace, my beautiful friend. 💕  
Lori and Rick Jaehn

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Lori Jaehn - July 15, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LJ

“ Lori J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann Fellingner.

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Lori J. - July 15, 2025 at 03:28 PM

LD

“ Joann was an immediate friend from the day we met over 30 years ago. I will miss her beautiful smile, big hugs and contagious laugh immensely. Sending prayers for peace to Tony, Katy, Kelly and all of her friends and family. God Bless you all. -Laura



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Laura Durkin - July 15, 2025 at 02:31 PM



“ 28 files added to the album Joann Fellingner



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 15, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Nancy Maier purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joann Fellingner.

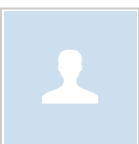


Nancy Maier - July 15, 2025 at 02:07 PM



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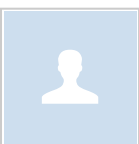
Nancy Maier - July 15, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joann Fellingner.



July 14, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joann Fellingner.

July 14, 2025 at 07:52 PM

SS

“ My deepest condolences to the family of Joann during this time. She was a great friend and wonderful Teammate at MassMutual. She could always make you smile or had a story to share.

Stacia Stepanik - July 14, 2025 at 10:34 AM

KM

“ Anton, Katy, Kelly & Whole Family.....

*It's hard to put into words what it means to lose someone who was such a familiar part of my life. Joann wasn't just a classmate—we were neighbors, childhood companions, and grew up right across the road from each other. We shared the same bus rides, the same classrooms, the same seasons of growing up in our little corner of the world.*

*There's a comfort in those early memories—the laughter, the inside jokes, the simplicity of childhood. Joann had a kindness about her, and a smile that made you feel like you were home.*

*Life took us in different directions, as it does, but some bonds never really fade. Truly enjoying our 1974 class reunions. Her passing is a deep loss not just to her family, but to everyone who knew her along the way.*

*I'm grateful for the years we shared—grateful that I got to grow up with someone so genuine and good-hearted just across the road. May she rest in peace, and may her memory always be a light in the hearts of those she loved.*

*Our sincere condolences Anton, Katy & Kelly & her Whole family.*

*Karen (Konieczny) Mertz*

*Picture below is of our kindergarten class along with 7-8 graders all in a One room schoolhouse in Metz, Michigan 196-1962.*

*Joann is 6th in third row*



Karen Mertz - July 14, 2025 at 10:31 AM

KM

*These are my guesses on who's in the class picture....Anyone seeing this can correct me or add names please*

*I think her sister Barb is in the picture ...maybe the Darga's would recognize her too....Barb??she may be the 1st girl second row?*

*1st row ?? Susie Szymanski? Next ??, teacher Mrs. Marsh, maybe Benedict(we called him Benna), ??Linda Centala? , Arlen Altman*

*2nd row*

*Barb Hentkowski?, Archie Konieczny, Shirley Budnick, Ronald Haske*

*3rd row*

*Jeff Wilk(deceased 😊), Karen (me), Mike Remus, Shirley Kapala, ??Richards, Joann 😊, Donald Haske*

*4th row*

*Timothy Leubke (sp?)to his left is his baby sister was able to get pic done too yrs ago, Jacinta Kaszubowski, Warren Kowalewski, (maybe Ellen Marsh), not sure next ??  
Helen Szymanski is last girl bottom row*

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**Karen Mertz** - July 24, 2025 at 08:51 PM

MV

“ *Joann had such a sweet soul and I enjoyed all the years we had at MassMutual. I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Matt Valachovic** - July 14, 2025 at 08:01 AM

MC

“ *Joann was so helpful to me when we worked together at MassMutual. She was so kind and generous. I'm sorry for your loss.*

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**Mark Cirella** - July 14, 2025 at 07:33 AM

FG

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Joann Fellingner. Joann was a true friend and classmate to all of RCHS 1974. She will be deeply missed by all. See you again someday Joann.  
All my love, your friend and classmate, Fay G.*

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**FAY M GRAHAMVOICE** - July 14, 2025 at 01:31 AM

BC

“ *So many fond memories working with Joanne at MassMutual. She was such a wonderful teammate, always professional, friendly and well respected. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy to her family.*

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**Barbara Croteau** - July 13, 2025 at 08:21 PM

WB

“ Will and Debbie Brege purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joann Fellingner.



Will and Debbie Brege - July 13, 2025 at 05:28 PM

DS

“ Dante Sabatino lit a candle in memory of Joann Fellingner



Dante Sabatino - July 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM

RH

“ Rhana lit a candle in memory of Joann Fellingner



Rhana - July 12, 2025 at 07:53 PM

SW

“ Aunt Joann was such a kind and beautiful soul. It's rare to know someone as pure as Aunt Joann. She is now glowing angel with Barbara and how loved and missed you are. Thank you for always being so kind to me and always remembering my birthday. What a blessing you are to my life. I thank Barb all the time for the gift of family. God rest your soul Aunt Joann and singing up a storm. Love you always. Sam Bob Wrights daughter and Barbara's stepdaughter. Ox 🙏



Samantha Wright - July 12, 2025 at 06:54 PM

S“

“ Samantha “. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann Fellingner.

Samantha “. - July 12, 2025 at 06:48 PM

NR

“ Where to begin. Joann lived across the street from us in Utica. We spent a lot of time together and her friendship always meant a lot to me. She was such an amazing mom, friend and inspiration. Many fond memories of time spent together.

We moved north years ago and somewhat lost touch but never forgot the special person her and the girls were.

Rest in peace Joann 🙏

Nancy Randazzo - July 12, 2025 at 01:20 PM

NT

“ I'm so very sorry to hear of Joann's passing, I have such fond memories of her from our MassMutual days,, mostly always trying to remember how to pronounce her name correctly,, My condolences to you and your family

Nancy Thibault - July 11, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ 47 files added to the album Joann Fellingner



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 11, 2025 at 06:43 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Joann Fellingner



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 11, 2025 at 05:39 PM

CM

“ So glad that I was able to get mom to Joann and Tony’s reception. She was so happy to be there for their special day and was able to visit so many people that she hadn’t seen in a long time.



Carleen Merchant - July 11, 2025 at 03:07 PM

CM

“ 2024 Girl Cousins Weekend that Joann held at her cottage. Oh what a great time and so many memories!



Carleen Merchant - July 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM



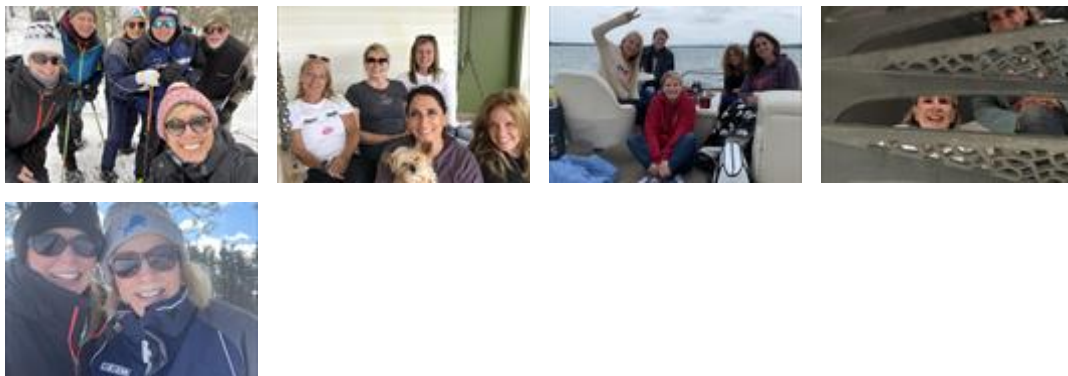
“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joann Fellingner.



July 11, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LP

“ 12 files added to the album Joann Fellingner



Loree Pastine - July 11, 2025 at 01:35 PM

SI

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Susan Imbier - July 11, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SI

“ Susie & Vince Imbier purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joann Fellingner.



Susie & Vince Imbier - July 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM

SI

“ Susie & Vince Imbier planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joann Fellingner.

Susie & Vince Imbier - July 11, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ 7 files added to the album Joann Fellingner



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 11, 2025 at 09:18 AM