



Mrs. Josephine "Joan" Fitzwilliams

March 7, 1924 - July 24, 2011

Josephine M. "Joan" Fitzwilliams
Former Sacred Heart Parishioner

LOWELL—Josephine M. "Joan" (Brophy) Fitzwilliams, the beloved wife of the late Robert J. Fitzwilliams, passed away peacefully on Sunday evening, July 24, 2011 at the Wingate of Belvidere Nursing Home. She was 87 years old.

Joan was born in New York City on March 7, 1924, a daughter of the late Josephine (Keenan) Brophy and the late Mr. Brophy.

She attended school in New York City, and was a graduate of Julia Richman High School in Manhattan's Upper East Side.

She met and married Robert J. Fitzwilliams after a roller skating date in New York City during WWII. They were married for 47 years and raised two wonderful daughters. They settled in Lowell and were residents of Crowley Street and parishioners of the Sacred Heart Church for over 50 years. Joan was active in the parish and was a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality.

Joan remained at home while her girls were young and later was employed by the Raytheon Co. for over 16 years. Joan and her family enjoyed traveling. They had many summertime trips to New York City and Long Island to visit relatives. They also traveled to Colorado to see family there. She was fortunate enough to get to visit Ireland.

Joan loved to ice skate. She was a very artistic. Joan also enjoyed the Arts - Broadway Shows, the Theater, and the many Art Museums that New York had

to offer.

Surviving Joan are her two daughters, Patricia Fitzwilliams of Lowell and Teresa Rogers and her husband Mark of Salem, NH; three grandchildren, Cindy Zabbo, Michael Zabbo, and Kerrin Zabbo; a great granddaughter, Shawna Zabbo; her brother, Joseph Brophy, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Joan was the sister of the late James Brophy, John Brophy, and Mary Sheppard.

FUNERAL NOTICE

FITZWILLIAMS—In Lowell, July 24, 2011 at Wingate of Belvidere. Josephine M. “Joan” (Brophy) Fitzwilliams, widow of Robert J. Fitzwilliams. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL on WEDNESDAY from 3 until 7 P.M. Mrs. Fitzwilliams' Funeral will begin on THURSDAY MORNING at 8 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 9 o'clock at HOLY FAMILY PARISH – ST. MARIE'S CHURCH, Corner of Chamberlain and Grafton Sts. Lowell. Burial will follow in St. Patrick Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Joan's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

1251 Gorham Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 458-8464
<http://www.stpatrickcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 27. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL 28. 9:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish – St. Marie's Church
75 Chamberlain Street
at the corner of Grafton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 453-2134

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Josephine "Joan" Fitzwilliams*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sean Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine "Joan" Fitzwilliams*



Sean Rourke - August 28, 2011 at 07:53 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies, Patty & Terry. Your mom and dad were wonderful people and we were lucky to have you all as neighbors. I remember how we always teased your mom about her "New Yawk" accent which never left her. She was a gracious lady and a wonderful mom. She's probably "catching up" with Annette as I write this.*

Much love,

Cheryl (Lyddy) Stafford-Rogers

Cheryl Stafford-Rogers - July 26, 2011 at 11:07 AM



Terry and Pat, I am very sorry about your mother Linda Morrissette

Linda Morrissette - July 27, 2011 at 05:54 PM

VH

“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.* ”
-from a headstone in Ireland

*Cindy, Shawna and family are in our thoughts & prayers.
We are so very sorry for your loss.*

Vanessa, Mark & Madyson

Vanessa Hall - July 26, 2011 at 07:12 AM

KH

“ *I did not know your mother, but if she was as nice a person as you are Pat , then the world was a better place for her being in it. So sorry for your loss.* ”



Karen Hutchinson - July 26, 2011 at 06:14 AM

DH

“ *I don't have memories of your mom, but my mom always spoke highly of her. I'm sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
God bless you.
Your Colorado cousins.* ”



Deb howe - July 26, 2011 at 12:04 AM

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“ Sharlene Craig lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine "Joan" Fitzwilliams



Sharlene Craig - July 25, 2011 at 07:46 PM

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Dad and Mom

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