



Mrs. Joan Vachon

April 16, 1940 - June 20, 2025

JOAN VACHON

Loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother

LOWELL—Joan (Porter) Vachon passed away in Lowell on Friday, June 20, 2025. She was the beloved wife of the late William J. Vachon.

Joan was born in Lowell on April 16, 1940, a daughter of Ralph and Antoinette (Morin) Porter. She attended the Lowell Schools and was a graduate of Lowell High School. Prior to her retirement, Joan was employed at B.A.E. Electronics as a clean room technician.

Joan was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, her unwavering love for her family will be remembered always.

Joan found her greatest joy in the company of her grandchildren. Whether it was a quiet moment or a lively family gathering. Her love was constant, her support unwavering, and her pride in her family immeasurable.

Joan loved playing cards and sharing laughs with her friends. She and her sisters shared a special bond, often heading off together to try their luck gambling. An avid bowler and a fierce cribbage player, Joan brought her competitive spirit and joyful energy to every game.

Joan's kitchen was a place of comfort and love. Her meals were more than

just food, they were expressions of care, tradition, and togetherness. Many of us carry those flavors in our hearts, tied to memories of holidays, celebrations, and everyday moments made special. Joan lived a life full of love, laughter, and connection.

Joan was the mother of the late Suzanne Bickford and grandmother of the late Brian Bickford.

Joan is survived by her daughters, Donna Laurin and her husband Ray of Dracut, and Debra Goulding and her husband Ed of Nashua; her grandchildren, Brad Laurin and his spouse Kristin of Dracut, Brent Laurin and his spouse Kathryn of Manchester, NH, Bailey Goulding and her partner Nick of Saugus, MA, William Goulding and his spouse Grace of Hudson, NH, Nicole Bartlett of Georgia, and Ashley Bickford of Rhode Island; her great grandchildren, Nolan, Tucker, Liam, Finn, Cora, Jett, Alexis, Amya, Liam, and Austin. Joan was also the sister of the late Janet Mitides, Lubert Porter, and Alice Turcotte.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND JOAN'S CALLING HOURS ON THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 26, 2025, FROM 9 AM UNTIL 11 AM AT THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL. HER FUNERAL SERVICE WILL FOLLOW AT 11 AM IN THE FUNERAL HOME. BURIAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE WESTLAWN CEMETERY, LOWELL.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Cemetery

Boston Road
Lowell, MA 01852

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 26. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ So many fun times. From working together to becoming good friends. Spent many times in her kitchen playing cribbage while my husband (Mike) did some work around the house for her. Such a wonderful lady. May you rest easy Joan. You will always hold a place in my heart! - Jeanne Hoffman

jeanne Hoffman - June 25, 2025 at 09:09 PM

RK

“ To You Donna and Ray,
I am very sorry to hear of your Mother's passing.
Another one of the Beautiful Vachon Girls to have left us way toooo soon.
I remember when you all in the same neighborhood right down the street
from me on Stromquist St.
Has been a long time, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN!!!!!!!

Ricky Kierce

Ricky Kierce - June 24, 2025 at 07:09 PM

NJ

“ Dear Debbie, Donna and families,
Sincere condolences on your
mother's/grandmother's passing. Joan was
the best, one of the wonderful neighbors we
were lucky to have known. May she rest
peacefully with her beloved family and friends in Heaven.



Nancy Jason - June 24, 2025 at 04:56 PM

DG

Thank you Nancy

Debra Goulding - June 25, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CB

*I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. May she finally be pain free. Rest Easy Joan, you will be missed.
Cindy Bickford & Family*

Cindy Bickford - June 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

RN

“ *Rosa N. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Joan Vachon.*



Rosa N. - June 24, 2025 at 02:20 PM

JL

“ *To the entire Vachon Family, I am so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. I knew Bill while working at different printing companies over the years and we were very good friends. I believe we got a tricycle that was Suzanne's which she had grown out of for our Son John. It was Pink so I painted it Black and he enjoyed many hours on it. Please accept our most sincere condolences to the whole family. John and Melba Leite.*



John Leite - June 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM