



Joanne Petersen

April 25, 2021

Joanne Petersen passed away peacefully on April 25th in Syracuse, NY. She was born in Queens, NY to the late Anne and Robert Gorley on May 2, 1930. She married Erik G. Petersen in 1950. They started raising their family in Levittown and Farmingdale, NY, moved to North Syracuse in 1966 and in 2005 she moved to Liverpool, NY.

She and Erik spent 25 summers camping at Otisco Lake. She loved children. Over a 25 year span, she was a foster mother to over 100 babies.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Erik, after 49 years of marriage. She is survived by her children, Barbara (David) Turner of Liverpool, NY, Sandra (Hank) Lambert of Pulaski, NY, Christopher (Beth) Petersen of Erieville, NY and Jeffrey Petersen of Syracuse, NY; two special foster children, Michael (Leah) Bidwell and Charlene (Antrale) Brown and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Private services will be at Ferguson Funeral Home with burial in North Syracuse Cemetery. Donations may be made to North Area Meals On Wheels, 413 Church Street, North Syracuse, New York 13212. <https://www.namow.org/donate-2/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Petersen*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *My deepest sympathies. I knew Joanne well and she will be missed.*

Jean Pacer - May 09, 2021 at 12:58 PM



“ *I have 65 yrs of wonderful memories of my beloved Mom. She loved all her children, foster children, grandchildren and great grandchildren fiercely. She called me her adopted darling and chosen girl 🥹❤️ Whenever I saw her or talked to her, she would tell me how everyone was and ask about each member of my part of the family. My fondest memories are of times around the dinner table, summers at Otisco Lake , Christmas mornings, her singing to all her foster babies and grandchildren , all her stories about her childhood and her escapades with Dad, and Mom's meatloaf 😭 I will miss her always and forever. Love you, Mommy💕*

Sandi Lambert - April 29, 2021 at 05:50 AM

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I have wonderful memories and loved "Sister Jo". I remember visiting on Long Island for the World's Fair and eating from the "kitchen sink" and eating raspberry pastry. Also remember her love for her foster babies. One memory was her love for the Early American decor. Also the wedding shower she hosted for me on LeRoy Circle. Can't forget all the visits to "The Peak" and fun times at Otisco Lake. How about all the Spite and Malice games with my mom moving the lounge chairs to follow the sun or shade depending on the temperature and weather. Of course, magnetic cards so they wouldn't blow. She really helped Dad after Mom passed away and enjoyed the time they spent together in New Smyrna Beach. Thank you, Sister Jo, for wonderful memories! I am glad you are at peace and, who knows maybe reminiscing with Mom and Dad. ❤️

Nancy Blass - April 29, 2021 at 04:01 PM



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



April 27, 2021 at 06:11 PM