

Mary Joann Costa



Obituary

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February 11, 1938 - October 12, 2021

Age 83, Mary Joann Costa passed away on October 12th, 2021.

She was born February 11, 1938 in the steel mill town of Braddock, Pennsylvania, just outside of Pittsburgh. She was raised in the City of Swissvale, Pennsylvania and graduated from Swissvale High School in 1956. Shortly after graduation she was hired as a secretary for U.S. Steel Corporation. There she became friends with many other newly hired women, one of which would introduce her to Clarion State College Student, Wayne Costa in the summer of 1957. The two began dating, later became engaged, and married on November 19th, 1960.

Their first home was in Penn Hills, Pennsylvania. A few years later Wayne accepted a teaching position in Barstow, California where they settled and made their home for the past fifty-six years. Joann worked for Barstow Unified School District for thirty-two years and retired in 2005. She was a member of River of Life Free Methodist Church. Joann loved to read, travel, spend time with her family, her friends and her church community. Joann was the very definition of a Godly woman, she centered her life around God and her family. She was selfless, bright and compassionate. She will be greatly missed.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents Ann and Richard Chadwick as well as her son, Wayne. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Wayne Sr., their sons David and Steven, grandchildren Tawny and Crystal, and 5 great grandchildren, Madisyn, Kai, Kendri, Ever, & Rayne.

Funeral Services will be held at 12pm Saturday, November 20, 2021 at First Baptist Church, 1320 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311

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