



## Joy Assunta Ward

August 4, 1931 - June 21, 2021

Joy Assunta Ward, age 89, passed away peacefully on June 21, 2021, in Houston, Texas. Joy is survived by her husband of 58 years John Ward; children Jenifer (Keith Crow), John Jr. (Amy), and Jeffrey (Tracy Birmingham); grandchildren Eleanor, Sydney, Harry, Finn, Lucia, Peter and Nicholas. Joy was preceded in death by her parents, Lucia and Amilcare Fani, and her brother, Jerome.

Born on August 4, 1931, in Detroit, Michigan, she graduated from Denby High School and received her Bachelor of Science degree from Wayne State University in 1953. Joy spent the majority of her career as a medical technologist at St. John Hospital in Detroit, where she worked for 38 years. Ultimately, Joy served as head of the lab and chemistry department. Joy had a love for traveling, which was highlighted by a six-week trip throughout Europe with dear friends.

On June 15, 1963, Joy married John after they met when John was a patient in the hospital. They had three children, to whom she was a smart, fun, and loving mother.

In her 89 years, Joy taught her family many things, including how to solve almost any problem. She enjoyed the simple pleasure of a cup of coffee with friends, hosting parties, and the importance of unconditional love.

We will remember her laugh, her warmth, her wit and keen sense of humor, and, most of all, her tremendous love for her family and friends.

Visitation Saturday, June 26th from 9:00am until 12:00pm Funeral Service at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., in Shelby Township, Michigan. A private family burial will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Alzheimer's Association in care of the Joy Ward Tribute page at [alz.org](http://alz.org). Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Events

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**JUN 26 Visitation** 09:00AM - 12:00PM  
Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI, US, 48316

**JUN 26 Funeral Service** 12:00PM  
Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
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# Comments

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“ Joy was a special neighbor who became family. Her name is exactly who she was! She had a sense of humor that complimented her husband Jack. Joy made her home yours. So many cherish memories. Joy will never be forgotten. We loved her so. She is with special people in Heaven. I feel Jack, Jennifer, John, and Jeff's including their family sadness and sorrow .

**Janice Semo Schulte Sadowski** - July 01 at 07:22 PM



“ Steve and Janice Sadowski

**Janice Semo Schulte Sadowski** - July 01 at 07:27 PM

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“ To her family, my most sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one. I met Joy in 1960. We worked together (med techs) in the chemistry lab at St John's. and we kept in touch until her move to Houston. I valued our friendship and all the good times we shared, especially the spaghetti dinners prepared by Mrs Fani, Joy's mom.

Margaret Hartlein Cawood

**Margaret Cawood** - June 26 at 07:13 PM



“ I also worked with Joy as a med tech for 30 years at St. John's. I have many memories of work and social get togethers My sympathy to all the family at your loss.

**Lois Brenner** - June 27 at 02:15 AM

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“ Dear John and Family,

You have our deepest sympathy in the loss of your dearest wife Joy.

Sincerely,

Your old neighbors Jan and George Carlino

**Cathy Hall** - June 26 at 01:43 PM

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“ We will treasure all the good times we shared so many times with you and Jack. To you Jack and Family, you are in our prayers. We will meet again Joy, and will make more memories. Love and hugs to the family Bill and Adele Frank

Bill and Adele Frank - June 25 at 01:16 PM

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“ I was lucky to meet Joy only but a couple of times. She was a very bright light ..., May her memory be eternal and May all the brightness she brought into the lives who knew her never be forgotten.



Nancy Balourdos - June 24 at 09:55 PM

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“ My wife & I first met Joy when we moved into our condo on Brodie Ct. at The Retreat. Her name truly personified her spirit, she was truly a Joy! Always with a smile, a kind word, or a quick quip, Joy was a pleasure to have as a neighbor! We were so sad when she & Jack moved away and sadder still that we were not able to see her in her final years. To her beloved Jack & her family, please know that she will always hold a special place in our hearts! Rest In Peace sweet friend...

Joe & Pat Ciacchella - June 24 at 09:55 PM

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“ Creon Smith lit a candle in memory of Joy Assunta Ward



Creon Smith - June 24 at 10:48 AM