



Joan (Walker) Brittingham

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Interment services will be held at Epworth Methodist Cemetery, Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 11:00 AM.

Joan Walker Brittingham, daughter of the late William E. and Madeline Murch Walker, departed this life on Thursday, January 28, 2010, at her Henlopen Acres residence with her family by her side.

Joan grew up in Rehoboth Beach and graduated from Rehoboth High School. She enjoyed the small town Rehoboth once was, and often said she had the ideal childhood. She went to St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she was on the field hockey team and was an avid sailor and tennis player. She enjoyed attending reunions and alumni functions over the years and maintained many college friendships. She was a Manager for Quality Care Nursing Service in Georgetown, DE and later became an Area Manager for Sussex and Kent Counties and in Dover, DE for Kimberly Quality Care. After her marriage to Walter Brittingham, she did consulting for in-home health care for several years. She then became an instructor at Sussex Tech Adult Division in the Medical Assisting Program subsequently becoming the Program Coordinator for medical programs. She developed programs to provide trained personnel to the medical community. Many of her students became friends over the years. She was always proud of their many accomplishments. She was co-owner of Community Nurses of Delaware, a home staffing agency. She was a volunteer during her son, Andrew's school years at Rehoboth Elementary School and Sussex Academy. She especially enjoyed field trips. Over the years she had been on advisory boards for VICA, Public Health and Delaware Hospice. She enjoyed the beach and spent many summer days on the family boat "J Walker." Her father taught her to fish at a young age and she enjoyed both saltwater fishing and fresh water fishing.

She is survived by her beloved son, Andrew C. Brittingham of Henlopen Acres, her brother John E. Walker of Bridgeville and nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her husband, Walter Brittingham.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in Joan's memory to Tunnell Cancer Center, 424 Savannah Road, Lewes, DE 19958 or to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Sign guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

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Tribute Wall

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DD

Donald C. Durost posted:

You all will be in our prayers DLee&Donald

February 6 at 8:00 PM

JE

Joann I. Elliott posted:

WALTER & FAMILY,PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.
SINCERELY, JOANN I. ELLIOTT

February 4 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jose R Casas posted:

In the short time that Joan and I spent many hours in the evening at STHS AED, she has been a great friend. As I have called her during the past few months concerned about her condition, I certainly wished that we could have at least had one more casual dinner for old times sake. But now I understand that she was courageously fighting for her life. Joan, I know you can hear me. May the Lord welcome you into His Kingdom and is now showering you with all His Graces and Comfort as much as you truly deserve. To Andrew, inasmuch as I was planning to go to the viewing tomorrow and Saturday, I may not be able to come because of medical and logistical issues. Please accept my sincerest sympathies. As I have mentioned to you earlier, please feel free to ask me for assistance if you care to. I realize that you may have a throng of support family and friends but just in case you are in a bind, please feel really free to contact me anytime. I will do whatever I can to help you in memory of your beloved Mom. Take care of yourself as I know you will and keep in touch regardless.José

February 3 at 8:00 PM

CL

Carol Lingo posted:

Andrew: Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your mother was very lucky to have such a wonderful son. She was always so proud. You know we are here for you.

February 3 at 8:00 PM



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AP

Amy J. R. Parker posted:

Joan was a wonderful person & my long time friend. They don't come any better then her!She was a good ole soul- the salt of the earth. She always gave to those she loved the most special gifts in life- love, time & concern. Over her life she cared for many folks, her family for one- Grandmother, Mother, Uncle John, & Father. And she cared for many others through her line of work. Joan was a dependable person who did what she did for others from her heart!She was a good old Rehoboth girl who loved our area & what it had to offer. She had many interesting stories to tell of her life here.Joan further showed her character in life by the way she dealt with her cancer diagnosis. She put up a courageous fight. She fought silently for that next day, week, month, & year. And she continued to see the good in life through it all, & did her best to enjoy life till her last breath. Through it all she shared more then once with me how Walter was always there for her when she needed him. And her brother John was very special to her too. And anybody that knew Joan knew "the light of her life" was Andrew! The fine young man he is, is a lasting tribute to Joan.May Joanie Woanie rest in everlasting peace now!

February 2 at 8:00 PM

CM

Christopher Millett posted:

Im sorry for your loss Andrew your mom was an amazing awesome person. If you need anything let me know bro you know i always got your back

February 2 at 8:00 PM

LC

Linda Chechila posted:

To the family of Joan.I was a student of Joan's many years ago in the medical field. We became special friends. I will miss her geniune friendship and love. She was a devoted mother to her son Andy,will deeply miss her.

February 1 at 8:00 PM

SK

Sue Waters Kellam posted:

Dear Andrew and family, I was in that fortunate group of St. Mary's College girls who knew and loved your mom. She was a warm, incredibly funny, delightful presence. She accomplished much in her life, but everyone knew her proudest achievement was having you. Please know that she holds a warm and special place in our hearts, and our our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
aa

January 31 at 8:00 PM



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PC

Patrick J Costa posted:

Keep smiling from above and Keep a light shining on Andrew. He loved you so much. You will remain in everyone's heart as you touched so many people.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

CH

Craig & Marvin Hitch posted:

Walt and Andrew we are very sorry for your loss.

January 30 at 8:00 PM

KK

Kristi King posted:

It was my privilege to work with Joan at Sussex Tech for years. She filled our building with light and laughter. Andrew, you are absolutely an amazing young man and you are in my thoughts & prayers. Kristi

January 29 at 8:00 PM

ML

Mary Jo (Jarmans) Loeber posted:

My deepest sympathy to Joan's family at this time. Joan and I were classmates in the Class of '64. I will keep you all in my prayers.

January 29 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jenny Buckler Crum posted:

I knew Joan at St. Mary's College and have kept in touch with her over the years through correspondence and college reunions. I always loved getting her Christmas card with Andy's picture to see how much he had grown in a year. She was so proud of him. We both had sons named Andrew and always talked about them when we saw or wrote each other. Joan's presence will truly be missed but her spirit will be with us always. God bless all your accomplishments on earth and the wonderful son you left.

January 28 at 8:00 PM



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Mary Miller posted:

Joan was a friend and colleague during our the time we worked together in the Sussex Tech Adult Division. Her greatest gift to me was sending Andy to UD where he was one of my all time favorite students. Joan's terrific sense of humor and her kindness & compassion lives on in Andy. Via con dios, JoanHugs to you, AndyLove & Peace, Mary Miller

January 27 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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