



Joan Bolkovac

October 16, 1934 - September 26, 2022

Joan Mayrene (Pavlov) Bolkovac. Born October 16, 1934, to John and Mary (Yurko) Pavlov in Struthers, Ohio. Joan was the beloved wife of Jack (James P.) Bolkovac for sixty-one years, and mother to Mary Beth (Jim) Holycross of Powell, Ohio, Jim (Stefanie) Bolkovac of Lewis Center, Ohio, and Julie Ann (John) Carney of Powell, Ohio. She was grandmother to Emma and Jack E. Bolkovac, Andrew and Nathan Holycross, and Alyson (Billy) Smith, and Great-Grandmother to Caiden and Cameron Smith.

Joan was a 1952 graduate of Struthers High School. She was very proud of her roots and family heritage and always referred to herself as a “Depression Baby.” She was proud of her family and her parents who sacrificed to encourage her and her siblings, John, Shirley, and Donald, to do well and be successful.

She was a 1956 graduate of Youngstown University, where she was a member of the Tri-Sigma sorority and a reporter with The Jambar. She later continued her education with graduate level work at both Youngstown and The Ohio State University.

In 1956, she began her teaching career at Youngstown Woodrow Wilson High School in the English department. On September 2, 1961, she married Jack, a fellow teacher at Woodrow Wilson. The city schools at that time had a policy

that husband-and-wife were not allowed to teach at the same school, so Joan moved to the Boardman School system, where she taught English until the birth of their first child in 1968. At that point, she chose to take a hiatus from her career she loved to raise their three children. Joan was able to return to teaching in the Springfield Local School District, where she taught until she retired in 1997. She truly loved her profession and always proudly told everyone she met "I'm a teacher."

She and Jack, with their three children, took advantage of their summers off from school by travelling and visiting most of our 50 states, from Alaska to Hawaii and almost everywhere in between.

In 2010, they moved to Delaware, Ohio to be closer to their children and grandchildren, and to follow their grandchildren's academic and athletic activities as closely as they did their children's. "Grandma and Grandpa B' were well-known in those circles.

Joan will be missed not only by her immediate family, but also by her brother and sister, brothers- and sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews, and grand-nieces and nephews, all of whom she had close relationships with. Family and tradition were very important to Joan, and she always kept those bonds tight.

Calling hours will be held of Friday, October 7, 2022, from 5-8pm at Rutherford Funeral Home, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 82 East William Street, Delaware, Ohio, 43015. The Funeral Mass will be live streamed. Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell is honored to care for the Bolkovac Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Bolkovac*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Miss Pavlov was my English teacher at WWHS. I graduated in 1961. She was a good teacher. I was so happy when she married Mr Bolkovac. Although I did not stay in touch with either of them, I am glad to know that they had a wonderful life, family and grand and great grand children. May you all cherish the wonderful memories you have of her. Love and prayers...Mary Lou Pelly Carbon.*

Mary Lou Carbon - October 21, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.*



October 07, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.*



October 07, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



October 07, 2022 at 08:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



October 06, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



October 05, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray* was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



October 05, 2022 at 10:04 AM

FC

“ Frank & Shirley Masluk & Children purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



Frank & Shirley Masluk & Children - October 04, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DP

“ Don & Marilyn Pavlov purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



Don & Marilyn Pavlov - October 04, 2022 at 01:02 PM

BR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Joan. May all your wonderful memories bring you comfort at this difficult time.

*The Ruby family
Hubbard, Ohio*

Barbara Robey - October 04, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.



October 03, 2022 at 06:43 PM

MC

“ *Dear Bolkovac family, you are in our thoughts & in our hearts.. Rest In Peace Joan. Sincerely, Jim & Marlene Carney*

marlene carney - October 02, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Bolkovac.*



October 02, 2022 at 05:05 PM