



Joan Ellen Charlson

September 9, 2013

Joan Ellen Charlson, 84, passed away peacefully surrounded by her husband of 63 years William Joseph Charlson and her loving family on September 9th, 2013 at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, New York. Born and raised in Syracuse, New York, she was the eldest daughter of Robert Chryst, a World War I Veteran and managing editor for the Syracuse Herald-Journal and Katherine (Sullivan) Chryst. Joan's life was a trilogy about her children, her church, and her community. She was the eldest of five, three sisters and brother, Helen (Chryst) Bardenett, Carol (Chryst) Wallace, the Reverend Robert Chryst and Kaye (Chryst) Barrington, of Syracuse, New York. Joan married U.S. Navy Veteran William Charlson in 1950, who retired after 43 years of service at Niagara Mohawk. Together, they raised eight children, six boys and two girls: Mark Charlson, Gail Charlson, Joyce (Charlson) Buschle, Peter (Sheila) Charlson, Brian Charlson, Stephen Charlson, John Charlson, and Paul Charlson. Their grandchildren include Matthew Charlson, Meghan (Charlson) Polhemus, Carissa Buschle, and Kent Buschle. Great grandchildren include Joanie and Peter Polhemus. Joan graduated from Most Holy Rosary High School in 1947 and attended the College of Saint Rose. She was active in the Clifton Park community and Catholic Church there for some 50 years. She joined her husband Bill in volunteer roles assisting the elderly and veterans at Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital in Schenectady and was a decades long member of St. Mary's Church in Clifton Park. A mass of Christian Burial was held at Corpus Christi Church, Ushers Route 9, Round Lake on Wednesday,

September 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. A private burial for family took place at the Saratoga National Cemetery. In honor of Joan, in remembrance of her, her family requests passing along a random act of kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Joan to the American Lung Association, American Cancer Society, Hospice, and Paralyzed Veterans.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Ellen Charlson*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Bill and family - we were so sad to read about Joan's death but it brought back many wonderful memories of our Hudson connection. If Bill hadn't suggested that Adam apply to Nimo, we probably wouldn't have ended up in your "neck of the woods". We've enjoyed a wonderful life here as I know you and your family did in our old area. We have often thought of you but somewhere along the way, we lost touch and would love to hear from you to catch up again. We'll always remember Joan's great smile, relaxed manner under pressure and all the help she gave us when we were just starting out. What a true friend she was. May you all relive all the pleasant memories of your life together to guide you through this most difficult time. Love, Adam and Marge Shaffer*

September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM