



Joan M Witkowski

June 9, 1940 - March 30, 2025

Joan M. Witkowski (nee Bach), 84, of Amherst, passed away peacefully on Sunday March 30, 2025 at Rose Senior Living in Avon.

Joan's life was defined by her unwavering love for her family and her most cherished role was as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Joan was a lifelong resident of the area. She attended Nativity BVM Catholic grade school and graduated from Lorain High School in 1958. She had worked as a secretary at Lorain Products before becoming a medical staff secretary at St Joseph Hospital where she dedicated 20 years of service before retiring in 1998.

Throughout her life, Joan was a devoted lifelong member of Nativity BVM Catholic Church in Lorain who was deeply committed to her faith and her community. She served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister for many years as well as a member of the church Altar & Rosary Society. She was also a member of the Black River Historical Society, the friends of the Westside Catholic Center and a volunteer at Community Health Partners Hospital.

An avid golfer and proud member of Oberlin Golf Club, Joan was known for her remarkable skill on the course including having achieved a hole-in-one. She loved to swim, read, garden and travel with her family. A passionate lover of music, she enjoyed dancing, especially Polkas, and cherished the

memories she made with her loved ones. She was an avid fan of Notre Dame football and enjoyed traveling to games with family and friends.

Joan was a devoted wife to her husband of 64 years John R. "Skip" Witkowski and a loving mother to Laura Tomko (Jeff) and John R. Witkowski Jr (Laura – nee Sauer). Her legacy also includes her beloved grandchildren: Andrew Tomko and Austin Tomko (Peyton – nee Fitch), step grandchildren: Hope, Zayden & Alice, sister Norma Bach Liebfried (David) and sister-in-law Patricia Witkowski (nee Rebaric). She was preceded in death by her parents John & Stella Bach (nee Keller).

Joan's family take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace, reunited with those who have gone before her. Above all, Joan's love for her family was her greatest joy and her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

The family will receive friends Friday April 4, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. The Nativity Altar & Rosary Society will recite the rosary prayer on Saturday April 5, 2025 at 10:30 am in the church. Funeral services will be held Saturday April 5, 2025 at 10:30 am in the funeral chapel followed by the mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am at Nativity BVM Catholic Church, 418 W 15th St, Lorain. The Rev. Gerald J. Keller, cousin of Joan, will preside. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Lorain.

Memorial contributions can be made to either Nativity BVM Catholic Church, 418 W 15th St, Lorain, OH 44052 or Rose Senior Living Center, 33200 Health Campus Blvd, Avon, OH

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

555 N Ridge Rd
Lorain, OH 44053
<https://clecem.org/Cemeteries/CalvaryLorain.aspx>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Prayer Service

APR 5. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel
3224 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44055
(440) 246-2118
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

Rosary Prayer

APR 5. 10:30 AM - 10:50 AM (ET)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
418 W 15th St
Lorain, OH 44052
<https://nativitybvmlorain.org>

Funeral Mass

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church
418 W 15th St
Lorain, OH 44052
<https://nativitybvmlorain.org>

Tribute Wall

EZ

“ Eileen, Kristin-Chris, Matt, Zack-Justine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan M Witkowski.

Eileen, Kristin-Chris, Matt, Zack-Justine - April 03, 2025 at 04:39 PM

EZ

“ Eileen, Kristin-Chris, Matt, Zack-Justine purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Joan M Witkowski.



Eileen, Kristin-Chris, Matt, Zack-Justine - April 03, 2025 at 04:39 PM

JU

“ Beautiful tribute to a loving women who was loved by many, myself included. She loved Jesus with all her heart and is now with Him in eternity.

Joan Uhlmansiek - April 03, 2025 at 04:26 PM

KS

“ Ken and Linda Sexstella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan M Witkowski.

Ken and Linda Sexstella - April 03, 2025 at 05:21 AM

KS

“ Ken and Linda Sexstella purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Joan M Witkowski.



Ken and Linda Sexstella - April 03, 2025 at 05:21 AM

OC

“ Our Deepest Condolences planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan M Witkowski.

Our Deepest Condolences - April 02, 2025 at 02:10 PM

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“ Our Deepest Condolences purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan M Witkowski.



Our Deepest Condolences - April 02, 2025 at 02:10 PM

DM

“ Skip, I remember first meeting you and Joan in 1963 at your home on 23rd st. Thank you for the good memories. Don Mittendorf, Port Orange, FL

Don Mittendorf - April 02, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DP

“ Dr. Mario and Kay Pavicic purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Joan M Witkowski.



Dr. Mario and Kay Pavicic - April 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM

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Dr. Mario and Kay Pavicic - April 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM

SH

“ We met Joan and Skip 12 years ago when we moved to Quarry Lakes at Amherst. Joan was always one of the kindest and most genuine people I have known. Her smile would light up the room. Her faith and love for others was richly felt. I'm thankful for her friendship and example. No doubt she has been reunited with those who have gone before. She will be greatly missed. Robert and Susan Hansen

Susan Hansen - April 02, 2025 at 08:06 AM

JD

Joan will be missed but I'm sure there's a big reunion going on in Heaven! Dancing, laughing and playing cards. I have many family memories with the Witkowski family. My sincere sympathies and prayers for strength during this very difficult time.
Janet Duber (Jaworski).

Janet Duber - April 02, 2025 at 09:26 PM

TD

“ *Todd and Julie Fitch& Curtis and Diedra purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan M Witkowski.*



Todd and Julie Fitch& Curtis and Diedra - April 01, 2025 at 11:38 AM

DS

“ *Doug & Laura Smith purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Joan M Witkowski.*



Doug & Laura Smith - April 01, 2025 at 10:22 AM