



Joan Murrey-McClain

July 4, 2021

Joan Murrey-McClain, 74, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Sunday, July 4, 2021. Born in Pottstown, PA, she was the daughter of the late William “Denny” Moore and Bearline DeHaven Moore.

She was an independent, strong, and fierce woman who was the backbone of her family. Joan’s family was especially important to her, she would do anything for anyone, she was very caring and giving and she was “Mom” to many besides her own children. She was an avid sports fan. Professional basketball, football, and wrestling were some of her favorites. During her free time, she enjoyed playing cards, watching General Hospital, and challenging herself with crossword puzzles and Sudoku. Her favorite pastime was gathering with her friends and family.

Joan worked for over thirty years as a telephone operator, she began early in her career at Bell Telephone and retired from the Communication Center.

Joan was very feisty and held strong opinions which she was eager to share. She was strong willed to the end. Joan held on long enough for everybody to say their goodbyes. In true Joan style, she made sure to protect her children before she took her last breath. She lived a long and full life, loved by many and will never be forgotten.

She is survived by her five children, Susan "Sue" Clarke (Mervyn), Pauline "Joy" Diaz (Vince), Calvin "Herb" Murrey (Cindy), William "Willie" Murrey (Angel), Kevin "K Rock" Murrey (Pierre); her fifteen grandchildren; her ten great grandchildren; her brother, Gary Moore, Sr. (Joanne); and her special cousin Paula Cunningham (Lew).

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Howard McClain, her daughter, Margaret Murrey, her brother Jay Moore, her son-in-law Timmy Boddy, and her grandson Kyle Murrey.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17603; the service will also be available on live stream at <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/6700184375>. Friends may greet the family starting at 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 Eighth Ave., 16th Floor, New York, NY, 10001.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Murrey-McClain*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - July 08, 2021 at 05:01 PM

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Aunt Joan was a loving and caring person I will miss her

Edith mae Fleshman - July 09, 2021 at 04:19 PM



“ *Joan Murrey-McClain*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

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“ *Our condolences and prayers are with all of you. We love you Kevin!*

Doug & Nancy Snuggs

Douglas & Nancy Snuggs - July 10, 2021 at 08:46 AM

RJ

“*Joan and family were neighbors on N. New St in West Chester many years ago. I have fond memories and we shared many laughs. My mother, who Joan called "Aunt Lib", treated her like family. One of my favorite memories was her taking me to see the roller derby in Philadelphia. Take your rest my friend. Prayers for comfort and ease go out to the family.*

-Rochelle Johnson Funches

RJFunches - July 10, 2021 at 08:12 AM

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“*Cynthia Whitfield, Rochelle Funches, John Rollins purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Murrey-McClain.*



Cynthia Whitfield, Rochelle Funches, John Rollins - July 09, 2021 at 02:51 PM

JR

“ To the Family and Friends of Joan Moore, please accept my condolences!!1Joan and I are High School Classmates (West Chester Henderson High's Class of 1964, Joan also was a next door neighbor of My Uncle and Aunt (Elizabeth and Ralph Johnson on N. New Street in West Chester) and we shared many laughs. Joan used to say shut the ... up Worm (my class clowning got others in trouble for laughing). I regret that we did not see each other since shortly after high school

LOVE YOU JOAN!!!

Your Olde Friend,

John L. Rollins, Esquire (Worm)

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John Rollins - July 09, 2021 at 02:31 PM



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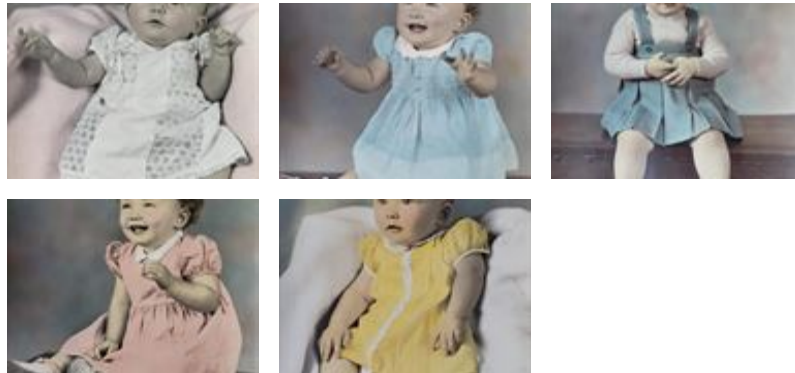
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“ Joan was a treasured friend and neighbor for 21 years, she became a part of my heart ,we spent many of evenings on the porch together ,ill miss her spunky ways ,her kind heart and her yelling at me for walking barefoot, she will be missed

Leigh costarella - July 08, 2021 at 08:44 PM



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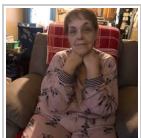
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“ *Fiery Lily and Rose* was purchased for the family of Joan Murrey-McClain.



July 08, 2021 at 11:00 AM



“ *From the very day I met you we became tighter than a pair of spandex pants. We were neighbors, we were co workers but most of all we was family. You always had your way with words and said what you wanted to say when you wanted to say it. Lol It was always nothing but love when you saw me ❤️❤️ I will forever miss your smile and your little sneaky laugh. I love you forever JUANA MARIA ECHAVARRIA DEHAVEN MOORE GONZALEZ MURREY MCCLAIN. UNTIL WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. TELL HOWARD AND BEARLINE WE SAID HI.*

Dori Weidman - July 07, 2021 at 07:17 AM



“ *I could lie to anyone, but I couldn't tell a lie to Joan, she would see right thru me, and say Carlos Thats a Lie, Not only Did she welcome me to the Family, she made me Part of the Family, I was her adopted son , and she was my forever mom, its not Goodbye definitely gonna miss you but I know we all will see each other again, so for now I wanna say Thank You, I Forever Love You Joan Murray, Mom*

Kinglos Vazquez - July 06, 2021 at 07:00 PM