



## Joy Ann Lelonek

May 21, 1939 - March 22, 2024

Joy Ann Lelonek, 84, of Powell, Ohio, and formerly of Naples, Florida, passed away with her family at her side on Friday, March 22, 2024. She was born May 21, 1939 to the late Ann and John "Jack" Gompers. She graduated from St. Mary's of the Springs High School in Columbus and earned her degree from The Ohio State University. Joy was the Executive Director of United Arts Council of Collier County, Florida. Joy is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arthur "Art" Lelonek; and sister, Judy Griesenbrock. She is survived by sister, Jackie Shannon; and children, Irene Long (Terry McRoberts) of Cincinnati, OH, James, Stephen (Susan) of Columbus, Joseph (Debra) of West Palm Beach, Florida and Amy (Andrew) Barienbrock of New Albany. She is also survived by her grandchildren Mick (Erin) Long, Andrea (Greg) Wehman, Danielle Long (Annette), Joey Lelonek, Jr., Cameron Lelonek, Madison Lelonek (Nik) and Cassidy and Zachary Barienbrock, and her great-grandchildren Sophia Rose and Sam Wehman, and Victor, Vince and Vance Long.

Family will receive friends from 4 PM to 7 PM, Wednesday, March 27th at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Noon on Thursday, March 28th at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church at 10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, OH 43065 with

Father David Arroyo officiating. A celebration of life and entombment will follow at a later date. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be directed to support FFN of Greater Columbus, 6610 Masefield St., Worthington, OH 43085. Please visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com) to send condolences to the Lelonek Family

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

9571 North High Street  
Lewis Center, OH 43035

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
450 West Olentangy Street  
Powell, OH 43065  
(614) 792-1471  
[info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com)  
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church  
10700 Liberty Road  
Powell, OH 43065  
<http://www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/>

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Susan (Reeves), Janette (Ries), David and Tim Becker would like to extend our condolences to the Lelonek family for your loss. As next door neighbors for many years, Joy was an integral member of our respective childhood days, and we all have many fond memories. We hope that the family can take pride in the life lived, and relish all the moments that you had together.

Tim Becker - March 27, 2024 at 03:43 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.



March 27, 2024 at 12:28 PM

MS

“ Hi I'm friends with Jame s her son so i have meet his mom couple times the last time I saw her was a the picking family and friends network had last year

Molly Schluer - March 26, 2024 at 10:04 PM

VG

“ Vincent Greco lit a candle in memory of Joy Ann Lelonek



Vincent Greco - March 26, 2024 at 05:12 PM

VG

“ 3 files added to the album Memories



Vincent Greco - March 26, 2024 at 03:40 PM

VF

“ Vincent, Dawn Greco and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Ann Lelonek.

Vincent, Dawn Greco and Family - March 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

VF

“ Vincent, Dawn Greco and Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.



Vincent, Dawn Greco and Family - March 26, 2024 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ Jack and Judy purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.



Jack and Judy - March 26, 2024 at 12:57 PM

JS

“ Joy was a joy! We met in high school and reconnected 50 years later. We met for breakfast with other classmates and kept in touch by phone or occasional visits. I always felt uplifted when we got together! She was such a positive person! She'll live in our hearts and memories!

Julie Secrest - March 26, 2024 at 09:31 AM

GG

“ Gail Merry & John Glenn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joy Ann Lelonek.

Gail Merry & John Glenn - March 26, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.



March 26, 2024 at 09:25 AM

AS

“ I always thought Joy was well named but another apt name would have been Fine. No matter what huge medical procedure she was undergoing, when asked how she was, she always answered. " Fine." There was only one time very recently when I did not ask so she did not have to answer..

*Three of us , all class mates at St. Mary of the Springs Academy headed up the NAMI FC fund raiser walk for many years. I am sure it will go on without her but for me, it will never be the same. For that matter, nothing will ever be the same with her.*

*May she finally Rest in Peace,  
Annie McKinnon Seren*

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**Ann Seren** - March 25, 2024 at 08:28 PM

BJ

“ Joy and I worked together at Directions for Youth. We were good friends. We visited her and Art in Naples. Joy had a couple of my oil paintings, one with her and my wife walking along the beach. She was up beat and a real JOY to be around. She will be missed.

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**Brian Johnston** - March 25, 2024 at 06:15 PM

JD

“ Joy and I went to grade school and high school together. I remember the May crowning at St. Mary Magdalene's church when we were in 2nd grade. Sue Haney was chosen to crown Mary, but Joy was next in line and I was below her. We joked about how we wished we could have been the one to crown the Blessed Virgin. Also in grade school when we were in 8th grade, we went to visit Sr. Norma, our 8th grade teacher, and told her we wanted to enter the convent after 8th grade. Sr. Norma very wisely advised us to wait until after high school. We laughed about that more than once during the years. Just think - none of you kids would have been had Sr. Norma agreed! I also remember after our graduation from high school Joy and I hosted a party at her house. She was with Art even then! She was always so positive about life and never complained. Always made light of her illnesses throughout the years. God bless you, Joy, and give you the peace and happiness in Heaven that you so deserve! God bless all of you, her family. She was indeed a blessing to have as a Mom I am sure.  
Sincerely and with prayers, Judy Davis (DeShetler, Davis)

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**Judy Dais** - March 25, 2024 at 05:35 PM

TA

“ The Bentz Family & Anakeesta purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.



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**The Bentz Family & Anakeesta** - March 25, 2024 at 05:09 PM

AG

“ *Atlantic Land Mgmt. & The Revel Group purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joy Ann Lelonek.*



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**Atlantic Land Mgmt. & The Revel Group** - March 25, 2024 at 04:55 PM