



## Joan M. Polak

August 2, 1935 - September 23, 2023

Joan M. Polak, age 88, of Manville, New Jersey, passed away on September 23, 2023. She was born on August 2, 1935, to Joseph and Sophie Ulman. Joan was a loving and understanding mother and grandmother, known for her sense of humor. Joan is survived by her four children, Michelle Monturo and her spouse Joseph, John Polak, Donna Blair, Allan Polak, and his spouse Denise. She also leaves behind 15 grandchildren: Eric and Shayna Caligerie, Jonathan and Christina Polak, Alicia and Amanda Sabella, Brett and Kayla Polak, Kimmie Cappola, Devon Polak, Rachael Polak, Christie Monturo, Samantha Polak, Joey Monturo, Cassandra Polak, and 3 great-grandchildren: Jason Cappola, Anastasia Polak, and Dax Polak. She is predeceased by her husband Michael Polak, daughter Karen Polak, and her parents, Joseph and Sophie Ulman. Joan dedicated 38 years of her career to working at Johnson and Johnson ESDP on Route 1 in New Brunswick where she retired from at the age of 65. She was also a member of the 14th District First Aid Squad, where she served for over 50 years. In her spare time, Joan loved to read and watch old John Wayne movies, the Hallmark Channel and listening to Elvis Presley. In her spare time she enjoyed bowling and traveling with her best friend of 78 years, Helen Toth. Joan attended Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Manville, New Jersey. The visitation will take place on Thursday, September 28, 2023 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. The Funeral will be on Friday, September 29, 2023 8:00 AM from the Ketusky Funeral Home followed by a

9:00 AM Mass at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church (Christ the Redeemer Parish) in Manville, NJ. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Hillsborough, NJ. Joan M. Polak will be deeply missed by her loved ones, who will forever cherish the memories they shared with her. Donations are welcome.

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

1096 Millstone River Road  
Hillsborough, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home  
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747  
Manville, NJ 08835  
(908) 575-8512  
info@ketusky.com  
<https://www.ketusky.com>

## Mass

SEP **29**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church  
98 South Second Ave.  
Manville, NJ 08835

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.* ”



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September 27, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan M. Polak. ”

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September 27, 2023 at 04:26 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.* ”



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September 27, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.* ”



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September 26, 2023 at 01:30 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Joanie was a special lady and she will be sorely missed. I will miss our weekly phone conversations and our visits. Rest in Peace Joan. Susan & Tony Grimando

Susan - September 25, 2023 at 08:59 PM

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Donna and family I'm so sorry to hear about your mom, I'm sending my condolences, may she rest in peace

Susan T - September 28, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.



September 25, 2023 at 04:23 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.



September 25, 2023 at 03:36 PM



“ *A Life Loved Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Joan M. Polak.*



September 25, 2023 at 03:21 PM



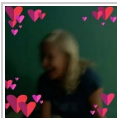
“ *We had a special bond as cousins and neighbors. I will miss you with all my heart! Say hi to our family up there! Love you, always and forever!*

**Nancy Szymanski Milonski** - September 25, 2023 at 03:06 PM

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*All the shenanigans we put our family through.... Thanks Nancy!*

**Michelle Monturo** - September 26, 2023 at 10:42 PM



*True that! :)*

**Nancy Szymanski Milonski** - September 28, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *Nancy Szymanski Milonski sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan M. Polak*



**Nancy Szymanski Milonski** - September 25, 2023 at 03:03 PM



“ *I have an entire lifetime of memories.....rest in peace Joanie..*

**JOYCE A VENIS** - September 25, 2023 at 12:33 PM