



Joan S. Jekel

August 29, 1928 - April 8, 2017

Joan S. Jekel, age 88, died Saturday, April 08, 2017, at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born in Newark, NJ, she was the daughter of the late William and Julie Stefanik. She was a lifelong teacher who loved reading, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, her plants, swimming, chocolate, "5 O'Clock Wine Time," and so many cherished friends. Ms. Joan became "grandmother" to the many children that she lovingly cared for. Her greatest love was for her family who will deeply miss her. She was a member of St. Michaels Catholic Church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Henry Jekel and a grandson, Matt Jekel.

Survivors include sons, Edward H. Jekel (Noreen) of New Hartford, NY, Mark W. Jekel (Linda) of Blossvale, NY, Charles F. Jekel (Ann Marie) of Colorado Springs, CO, Fritz J. Jekel of Columbia, SC, and John S. Jekel (Kay) of Sumter, SC; daughters, Tracy A. Riddle (Michael) of Raleigh, NC and Gretchen W. Burkey (John) of Marlton, NJ; 13 grandchildren, Andrew, Samantha, Jonathan, Jeremy, Katy, CJ, Michael, Ciara, Rachel, Sarah, Laura, and John Pat; and great grandchildren, Wills and Brooks.

A private mass will be held at St. Michaels Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to: St. Michaels Catholic Church 542 Cypress Ave. Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *John lit a candle in memory of Joan S. Jekel*



John - May 07, 2017 at 09:27 PM

MG

“ *Sending condolences & sincere sympathy.
Your Mom was a beautiful and strong woman!*

Marianne Greer Czupryna

Marianne Greer - April 10, 2017 at 05:50 PM

PL

“ *We were all blessed in our neighborhood to have know Joan! She was someone I will always call my dear, dear friend.. We shared such special times going to Adoration Chapel and the 12 o'clock Thursday Mass at St. Michaels's Church. Our visits with each other were so filled with stories, laughter and good times having our "tea". One would always be emotionally picked up after spending time with this great lady!*

*She truly was a shining star to all who were blessed to know her!
The world is minus one extraordinary and great lady!
Our thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family.
Sincerely, Patti and Tim Loeb*

Patti and Tim Loeb - April 10, 2017 at 01:16 PM

DS

“ I best remember Joan from the post office in Murrells Inlet, where her smiling face always brightened my day. She baby sat my grand children who are grown now and also my friend Andrea Wilkins little daughter, Drew, who is now 19. Joan was always on the go and always was a positive influence in all the lives she touched. I know her family is proud of the woman she was and we were all blessed to have known her. Rest in peace, our good friend. With love,
Donna Skeen and Daryl Faulkenberry

Donna Skeen - April 10, 2017 at 12:09 PM

AW

“ Joan gave generations enduring friendships, and adopted so many of us, convincing us that we gave her the greater kindnesses. That was her gift.
With love, Andrea & Drew Wilkins



Andrea Wilkins - April 10, 2017 at 11:41 AM

SO

“ Fritz,

I am so sorry for your loss. I remember her telling me you were her favorite 6th child! That memory always brought a smile to me. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandra

Sandra Orvig - April 10, 2017 at 10:32 AM

MM

“ *My deepest sympathies to the family on your recent loss. No words can express the loss of a dear loved one. May all of you find comfort and peace in all the loving memories you've shared together with your loved one. Please find comfort in knowing that God understands your grief and He cares for you . (1 Peter 5:6,7) -*

Mike and Monica - April 10, 2017 at 07:17 AM

ST

“ *Ed, Noreen and Family;*

Jackie and I are so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. May God bless and comfort you and your family during this difficult time.

Stephen & Jackie Teti

Stephen Teti - April 10, 2017 at 06:50 AM

BT

“ *What a wonderful and caring person. I remember the first time we met Joan. Joe and Tonya had invited her to dinner with the family. I could not get over how spry and such a personable individual she was. So many times Tonya mentioned her fondly. And they did many times what they could do to help her out but Joan being Joan didn't want all kinds of attention! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Many memories will forever be shared. Bless you Joan for your wonderful life. Butch & Maureen Thomas*



Butch & Maureen Thomas - April 09, 2017 at 05:44 PM

 Nicole
Cocomazzi

“ Dear Jekel Family,
I was saddened to read of your Mother's passing. We have many fond memories of Joan from St. Agnes to Friday night Chinese at the Tiki Toi Restaurant to the kids friendships at school. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. Sincerely yours, Ann Cocomazzi and Family

Nicole Cocomazzi - April 09, 2017 at 05:29 PM

JR

“ Dear Ed, Noreen and family, very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. You are all in our prayers.
Jean-Michel, Leonel and Rémi
Wells, UK

JM Richard - April 09, 2017 at 04:02 PM

CL

“ Ed and Noreen, my sincere condolences. Ed, your Mom was a lovely lady. May she rest in peace. Carol Longo

Carol Longo - April 09, 2017 at 05:49 AM

MK

“ Dear Jekel Family,
I am so very saddened to hear of your mom's passing. She was an excellent teacher and a wonderful friend. I have such fond memories of all of our times together. I was so looking forward to visiting her in May. I guess it was not meant to be.
With sincere sympathy,
Marguerite A. Simonetti Kershaw

Marguerite Kershaw - April 08, 2017 at 10:02 PM

RD

Our prayers and thoughts are with you all...Ray Durso & The Genesis Group of the Mohawk Valley

Ray Durso - April 08, 2017 at 11:35 PM

VD

*Dear Jekel Family,
I had the great honor and privilege to take your beautiful mother to Mass and Adoration one morning. What a special experience that was for me! The thing that inspired me the most about this awesome lady was the true and honest JOY that was within her. Laughter came so naturally to her and she had a great laugh!! She was SO FULL OF JOY! Even with her aches and pains, she still was full of joy and shared it with EVERYONE! She was also so proud of her family and we had a great conversation in the car about all of you. I thank God for her beautiful life and for the great privilege of being able to get to know such a Faith-filled, BEAUTIFUL lady. My prayers are with you during this sad time...Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her; May she Rest In Peace, Amen.*

*Sincerely,
Veronica Damore*

Veronica Damore - April 09, 2017 at 08:16 AM

HR

*I will miss Joan so much. When I was able to visit with her, we always enjoyed our glass of wine. I am still trying to wrap my head around that she has gone home to be with our Lord.
God speed. Joan.*

Helen Riddle - April 09, 2017 at 04:10 PM

DB

Sympathy and prayers from Dayle Butterworth and family.

Dayle Butterworth - April 15, 2017 at 09:37 PM