Mrs. Joan M. (DuKette) Borgia

June 17, 1938 - August 21, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Joan M. (DuKette) Borgia, age 82, passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020 in the comfort and dignity of her home with her loving family in her heart.

Born in Utica on June 17, 1938, Joan was the daughter of the late Leo Z. and Veronica M. (Shea) DuKette. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1956 and continued her studies in college in her area of interest. On June 27, 1970 she married her sweetheart and soulmate, Joseph A. “Joe” Borgia, Sr. with whom she shared a blessed union of 46 years prior to his passing on July 22, 2016.

Joan was employed with the Oneida County Department of Social Services for 32 years, retiring as Assistant Director. She enjoyed trying her luck at games of chance, and she loved music, especially the pop music and jazz of Johnny Mathis. She practiced her Catholic faith at Sacred Heart & St. Mary’s Church.

Joan is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Walter Butler; her sons and their loves, David Borgia and Debra Morat, and Joseph Borgia Jr. and Lori Ann Sedgwick; and the memory of her son Scott D. Guminiak who passed on December 13, 2001; her grandchildren, Dr. Jill Marie Shea, Randi and Dan Bell, Dylan Butler; and Gabrielle Borgia; her only great-grandchild, Elizabeth Lauralyn Bell; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and John Guerrera of South Carolina, and Nancy and Joel Waters of Florida. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws,

Florence and Ralph Risley, and Rose Borgia; and two special friends, Arline Beaty, and Kimberly Treen who offered their loving concerns to Joan's needs. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Martha DuKette; in-laws, Harry and Edna Borgia, Thomas J. Borgia, Gloria A. Borgia, Carmelita and Bernard Lockwood; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Riccardo "Richard" and Vincenza Borgia.

The family will honor and commemorate Joan's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joan's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at Sacred Heart & St. Mary's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks are required, and contact tracing will be implemented. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Joan's honor may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project online at https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org; envelopes will be available at church. Interment will follow graveside at Calvary Cemetery.

Please take a moment to connect with Joan's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church
201 Main Street
New York Mills, NY

Tribute Wall

KF

Cherished memories of Joan Borgia who was not only my mentor but my friend and confidant. Joan had a beautiful soul and a kind and loving heart. I have love and respect for her and know that she is happy to be united with Joe, Scott, and many others. Until we meet again, Joan will always be tucked away in my heart. My sincere prayers and sympathy go out to the family.

Karen & Ed Freedman

Karen Freedman - August 29, 2020 at 03:45 PM

KB

I worked for Joan when she ran the Rome DSS office. I was the office prankster. We got off to a bumpy start but became good friends. Joan knew her job and all the regulations inside and out. If something had her name on it, you knew it was done properly. When I had major surgery in Syracuse, she organized the disability paperwork and brought it to my hospital bed for me to sign. I'll never forget that act of kindness. The last time I saw her was at Joe's funeral. Joan was a class act and she will be greatly missed. Our condolences to the entire Borgia family.

Ken Blumberg - August 29, 2020 at 03:02 PM

CC

If I could write memories of Joe Joan Pooch and Carol, I would end up writing a book. Such buddies thru the years. So sad to see Joan pass. So sorry for her family..

carol chiarello - August 28, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JM

Very sorry for the loss of your loved one...please accept our sincerest condolences...we will keep you in our prayers.

Joe & Margaret (Putrelo) Montanaro - August 28, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RS

Laurie and family,
So sorry for the passing of your mother. You are in my prayers and thoughts.
Rick Smith

Rick Smith - August 27, 2020 at 08:45 AM

A very heartfelt Thank you Rick. You are always in my thoughts as well.

Natasha Onely - August 27, 2020 at 12:55 PM

MG

David, Joey, and Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. We share many great memories living across the street. Thinking of you all!

Mike and Jody (Christiansen) Galime

Mike and Jody (Christiansen) Galime - August 26, 2020 at 09:50 PM

JO

8 files added to the album Memories Album

Joey - August 26, 2020 at 01:15 PM

JS

Dave and family, so sorry for your loss. Remember the good times and she will always be with you.

Judy Schrader - August 28, 2020 at 03:43 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan M. (DuKette) Borgia.

August 25, 2020 at 12:41 PM

Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan M. (DuKette) Borgia.

August 25, 2020 at 12:02 PM

JO

3 files added to the album Memories Album

Joey - August 25, 2020 at 11:58 AM

DV

Dave, and family so sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences to all of you.

Dawn Vescio - August 24, 2020 at 08:54 PM

CF

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. From: The Caulkins family

caulkins family - August 24, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JO

3 files added to the album Memories Album

Joey - August 24, 2020 at 03:46 PM

TD

Dear Joe, Laurie,Gabs,and family
Linda and I just heard of your loss.
Our deepest condolences.

Tom and Diskin

Thomas Diskin - August 27, 2020 at 11:02 AM

AL

We are so very sorry to hear about your mother. We had a lot of fun times together over the years. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

John and Amy (Christiansen) Lawter

Amy Lawter - August 27, 2020 at 01:22 PM