



Joan James

October 30, 1934 - January 31, 2024

Joan James, age 89, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2024. She was born in 1934 in Monroe, MI to her parents, Michael Chalfa and Anna (Billick) Chalfa.

Joan shared 59 years with her husband, Donald James. He preceded her in death in 2018.

Don and Joan started their life together in Toledo, OH, where they enjoyed dancing, particularly Polka dances. Joan initially worked as a bank teller prior to welcoming two children, Diane James and Brian James. Several years after the arrival of their children, Don's job transferred him to Morristown, NJ, where the family lived for the next 25 years. Joan was very active, socializing with friends, playing tennis and bridge, and volunteering at the local hospital. She was very attentive to the family, engaging with her daughter's Girl Scout troop, active in the PTA, and being a "neighborhood mom". After the children were in high school, Joan worked as an administrative assistant at AT&T where she was known for her friendly personality and diligent work.

In 1993, Don and Joan retired to Ocala, FL, where they continued their active lifestyle. They enjoyed tennis, card games, and traveled extensively on cruises and other trips with friends and family.

After Don's passing in 2018, Joan moved to Alexandria, VA, to be closer to her family. She made many friends at her new home where she was known for her good nature, sense of humor, and heartfelt caring for others. Visits from her grandchildren and the arrival of a great-grandchild were the highlights of her later years.

Joan is survived by her children Diane (Kenneth Williams) James, Brian (Elizabeth) James, her four grandchildren, Nathan (Amy) Northrup, Elise (Nicholas) Booth, Kyle Northrup, Baden James, great grandchildren Delaney Northrup and Kaeden Ressler, sister Mary Ann (Chalfa) Spacil, sister-in-law Debbie Chalfa and 6 nieces & nephews. She is preceded in death by her brother John Chalfa.

Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget the kindness Joanne showed me and her incredible ability to meet new people, no matter where we were she always left with a new friend. I we always hold a special place in my heart for her.

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