



Joan Dorothea Madeksza

September 1, 1933 - July 3, 2021

Joan Dorothea Madeksza (nee Ridgeway), of Lewes Beach, Delaware passed away July 3, 2021, at Beebe Hospital after suffering a debilitating stroke that left her unresponsive.

Joan Ridgeway was born on September 1, 1933, in New Hampton, Iowa, daughter of the late S.E. and Marion (Zimmerman) Ridgeway.

A graduate (summa cum laude) of the University of Iowa with a degree in Journalism, Joan was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. As a journalist, she spent her professional career as an educator, writer, and editor across the United States, including Nebraska, Delaware, Alabama, Connecticut, Florida, and North Carolina. Some of Joan's fondest memories revolved around her time teaching at Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, NC, and her students.

Joan's quick wit and love of entertaining sowed the soil for the numerous friends she gained as she and her family moved around the country. She was an avid reader, bridge player, and traveled the world extensively. Above all, Joan loved time spent with those she held most dear. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Madeksza, and an older sister Lois Lee Beier.

Joan is survived by her daughter, Michele Madeksza and her husband Glenn Krasker of Rehoboth Beach; her sons: Matthew Madeksza and his wife Cindy Ran of Wayne, PA, and Todd Madeksza and his wife Terry of Flagstaff, AZ.; her grandchildren: Maya Krasker of Dover, Zachary and Alex Madeksza of Wayne, and Charlie and Reagan Madeksza of Flagstaff; and her dear friend Wes Pippert of Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of Joan's favorite charities, The Rehoboth Film Society, Rehoboth Beach Film Society

107 Truitt Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 9, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins -Lodge Chapel, Lewes, DE, 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Events

JUL **Flowers to be delivered by:** 03:00PM

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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, US, 19958

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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JUL **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ WES purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Dorothea Madeksza.



WES - July 07 at 09:15 AM



“ I have so many wonderful memories of Joan and Hank. Getting to know them both while living in NC was such a gift. My heart is saddened knowing they are no longer here but I celebrate their heavenly reunion. My thoughts, my prayers and my love are with the family.

Lori Waldee-Warden - July 07 at 07:28 AM



“ Thank you for your warm message. My parents always carried wonderful memories of NC as well.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:06 PM



“ Madeksza Family Members
In a time of sadness, our memories are a precious gift.
Yor Mom & Dad always enjoyed our annual New York City trips,
and their classes at Life Long Learning, Lewes
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Joan Sciorra

Joan Sciorra - July 06 at 09:25 PM



“ I agree that my parents loved life and they lived it to the fullest. Thank you.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:07 PM



“ Such a flood of good memories of Joan that I would hardly know where to begin. Smart, personable and funny - I can hear her laugh now. Condolences to her children, Michele, Matthew and Todd, and all the grandchildren.

Stephanie Saxon - July 06 at 02:18 PM



“ Thanks Stephanie. My mother loved all her children's friends. She found them so be so much fun and was genuinely interested in them.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:08 PM



“ I was so very blessed to know Joan and Al, I cleaned their house in the country club and then when they bought the new home, I just loved them both so much, I loved all of her stories that she told me about her family and the places that her and Al went all over the world. I thank them both for all of the good times and great memories.
Love Mary Legg

Mary C Legg - July 05 at 06:48 PM



“ Thanks Mary. My mother enjoyed your stories as well. She always looked forward to your times together.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:10 PM



“ Joan was my co-worker in the Communications Department at St. Augustine's University (College). She was a great friend. guide, advisor, confidant and just a good person through and through.
I loved every minute we spent together at work, on our "lunch dates" and dinners at the house with her and her family when she and Al still lived in Raleigh.
She will be sorely missed.
Love always, Joan and my love and condolences to the family.

Dean Irwin

Dean Irwin - July 05 at 05:05 PM



“ You were such a great friend to my mother and she loved her time at St. Aug, teaching with her favorite St. Aug colleague. We all enjoyed getting to know you as well. Thanks, Dean.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:13 PM



“ Joan was a dear friend of mine we shared in a social group -The Dirty Dozen- in Milford for many years. Susan Derrickson

susan derrickson - July 05 at 01:08 PM



“ with love that never quit

Wes - July 05 at 07:32 PM



“ Sorry to learn of the loss of Joan. Tom and I enjoyed Dinner Club with her and Al when we were all in the Bay Crossing Community together.

Theda Levitt - July 06 at 02:42 PM



“ Yes, Wes and it all went way too fast. Thanks for everything.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:14 PM



“ Thanks Theda, My parents loved to entertain the Dinner Club at Bay Crossing brought them great times.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:16 PM



“ Thanks Susan. The Milford connection was a one of a kind. How lucky my parents were to be a part of such a wonderful group.

Michele Madeksza - July 14 at 04:17 PM