



Joan Berger

September 9, 1946 - April 5, 2022

Joan Berger, surrounded by her family, ended her battle with Alzheimer's peacefully on April 5, 2022. She was born in Gary, IN on September 9, 1946. Joan lived in Northwest Indiana, Chicago, Cincinnati in the later part of her life. If you knew Joan, or Joanie as she liked to be called, then you know she never met a stranger. She made friends volunteering as the class mom when her kids were young, with her neighbors and even on the bus traveling to and from work. She had a loud, infectious laugh, loved going to the movies and could always recommend a good read to you. Of course, Joan wasn't perfect, she wasn't well known for cooking (don't eat the Mac and Cheese) or her driving abilities, and she wasn't really keen to try new things. None of it mattered in the end. She loved fiercely, was a confidence booster when you needed it most, and was intensely proud of her family.

She will be missed by all who knew her. Joan was preceded in death by husband, Claud, the love of her life, whom she never even tried dating again after he left us too early. She was preceded in death by her parents (Seymour and Ethel) and her sisters (Ellen and Claire). Joan leaves behind her brother Yaakov (Rochel); daughters Kat Nagasawa (Mark), Ellie Berger, and Jennifer Berger (Keith Jesse); son Scott Switalski; her beloved grandchildren Tyler (Maria), Ally, Thomas (Leilah), Zoe, Grace, Aaron (Lauryn); one great grandchild and many cousins. She also leaves behind her chosen daughters Melissa Cole (Matt) and Teddi Burt (BJ), as well as their children, Gracie, Billy,

and Thea.

Graveside service for Joan were already held. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Temple Israel Cemetery

Portage, IN

Tribute Wall

HS

“ I remember Joan as kind and caring. I remember my aunt Millie (Clauds mom) speaking of Joan with love. I remember how nice and loving she was to me when I was in Indiana.

So sorry for your loss. I know what its like to lose someone to such a disease.

Helene Stone - April 13, 2022 at 07:53 AM

ME

“ Joan was a beautiful person, loved by so many. I'm grateful to have known her.



Melissa - April 11, 2022 at 09:00 PM

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“ Joan and I were neighbors and became close friends. She would go on to marry my cousin Claud and become my cousin. She will live in my heart forever for all the wonderful thing she was and the memories we shared.

Karen - April 11, 2022 at 03:12 PM

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“ Linda Keely lit a candle in memory of Joan Berger



Linda Keely - April 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM