



Joan J. Zellers

November 1, 2022

Joan Johnson Zellers, 75, of Lancaster died under the care of Hospice at Moravian Manor, Lititz, on November 1, 2022.

Joan was a 1964 graduate of McCaskey high school where she participated in gymnastics and other activities. Joan spent her young adulthood raising her two children. After her mother passed away of COPD, she was so impressed by the care offered by the Respiratory Therapists that she went back to school and earned her degree from Harrisburg Area Community College in Respiratory Therapy. After spending a majority of her life in Lancaster, Joan moved to Betterton, Maryland. While there she revisited her love of the Chesapeake Bay and became passionate about conservancy and was a founding member of the Sassafras River Association, now part of Shore Rivers. Joan was also very active in the Betterton Community Development Corporation (BCDC). After moving back to Lancaster three years ago to be closer to family, Joan was quick to make friends in her West Lampeter neighborhood.

Joan loved visiting Cape May, New Jersey, Williamsburg, Virginia, and truly cherished her winters in Pass-a-Grille Beach, Florida. A true lover of the outdoors, she enjoyed kayaking, sunsets, biking and walking on the beach searching for the perfect shells---of which she found a lot!

Joan is survived by her husband Ed Zellers, her daughters Kristen Canady wife of Shawn Canady, Lisa Nguyen, wife of Dan Nguyen and five grandchildren---Sam Nguyen, husband of Olivia Nguyen, Katelyn Canady, Max Nguyen, Madelyn Canady and Lily Nguyen. She is also survived by her youngest brother, Jere Johnson. Joan is preceded in death by her parents, Doris and Ted Johnson and her brother Dave Johnson.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Service of Remembrance at Grandview Church, 888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 on Friday, November 11, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. with The Rev. Jane Dutton officiating. The family will receive friends at Grandview Church on Friday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. The interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joan's name can be made to Shore Rivers, 114 South Washington Street, STE. 301, Easton, MD 21601.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan J. Zellers*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I first met Joannie when i was painting at outdoors at Dicks place 24 years ago and she was cleaning Rock fish behind their cottage. She had just caught them and was such an enthusiastic fisherwoman. We struck up a friendship and I was so glad when they redid the little house on the corner and moved to Betterton full time. She and Ed have been greatly missed since leaving for PA but never forgotten.*

Linda hall - November 14, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Joan's smile and happiness lit up every conversation and room. Sorry for your loss. Mark & Malcolm*

Mark & Malcolm - November 13, 2022 at 12:07 PM



“ *We will forever be mindful of Joan's gracious hospitality when she and Ed hosted a barbeque at their Betterton home. May God's Holy Spirit be of comfort to the entire family in this season of grief and bring joyous memories inside your tears. Jesus bless and keep you, Willard & Reese*

Willard - November 10, 2022 at 01:58 PM

GA

Karen's and my condolences to you, Kristen and Lisa and your extended family, Ed. I will miss the two of you cruising through the neighbor on your way to and from visiting the girls.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gary

Gary - November 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM

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“*Joan was such an important part of the Sassafras River Association in helping it get started and keeping it going in the early years with her energy and enthusiasm. We haven't seen her since she and Ed moved back to Pennsylvania but we really missed them both and enjoyed getting to know them on the Sass. Miss you Joan. Ellyn Vail*”

Ellyn Vail - November 10, 2022 at 11:13 AM

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“*Town of Betterton, Mayor and Council purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Joan J. Zellers.*”



Town of Betterton, Mayor and Council - November 10, 2022 at 08:26 AM