



Joanne Mary Lenkay

December 14, 1931 - July 27, 2017

Joanne “Joey” M. Dugan McHugh Lenkay passed from this life on July 27, 2017, surrounded by her loving family in her home. Joanne showed remarkable devotion to her vocations as a daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt (of 70 nieces and nephews), teacher, friend, and grandmother.

Joanne was born on December 14, 1931 in Toledo, Ohio, where she attended Blessed Sacrament School and Parish. She went on to begin a long family legacy at Central Catholic High School (graduated in 1949), and then attended Mary Manse School for teaching.

Joanne is known by many in the area for being an influential teacher, one who possessed the rare ability to impart truth in a genuine, caring, and patient way. She began teaching at Regina Coeli as a long-term substitute. Upon returning to the classroom after having six kids, she taught at Step by Step Nursery School before a long career at St. Patrick’s of Heatherdowns. She moved up in grades with her children before finally settling in as the seventh and eighth grade math and science teacher.

She continued to be actively involved at St. Pat’s even after retirement, serving as a Eucharistic Minister and helping to prepare funeral luncheons and count money after Mass. Joanne’s unwavering Catholic faith has served as a strong example for her children and grandchildren, whom she loved supporting in all of their athletic endeavors throughout CYO and at CCHS. In addition, Joanne loved playing tennis and bridge, sewing, baking her famous chocolate chip cookies, and babysitting her grandkids.

She will join in heaven her parents, Blanche and Paul Dugan; her first husband, Jim McHugh; her daughter, Mary Jo; her brother, Paul; and many others.

Joanne is survived by her loving husband of 53 years, Joseph S. Lenkay; her sisters, Mary Alice Schuller, Suzanne Desmond, and Patricia Champine; her children, Michael (Joanne), Anne, Joseph (Jennifer), Kathleen (Cleves Delp), and Suzanne (Dominic Spinazze); and her grandchildren, Zach (Nicole), Kelly, Sarah, Maddie, Katie, Morgan, Sydney, Dugan, Maverick, Winston, Sophia, Isabella, Lucia, and Dominic.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, July 30, from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7. The funeral will begin at Coyle on Monday, July 31 at 10:30, followed by Mass at 11 at St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Church. Entombment will be at Resurrection Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given to Central Catholic High School or St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns Church. Please leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue
Toledo, OH 43615

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **30**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

JUL **31**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Joe, Kathy and Susie - I am so sorry to hear about your mom. We've been out of town for 2 weeks, so just found out. Sorry to have missed her funeral. I will always remember her at all the tennis tournaments, talking away, always cheerful and happy. She was so proud of all her family. She always made me think of my own mom. I will miss seeing her around the tennis scene....

Izzy O'Brien Tracy

Isobel Tracy - August 02, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ Joanne and I taught together at St. Pat's for a number of years. She was always so level headed and wise. Whatever questions or controversies would come up in discussion, she seemed to have comments that just settled anyone's questions. She was a caring and attentive teacher, wonderful friend over many years beyond our teaching years, and loved her family above all. She will long be remembered by so many devotees including those who may not have openly shared their memories. Surely her flight to paradise was quick and peaceful. Rose Kandik, friend and colleague.

Rose Kandik - August 01, 2017 at 09:26 AM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss. I will always remember her warm smile and kind words.

Bill Thome - July 31, 2017 at 08:29 PM

NS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. She was quite a lady and will be missed.

Jim and Nancy Sasse, and the Staff of HR Systems

Nancy Sasse - July 31, 2017 at 11:03 AM

 Lynn
Wilson

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of your mother, Joe. May fond memories help you, Jennifer, Maddie, Katie and your loved ones through this difficult time. With deepest sympathy from Guy and Lynn Wilson (Manitou Beach)

Lynn Wilson - July 31, 2017 at 09:37 AM

TC

“ We are very sorry for your loss. What an amazing lady! She will be greatly missed. - BJ and Tammy Claus

Tammy Claus - July 31, 2017 at 06:33 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.



July 30, 2017 at 10:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.*



July 29, 2017 at 11:42 PM



“ *Don and Pat Champine and the Champine/Schings fam purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.*



Don and Pat Champine and the Champine/Schings fam - July 29, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.*



July 29, 2017 at 07:45 PM



“ *The Kunkle Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.*



The Kunkle Family - July 29, 2017 at 02:45 PM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss. I have very fond memories of my Aunt Joey when she lived above her Mom and Dad counting the weekly envelopes. We had great memories of staying with her on our yearly trips to Toledo. My family shares your loss of a great woman. Love always, Joe Welch.

Joseph N Welch - July 29, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.



July 29, 2017 at 12:56 PM

CD

“ Loved teaching with Joanne...A truly incredible woman! Prayers.
Chris (Fromme) Doyle

Chris Fromme Doyle - July 29, 2017 at 03:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne Mary Lenkay.



July 28, 2017 at 05:53 PM