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Joan “Jan” Frances (Rafferty) Schoch of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, died peacefully and surrounded by family on the evening of June 20, 2022, in Lewes, Delaware, at the age of 92. Born into a large family in DuBois, Pennsylvania, on August 19, 1929, Jan’s residence for the last two decades had been in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. She was predeceased by Norman J. Schoch, her husband of sixty-two years. Jan was a petite lady but leaves behind a large family of four children, two daughters-in-law, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren, as well as her brother, Lawrence “Buck” Rafferty of DuBois, Pennsylvania.

Jan loved walking the beach. She loved being with family and talking about old times; she loved to laugh (especially if someone tripped). She was sentimental towards home, towards streets or even trees that held special memories. She used the same spoon to stir her coffee every day for nearly fifty years. She played the piano. She was easy going and simple in her tastes. If you were kind, that’s really all that mattered, you were in. A good meal, a story, a warm sweater, a fresh donut, a nice haircut. These were the things that made up who she was. You would have liked her. And if you cared about these things, she would have liked you too. She will be greatly missed.

A memorial service will be held for Jan at a future date in DuBois, Pennsylvania, where her heart always was.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jan’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, a charity to which Jan contributed for years (<https://www.stjude.org/give.html>).

Please sign the Jan's virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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**Moni White** posted:

I have many fond memories of my dear friend, Jan. - working at the thrift store with her and our many phone visits. She would call and say "I'm just going to talk a minute" and an hour later we were still gabbing. I will really miss her. Moni White

July 3 at 11:05 AM



**Kathleen Hartzfeld** posted:

My sympathy to the Schoch and Rafferty families. I always enjoyed my phone visits with Jan when she was visiting in the DuBois area.

June 28 at 1:18 PM



**Linda Chechila** July 17 at 10:04 AM

It has been almost a year since we talk last. I was just thinking time for that phone call. I met Jan when she came to work at Kauffmans Furniture in Dover, Delaware. We became close friends, I always told her she reminded me of my own mother. We shared many stories, every one loved Jan. We were all family there. We both moved to Florida but still kept in touch My heart is full and I will miss her beyond words. My deepest sympathy To Candy and the boys, and every one else Linda Chechila



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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