



JoAn M. Baldwin

May 14, 1926 - January 5, 2021

JoAn M. Baldwin, 94, passed away on January 5, 2021. A lifelong Indianapolis resident, JoAn was born May 14, 1926 to John Francis Schmitt and Hallie (Shaw) Schmitt. She had one sister, Dorothy (Schmitt) Holdaway who preceded her in death. JoAn graduated from Arsenal Technical High School, and following her graduation, JoAn worked at Indiana Bell Telephone Company and later for Indianapolis Public Schools No. 54 and No. 101. The latter working with children in the reading intervention project. JoAn loved enjoyed working with small children and seeing the success they achieved. On July 3, 1948, JoAn married Bryce R. Baldwin at Holy Cross Catholic Church, beginning a 64-year marriage focused on faith, family, and values. Community and church were very important to JoAn and she volunteered in a variety of additional community projects including extended work with the Community Hospital East Guild. JoAn was a member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church since 1958, and actively participated in the quilting club (the “basement ladies” as they liked to be called), which produced quilts for fund raising and various parish outreach projects. Her needle work and sewing talents served this group and others well. Bryce and JoAn traveled extensively, including an anniversary river cruise in Europe, but her favorite destination was Disney World where she particularly liked to visit the Disney Park with her children and grandchildren. JoAn enjoyed golf, strolling on the beach and their home in Cape Coral, Florida until Bryce’s passing in 2013. JoAn’s most important role

was being a mother to her three daughters, welcoming her sons-in-law into the family, and doting on her six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. JoAn leaves her family and friends with memories of her vivacious and caring personality, laughs, quilts, and the wisdom of a life well lived. JoAn is survived by her three daughters, Deborah Baldwin (Jim Metzger), Susan (Jim) Torzewski and Bonnie (Jim) Payton. JoAn has six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Monday, January 11, 2021 from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service at 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. For those unable to attend a live stream will be available by clicking on the following link: <https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/5322096>
Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

435 W. Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46225
<http://www.catholiccemeteries.cc>

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
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Indianapolis, IN 46229
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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *I was a neighbor of the Baldwin family and Debbie's babysitter when JoAn and Dorothy, who lived next door, wanted a little time to chat. She was lovely. How wonderful her family was able to enjoy her presence for many years. Sandra Hannigan Jensen*

Sandra Lee Jensen - January 14, 2021 at 03:14 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*

Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - January 11, 2021 at 02:36 PM

SP

“ *Thinking of you all at this sad time! Your mom/grandma/great-grandma was quite a lady and will be remembered with loving thoughts and memories!
Sending light and love...and big hugs~
Patrice*



Shields Patrice - January 11, 2021 at 01:45 PM

DT

“ Prayers and condolences to JoAn's Family. It was always a great pleasure being in the presence of JoAn at family functions and get-togethers. She was always friendly, positive, and loving. May God Bless & Keep JoAn Baldwin.
Danny/Susie Torzewski & Family

Dan Torzewski - January 11, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CT

“ We are so sad to learn of Joan's passing. She was such a sweet lady and a wonderful neighbor. I enjoyed every backyard conversation that we had.
We pray for peace and comfort in your time of grief.

Sincere condolences,

Dave & Cindy Thomas
(Woodsong neighbor)

Cindy Thomas - January 10, 2021 at 06:58 PM

DM

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Dee McConville - January 09, 2021 at 02:44 AM

DM

These two special ladies were friends for 82 years (since 7th grade). My mom (Mary D - nickname "Dee") and JoAn were just like real "sisters". They were in each other's weddings and maintained a sisterly bond all those years. My mom, "Dee", will miss her dear friend more than words can say. She loved "Jo" so very very much. And I did too! Our thoughts and prayers go out to Debbie, Susie and Bonnie, their husbands, and to all of JoAn's beautiful grandchildren and great-grandchildren. JoAn was indeed a one-of-a-kind special friend!

Dee McConville - January 09, 2021 at 02:49 AM

MB

“ Remembering lots of fun times with your Mom, many years ago. I remember especially Susie and Jim’s Wedding. She had such a warm smile! Our Sympathy to the family ❤️🙏
Mike and Diana



mike Brsnded - January 08, 2021 at 01:01 PM

SA

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers and fond memories for all of you and peace in the days and months to come. Remembering the good times. My love to you all!! Susie (Underhill) Anderson

Susie (Underhill) Anderson - January 08, 2021 at 12:59 PM

MN

“ My dear golf buddy and neighbor, I will always keep you in my prayers !! I will never forget you ❤️✝️🙏🕊️❤️

Marleen Norton - January 08, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of JoAn M. Baldwin.*



January 08, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of JoAn M. Baldwin.*



January 07, 2021 at 09:38 PM