



## Joan Carol Scully

April 29, 1930 - April 3, 2024

Joan Carol Scully passed away peacefully surrounded by family at her home in Valparaiso on April 3, 2024 at the age of 93. Admired for her tremendous devotion to family and friends, Joan was a pillar of strength and kindness throughout her long and wonderful life as a proud citizen of Northwest Indiana.

Born April 29, 1930 in Youngstown, Ohio, Joan was the daughter of loving parents, Angela and Anthony Parrott. Joan graduated from Rayen High School. She continued her education on scholarship at Youngstown State where she majored in biology and was named Panhellenic Queen. An elegant and beautiful woman, Joan worked her way through high school and college as a runway model. Upon graduation, Joan began her career in medical technology where she met her husband Dr. John T. Scully.

When they first met, Joan was the Chief Medical Technologist at the hospital where Dr. Scully was a medical resident in training. Dr. Scully earned a place on Joan's radar by constantly ordering "Stat" procedures at night. They married October 10, 1952. Together, they created a loving and wonderful family filled with four children, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren who will dearly miss their "Granma Joanie."

Joan was a testament to the healing power of modern medicine. Diagnosed with a rare cancer at the age of 39, Joan was cured through the persistence and dedication of her husband, and the talent and wisdom of truly excellent

pioneering physicians at Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. Joan battled additional serious health challenges most of her adult life, and did so with exceptional grace and courage.

Joan generously served and supported her community. Among many other causes, she served the St. Mary Medical Center Hospital Guild for over fifty years, Junior Assembly and Andrean High School.

Joan was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, and had over the years been a parishioner at Holy Angels, St. Peter & Paul and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. She was also a long-time member of Innsbrook Country Club. A knowledgeable and faithful sports fan, Joan closely followed the Chicago Bears (through thick and thin), Notre Dame football, IU basketball and the Andrean '59ers.

Joan is survived by her four children: Dr. Sharon Harig (Dr. James) of Valparaiso, IN, John A. Scully (Karen) of Dallas, TX, Susan Scully, R.N. of Valparaiso, IN, and Dr. Thomas Scully (Dawn) of Tucson, AZ. Also surviving are 8 grandchildren of whom Joan was very proud: James Harig (Erika) of Cincinnati, OH, John P. Harig (Lauren) of Cincinnati, OH, Colleen Harig of San Diego, CA, Sara Scully of Dallas, TX, John C. Scully of Dallas, TX, Laura Scully of Dallas, TX, Dr. Thomas Scully (Alyson, R.N.) of Ft. Worth, TX and Caroline Scully, R.N. of Dallas, TX. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren: Patrick, William, George and Maeve, all of Cincinnati, OH. Joan was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. John T. Scully, and her parents, Angela and Anthony Parrott.

A visitation will be held on Monday, April 8, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home & Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at St. Paul Catholic Church, 1800 Harrison Boulevard, Valparaiso, IN, with Rev. Doug Mayer officiating. Private

burial will be at Calumet Park Cemetery, 2305 W. 73rd Avenue, Merrillville, IN.

Joan's wish was that memorial contributions be directed to the Dr. John T. Scully Medical Scholarship Fund, c/o The Legacy Foundation, 370 E. 84th Dr., Suite 100, Merrillville, IN 46410. To honor Joan's husband at the time of his retirement, Joan, her family and friends created in his name an Indiana University Northwest School of Medicine Scholarship Fund dedicated to the education of medical students of Lake and Porter County.

A special thank you for the loving and devoted care provided Joan by her constant and close companion, daughter Susan, the many outstanding caregivers including Jennifer Wampler, the devoted staff of Hospice of the Calumet and the wonderful health care providers of St. Mary Medical Center. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
(219) 769-0044  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

## Visitation

APR 9. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (cst)

St. Paul Catholic Church  
1855 W.Harrison Blvd.  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

## Mass of Christian Burial

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APR 9. 10:00 AM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Joan Scully Service Tribute Video



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**Burns Funeral Home & Crematory** - May 10, 2024 at 03:10 PM

CV

“ *My name is Cheryl Varga, I worked at Anthony's Salon and your mother was my client! She was the sweetest person I had ever known. I remember her kids though I looked like Nancy Sinatra, so much that I actually had to give them my autograph. You kids were very young. Actually, I was too at that time. As time went by, I had given birth to twins and one more. Your mother sent me the most beautiful letters congratulating me. I still have those letters! She was very dear to me. I no longer live in the region, but now in Fishers Indiana. You kids have been blessed with a wonderful mother. I'm so sorry to see that she has passed.*

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**Cheryl Varga** - May 08, 2024 at 06:08 PM

DB

“ *Sharon and family, Your mom had so much grace. I often ran into her at Melissa's in later years and always loved talking with her. Her wit and smile were unique. My sincerest condolences. I had to be in Zionsville so sadly I had to miss the services.*

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**Debbie Back** - April 11, 2024 at 01:09 PM

OR

“ To Joan Scully's children: Sharon, John, Susan, Thomas and their families. The Lee and Ruth Ramirez family express their sincere condolences for the loss of your dear Mom. She will be in our prayers. Fellow parishioners at Holy Angels Cathedral in our youth.



Olyntho Ramirez - April 08, 2024 at 01:14 PM

NB

“ Nisha and Ted Byers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



Nisha and Ted Byers - April 08, 2024 at 07:31 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



April 08, 2024 at 01:11 AM

MM

“ Maureen and Bob Mader planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.

Maureen and Bob Mader - April 08, 2024 at 01:11 AM

JE

“ My deepest sympathy to Joan’s family. Joan was my favorite person at Hospital Guild. She was so loving and caring. Also the most beautiful woman in attendance! Sincerely, Judy Enslin

Judy Enslin - April 07, 2024 at 09:33 AM

CH

“ Catherine & Frank Hoffman purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



Catherine & Frank Hoffman - April 06, 2024 at 12:45 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



April 06, 2024 at 11:05 AM

KK

“ Kathryn Klempnauer purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



Kathryn Klempnauer - April 06, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CP

“ Cooper & Scully P.C. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



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**Cooper & Scully P.C.** - April 05, 2024 at 09:02 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



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April 05, 2024 at 08:52 PM

TB

“ The Babilla's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.

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**The Babilla's** - April 05, 2024 at 08:52 PM

SF

“ Spangler/Barbanel Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



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**Spangler/Barbanel Family** - April 05, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.*



April 05, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Much love, Terry & Jennifer Wampler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.*

**Much love, Terry & Jennifer Wampler** - April 05, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.*



April 05, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ *Peter and Betsy Mavrelis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joan Carol Scully.*



**Peter and Betsy Mavrelis** - April 05, 2024 at 02:32 PM

CR

“ Craig H. Roberts purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



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**Craig H. Roberts** - April 05, 2024 at 01:42 PM

CR

“ Craig H. Roberts planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.

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**Craig H. Roberts** - April 05, 2024 at 01:42 PM

JH

“ Joan was such a gracious and elegant woman. She is a fine example for all of us. And how she ever put up with Sharon and I in high school is beyond me! So add patience to her list of attributes!

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**Janet Smith Hoar** - April 05, 2024 at 11:58 AM

JH

“ Josephine & Stephen Henderson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



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**Josephine & Stephen Henderson** - April 05, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



April 05, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Julie, Kiely, Danni & Spouses planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.

**Julie, Kiely, Danni & Spouses** - April 05, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Carol Scully.



April 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM



“ Love, Allison Vidimos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Carol Scully.

**Love, Allison Vidimos** - April 05, 2024 at 10:28 AM