



## Joanne McCaffrey

August 20, 1936 - June 3, 2025

Joanne "Jo" P. Renner-McCaffrey, RD, LD, age 88, who was born on August 20, 1936, in Columbus, Ohio, to Anthony Amicon and Filomena (Gasbarro) Amicon, passed away at home in the loving presence of her family on Tuesday June 3, 2025, in Columbus, OH, after a battle with cancer and Hospice care for 2 months. Jo was devoted to family, church, and her career as a Dietitian in addition to being a treasured friend to many.

She was a proud graduate of Grandview High School in 1954 and of The Ohio State University in 1958. While at OSU she was also a member of the Alpha Phi sorority with many close friendships. After graduating from OSU she started her career as a Registered Dietitian at Mt. Carmel Hospital for two years and was a member in good standing of the Dietetic Association. She moved to Riverside Methodist Hospital (then White Cross) where she served patients and colleagues for over 30 years. She was particularly thrilled to have taught nutrition at the school of nursing for almost 9 years while at Riverside. She also worked with the team and patients of the first dialysis unit at Riverside. She was very focused as well on ensuring the hospital passed their Joint Commission accreditation and, along with her co-author Anna (Chris) Hendricks Leyshon, RD, LD, published the book "Quality Assurance in Nutrition" in 1989.

Jo married Donn W. Renner in 1958 and was widowed in 1976. She found love again and remarried to Patrick McCaffrey in 1981. She loved time with

family, cooking, Ohio State Football, flower arranging, gardening, crochet, and family traditions especially at Easter and Christmas. She and her husband Patrick enjoyed many years as "snowbirds" in Estero, Florida where they made great friends and memories. She was an avid believer that seeing a cardinal meant someone departed was watching in and saying, "Hello". Look for the cardinals and remember her too with love.

Jo is preceded in death by her parents, Anthony Amicon and Filomena (Gasbarro) Amicon, as well as by her brothers Charles A. Amicon and Dr. Robert F. Amicon; sister-in-law Margaret Ann Amicon (Boyd) Amicon; first husband, Donn W. Renner, and many close aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. She is survived by her loving husband, Patrick P. McCaffrey; her daughter Barbara J. Amicon (Renner-West); step-daughters Erin Thompson (Bill), Kelly Ogilby (Stu), Colleen Rogge (Mark), and Bridget Janes (Harry); 9 grandchildren, Kevin Murphy, Sean Dillon (Julie), Seana MacCready, Anna Sapp (Paul), Brian Rogge, Eric Rogge (Chelsea), Hunter Sagar (Bella), Paige Sagar, and Casey Sagar; great grandchildren and many cherished nieces and nephews.

Mass will be held Friday June 13, 2025 at 12:30 at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 6899 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus 43235. Mass will be followed by an interment blessing at Resurrection Cemetery, 9571 N. High St., Lewis Center, OH 43035. Please join the family after services as well for luncheon and celebration of life gathering - contact family for details please. At Jo's request there will not be a viewing or funeral home reception prior to cremation. Condolences may be sent directly to family or via [www.Rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.Rutherfordfuneralhomes.com). In lieu of flowers, if you are so inclined, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church  
6899 Smoky Row Road  
Columbus, OH 43235  
<http://www.stpetercolumbus.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dave Goelz, Debbie Dutton, and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Joanne McCaffrey.*



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**Dave Goelz, Debbie Dutton, and family** - June 12, 2025 at 11:46 AM

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“ *Dan & Joanne Moffa Jr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joanne McCaffrey.*



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**Dan & Joanne Moffa Jr** - June 11, 2025 at 07:27 AM