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JoAnna Maria (Nardini) Kun, age 85, passed away peacefully in the early morning of Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in Peters Township, Pennsylvania. She was surrounded in love by her daughters and several dear loved ones as she left this earth.

JoAnna was born on July 15, 1938, the oldest of four children to the late John M. Nardini and Lois Val Jean (Livermore) Nardini. In addition to her parents, JoAnna was preceded in death by her husband Andrew Kun; her beloved siblings Carolyn Lee (Nardini) Mullaney, John "Buddy" Nardini, and Dwain Nardini; her cherished son Charles John "C.J." Knepper; her great-granddaughter Elle Luna Vann, and her longtime love Tom "Tommy" Bicusky.

JoAnna was raised in Carnegie, Pennsylvania and graduated from Carnegie High School in 1954. She worked at St. Clair Hospital as an X-ray technician for over ten years and retired with her husband to St. James City, Florida, where they lived in the same community with her sister and best friend, Carolyn. She loved living near the beach but frequently made the trip back to Pittsburgh to spend time with her children and grandchildren, eventually moving back for good after her husband's and sister's deaths. JoAnna's faith in the Lord carried her through her entire life. In her final days, she told us "Promise me you'll praise the Lord when I go because I will be in heaven with Jesus and won't be in pain anymore."

Born with flair and artistic talent, JoAnna was a prolific painter and leaves behind many beautiful pieces of work; her preferred medium was watercolors. She loved art and musical theatre, and watched with pride as her older daughter Kimma inherited her stunning artistic skills and younger daughter Heather thrived as a young musical theatre performer and, later, a TV and film actor. JoAnna was fiercely loyal and loving and encouraged her children with every fiber of her being. She was so many things, but she was first and foremost a mom - and later, a grandmother and great-grandmother. She is survived by daughters Kimma (Jonathan) Keevil and Heather Leigh (Tom) Earley; grandchildren Noelle Christina (Ben) Vann, Dwain Fisher, Addison Grace Lee, and Nicholas Robert Kramer; great-granddaughters Sydney Olivia Vann and Sloane



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Alessandra Vann; niece Jamie Jo Nardini and nephew John “Jay” Nardini; great-niece Autumn Elizabeth Nardini; sister-in-law and friend Elizabeth Nardini.; also many dear relatives and friends, including Debbie Staub, Bruce Torok, Carol Zalansky, and Mike Morelli. Special thanks to Dana Lacek and Laurie Biers, childhood friends of Kimma and Heather who visited JoAnna often and took her on outings.

JoAnna touched so many people’s lives even across social media where she reached almost a million followers who adored “Momma Jo.” She had a huge heart, always seeking out and befriending the lost, lonely, or sad people around her, even in her final days. A Celebration of Life service will be held in her honor at 12:00pm on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236.

Online condolences may be shared at www.jeffersonmemorial.com.



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DI

Diane posted:

Praying for comfort for Joanna's daughters, family and friends as they grieve through their loss. What a beautiful tribute. She sounds like a one-of-a-kind who will be so missed.

October 1 at 2:36 PM

TF

The Petit Family posted:

Sending love and prayers God bless you all.Love, The Petit Family

September 28 at 2:09 PM

SS

Sherry Smith posted:

Praying for u sweet family loves and hugs .I so sorry for ur loss ..please help everyone that loss their family mother are a true Gift from. MORGANTON NC 28655 ..I PRAY FOR LOVE AND SUPPORT TO ALL OF UR FAMILY THANK U Jesus

September 28 at 9:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Sending our love and deepest sympathy.

September 27 at 6:05 PM

JB

Jennifer Becke posted:

May you rest in our heavenly fathers arms...

September 23 at 4:19 PM

MC

Michael Sleigher And Carol And George Clark. posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. She's up there painting with the angels .

September 22 at 7:25 AM



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CM

Crissy Marker posted:

Fly high Momma Jo 🙏🦋❤️

September 15 at 2:26 PM

JC

Jacquelyn Clark posted:

May this tree grow big and strong like this lovely lady did in your hearts! It shall reach the sky whet God looks upon you with his love!

September 14 at 5:07 AM

SM

Sis Miller posted:

Kimma, Heather and Loved Ones! My sincere expression of sympathy to you! Even though we know where your mother is and you find peace with that, we pray for the comfort to all of you that only the Holy Spirit can bring. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Much love, Sis

September 12 at 2:57 PM

LM

Lisa Mayle posted:

Kimma, J, Noell and extended family, my sincerest condolences to you. What a beautiful woman! Though I did not know her personally, only through videos you've shared, it was easy to see her beauty, her kind heart, in all of you.

September 12 at 1:42 PM

KD

Kathy Livermore Dettore posted:

JoAnna always visited and called her Aunt Tiny, my Mom with great love and admiration. When Tiny passed she continued to share that love with me.

September 10 at 6:10 PM

KJ

Kline Jill posted:

My sincerest condolences to the family. She was a beautiful woman, and although I did not know her personally, only through videos, she touched my heart in many ways , many times. God bless you all and know, she is happy.

September 10 at 5:42 AM



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NV

Noelle Vann posted:

When I was a child my Nanny used to tell me to look to the stars when I missed her. She called me her Little Star and I called her my Big Star. We spent my entire life sending each other gifts of star shaped items - jewelry, stuffed animals, music boxes. I was lucky to spend the majority of my childhood and adolescence with her. We were always exploring museums and parks and spent a lot of time cooking together and doing crafts. It makes sense that when I brought Syd (Sloane stayed home with Daddy) to visit her earlier in the year that we spent so much time playing, coloring, and cooking. Syd was able to have a fun sleepover with her great-grandmother and my mom and I were able to get quality time together as four generations. You never really fully appreciate the moment when it is happening. I cherish those videos and photos. Nanny even got to watch Syd play in the snow for the very first time. We said goodbye to my Nanny almost one week ago. She briefly opened her eyes when she heard my voice, reached out to touch me, and mouthed, "I love you." I spent time saying the things I wanted her to hear - That she was such an important person in my life. That I remember all of our adventures. That I tell my kids about her all the time. And that it was okay to let go and join her parents, siblings, her son, and her love who died just a few months ago. I asked her to take care of Elle for me and to tell her I love her. I'd like to believe there is a gathering of souls somewhere somehow and that she is surrounded by those she loves right now. I imagine that she is holding my sweet Elle in her arms. When I miss her, I'll look to the stars again just as I look to the moon for Elle.

September 9 at 5:29 PM

DP

Donna Pangburn posted:

Momma Jo was a very beautiful and special woman of God. She truly was a bright light that continues to shine through all her children. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family, that God's grace, peace and love will embrace you all close together during this time, of the wonderful precious memories you hold in your hearts of your beloved Momma. God bless you all. Love, Donna Pangburn

September 9 at 9:08 AM

KK

Kimma Keevil posted:

There's so many memories I have of my mom. My mind is flooded with her smile and silly self. I miss you mom more than I could ever express, ❤️

September 9 at 8:17 AM



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Colette posted:

A tree in your memory Miss JoJo, a place for the Butterflies to rest on their migration journey.

September 9 at 8:12 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring JoAnna by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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