



## Joan C. VanCampen

November 18, 1927 - October 22, 2020

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Myrtle Beach, SC... Joan Carol (MacDonald Wadsten) VanCampen, 92, died Thursday, October 22, 2020 at her residence surrounded by her family, after a brief illness.

Joan was born on November 18, 1927 in Passaic, NJ to the late Gardner MacDonald and Emma Jacobs MacDonald.

Joan was the widow of Robert Carl Wadsten and the proud Mother of 2 sons, Gary (wife, Kelli) and Robb (wife, Bobbi). After the passing of her first husband, she was blessed to meet and marry Harry VanCampen, widower, who was the father of 3 children, Bob (wife, Jane), Barbara (husband, Don) and Jeff (wife, Trish) and they raised their combined 5 children as their own. They were married for 32 years prior to Harry's passing in 1997.

Along with her children, left to cherish her memory are 8 grandchildren, Chad Zimmerman (Sarah), Ryan Zimmerman (Shannon), Kristen Anderson, Stephanie Tarrant (McCord), Cole Wadsten, Shawna VanCampen, Jolie Baker (Ryan), Julie VanCampen, and 7 great grandchildren whom she adored.

Joan had a successful career for 24+ years in the Pharmaceutical world, working for Warner-Lambert. She worked directly with the FDA coordinating approvals and reviews for new prescription drugs and was highly respected. Joan was a longtime, devoted member of Surfside United Methodist Church. She was a bright light in this world who truly loved every person that she met and had a way of making you feel that love. She never asked anything from

anyone and was the strongest woman we knew. Her memory and legacy will continue to live on through her family and many friends.

Her lifelong beliefs and strong faith carried her and her loved ones as she was at peace, full of gratitude even on the hard days, and was confident of her place in Heaven.

Joan had a special love for horses, dogs, books, politics, movies, sports, crossword puzzles and conversation. She was known for many things, but maybe most famously for her never ending gifts of greeting cards with personal notes. Whether it was your birthday or Halloween, she never missed an occasion to send her love and let you know that she was thinking about you.

Special thanks go to Tammy Howell, her devoted caregiver and dear friend, Homewatch Caregivers and Amedysis Hospice for the love, respect and support that Joan and her family received during this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life will be held on November 20th at Surfside United Methodist Church at a time to be announced. Friends may sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, SC is assisting the family.

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Joan & our mom, Mary Lu Bodkin Parks, were lifelong friends starting from their junior high days in Nutley, New Jersey. When our mom passed away five years ago, my sisters & I began a wonderful correspondence with Joan. Her notes were amazing - full of life & grace. Her notes reflected a love for beauty, her family & a personal interest in us as her friend's daughters. She would remark on the joys of her family - i.e. spending the Easter service & meal together, enjoying a walk through the grounds of a beautiful garden or how proud she was of each of you, how pleased to spend time with you. I marveled how she would remember details of my family - my husband's work, where our daughters lived, being able to spend time with a grandchild. And her personal faith encouraged me with her deep assurance in trusting God for His goodness. I can see why Joan & Mom had such an enduring friendship. They both were so positive, interested in life & others. My prayers & love go out to all of you in her family. From my own experience losing Mom, you will think of your mom often & will miss her deeply. Yet, you will be comforted knowing what a rich gift you had - a mom that loved you & had dreams for you, always believing God's best for you. My condolences, Marty Parks Colwell, Waterloo IA

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**Marty Colwell** - November 30, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan C. VanCampen.



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November 17, 2020 at 02:15 PM

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“ Roberts Civil Engineering purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan C. VanCampen.



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**Roberts Civil Engineering** - November 11, 2020 at 09:43 AM

JL

“ Joan was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever met. To know Joan was to truly Love her. I was so blessed to have our paths cross and enjoyed the quality time spent with her. Many fond memories I have. Prayers to all the family. Much love, Jayne Lawson

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**Jayne Lawson** - October 28, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joan C. VanCampen.



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October 27, 2020 at 11:17 AM

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“ Our prayers are with all of you. Joan was truly a gift from God.

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**Steve and Debbie Zimmerman** - October 27, 2020 at 11:07 AM

BF

“ *My Aunt Joan was everything, wonderful, wise, full of grace, humor, with a positivity that was comforting and more. To honor her we need to emulate her. She has always been and will continue to be in my heart.*

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**Barbara Flynn** - October 27, 2020 at 09:08 AM

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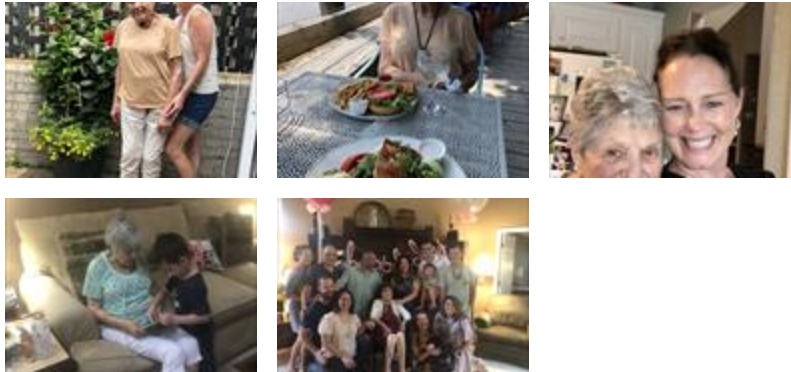
“ *My very best friend of 15 years, far more than neighbor to us. She was like my mother, and turned out to become my mothers best friend.*

*She is family to our family as she enjoyed every family day and event we had.*

*My tears of joy that she is no longer suffering.*

*And is finally with her parents and husband.*

*Kiss my mom for me Joan!*



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**Andrea Ziel-Damico** - October 27, 2020 at 07:35 AM

DA

“ *Her picture and smile says it all. I'll always treasure the ride home we shared after Stephanie's wedding in Charleston. We had such a great time talking about life and family. She treasured both so much.*

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**Damon** - October 26, 2020 at 11:28 AM

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*Joan was a dear friend. She was such a classy lady. She and I were the only ones in one of our small group studies years ago, but we had a wonderful time talking together. My love and sympathy to her beloved family.*

*Fonda Rist*

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**Fonda A. Rist** - October 26, 2020 at 02:45 PM

AC

“ Sorry for your loss Rob. May she rest in peace.

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**Ann Comer** - October 25, 2020 at 04:17 PM

RJ

“ THANK YOU Mom...for being not just my loving and devoted Mother, but an inspiration to me and countless family and friends of how to live life while we're here. Although my heart is broken right now, I know that your smiling knowing that. I know I will see you again when God calls me to be with him and you. I Will Always LOVE YOU DEARLY...❤️ Robb



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**Robb C Wadsten Jr** - October 25, 2020 at 08:01 AM