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Joan Frances (Riley) Underwood, 88, of Lawrence, MA, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 17, 2021 surrounded by her family.

Born in Lowell, MA on June 22, 1932, the daughter of the late, John and Katherine (McKenna) Riley, she was the youngest of eight children.

Joan was the beloved wife of the late Thomas Jefferson Underwood Jr. whom she married on April 16, 1955. They spent 13 loving years together before he passed away. Joan graduated from Lowell High School in 1950 with honors and completed her studies at Saint John's School of Nursing in Lowell, MA in 1953.

She began her career in nursing at St. John's Medical Center in Lowell. She later worked at Lawrence General Hospital and retired from the City of Lawrence where she worked as a public health nurse and a school nurse for many years. After retiring from the city, Joan worked part time at Degnan Insurance in Lawrence into her eighties.

Joan cherished her time with her family more than anything. She enjoyed annual outings with the grandkids to Canobie, and her birthday celebrations at the beach each year. She was a devout Catholic and parishioner of Saint Patrick's Parish, Lawrence.

During the COVID pandemic Joan was a resident of Prescott House in North Andover and developed close relationships with several of her caregivers. The family wishes to thank them for their love, care, and support. The family also thanks the staff at Lawrence General Hospital Emergency Room and H4 staff, as well as the staff at High Pointe House.

Joan is survived by her loving children, Claire Wood of Lawrence, MA, Thomas Underwood and his wife Vanessa of Plaistow, NH, Kathy Cuddy and her husband John of Dracut, MA, and Kevin Underwood and his wife Jill of Salisbury, MA, seven grandchildren: Melissa McKinnon, Lynn Wood, Caroline Reynolds, Sarah Millar,



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Katherine Sottung, Meredith Underwood, and Nathan Underwood, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and loving husband, Joan was pre-deceased by her siblings, Dorothy, John and his wife Ruth, Muriel, Shirley and her husband Joseph Sorota, William and his wife Peggy, Gerald and his wife Teresa, Mary, and her brother-in-law, William Underwood and his wife Jacqueline.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Saint Patrick's Parish. Burial will follow at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Waverly Rd., No. Andover. Family and friends are invited to call on Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, 35 Merrimack St., North Andover, MA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cor Unum Meal Center, 118 South Broadway, Lawrence, MA 01843.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the John Breen Funeral Home, Inc., 25 Merrimack St., North Andover, MA 01845. For more information or to send an online condolence please visit our website at: www.breenfuneralhome.com



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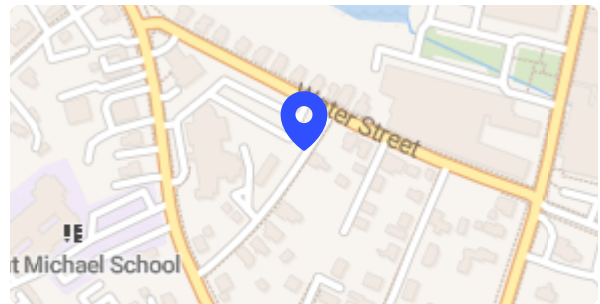
Wake

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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35 Merrimack St., North Andover MA 01845



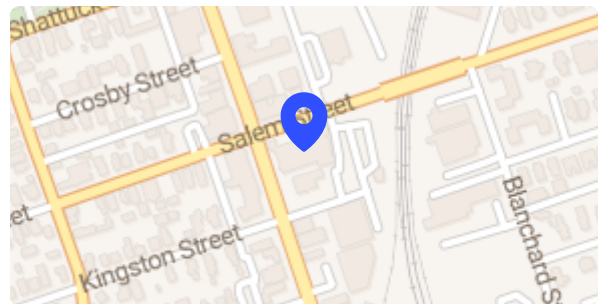
Funeral Mass

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

9:00 AM ET

St. Patrick Church

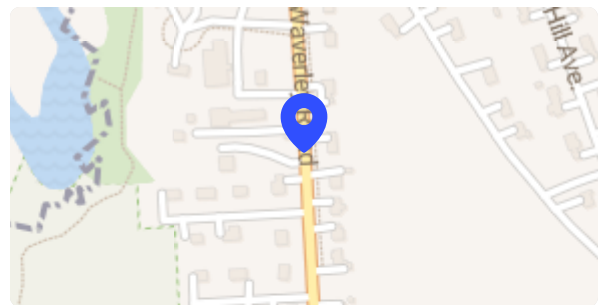
118 South Broadway, Lawrence MA 01843



Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Waverly Road, North Andover MA 01845





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Joseph Griffin posted:

Very Sorry to hear about the loss of your beautiful mother. My thoughts are with you during this time. Joseph Griffin

June 23 at 4:37 AM



Brian Durkin lit a candle in honor of Joan.

My condolences to the Underwood family. Joan was a wonderful friend and fellow parishioner at St. Patrick Parish. She loved her family, her faith, and her friends. I am sure she will be missed. My mom (Irene) enjoyed working with her at the office at the Kane School and had many fond memories with Joan. Brian Durkin



June 22 at 12:10 PM



Lisa Comparone Gamache posted:

Sending you our deepest sympathies Tom and the entire Underwood Family.. May all the beautiful memories of your beloved Mom, help to comfort you all. 🧑‍🦰 The Comparone Family

June 21 at 1:23 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Underwood family.



June 21 at 10:31 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Underwood family.



June 21 at 9:45 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Underwood family.



June 21 at 8:57 AM



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Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Underwood family.



June 21 at 6:31 AM



Kathleen Nale posted:

dear tom, vanessa and family,my sincere condolences on your mom's passing.kathleen and richard nale

June 20 at 3:24 PM



James Oneill posted:

To My friends the underwood family. Sorry for the loss of Mom.She was a very nice women . Her memory lives on in all of you.Hugs to all of you!Jim & Linda ONeill

June 20 at 5:03 AM



Joline Talbot lit a candle in honor of Joan.

Many, many years ago Melissa introduced me to her Nana, aka Joan. She just didn't look like a "Joan" to me so I asked if it was okay if I called her Nana, so Nana it was!!! ❤️ I used to run into her when she would go to vote or in the supermarket and it was always such a treat to take a few moments to catch up.

I've missed seeing her smile since she moved to the nursing home but I'm glad to know that she was well taken care of. She was a wonderful, warm, welcoming woman that loved her family immensely and she will certainly be missed by all. May she rest in peace...



June 19 at 11:43 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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