



Josephine "Joey" Ann Elworth

May 1, 1930 - March 15, 2016

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Josephine "Joey" Ann (Polito) Elworth age 85 of Omaha, NE formerly of Plattsmouth, NE passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at Bergan Mercy Medical Center in Omaha, NE.

Joey was born on May 1, 1930 to Salvatore "Ted" and Tina (Miloni) Polito in Omaha. She spent many of her formative years in the heart of Little Italy near Sixth and Pierce Streets in Omaha surrounded by many aunts, uncles, and cousins – Politos, Milonis, Palmesanos, Marcuzzos, Moscreys, Nocitas, Pezdirtzes, and Gentiles. She was very proud of her Sicilian heritage.

She graduated from Park Grade School (1943), St. John's High School (1947), and Duchesne College (1951). Joey was the first in her family to earn a college degree. She married Herbert James Elworth on June 27, 1953 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Omaha. The couple lived briefly in Minnesota, where Joey taught school, before returning to Omaha, where they began raising a family that eventually grew to 11 children. Joey and Herb were among the founding families of St. Robert Bellarmine parish in 1966 on what was then the western edge of Omaha.

The family moved to Plattsmouth in 1973 and then to Joey's "dream home" at Beaver Lake in 1989. As the kids got older Joey returned to the classroom, spending many years as the kindergarten teacher at St. John the Baptist School in Plattsmouth. Joey loved being at the lake and remained there

following Herb's death in 1998, until health issues forced her to sell the house in 2012. She suffered from dementia in her last years but retained her positive personality, unshakeable Catholic faith, charitable nature, and concern for others.

Joey is survived by her children: Jim (Carol), Indianapolis; Mary, Chicago; Patrice Tina Peterson, South Sioux City; Theresa (Tom Flagel), Franklin, TN; Jane (Steve Canfield), Salt Lake City; Susan (Tom Johns), Portland, OR; Robert (Eileen), Chicago; Peggy (Jim Canavan), Scottsdale, AZ; Ann (Tom Winner), Las Vegas; son-in-law: Frank Safranek, Omaha; 18 grandchildren, five great grandchildren, brother-in-law: Bob Elworth, Springfield, MO; numerous nieces, nephews, dear cousins, former students, and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents: Ted and Tina Polito, brother: Salvatore Polito Jr., loving husband: Herb Elworth, son: Paul, daughter: Christine, granddaughter: Mary Margaret Elworth, and son-in-law: Kevin Peterson.

Visitations will be held on Sunday, March 20, 2016 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. at Roby Funeral Home in Plattsmouth. A Rosary Service at 7:00 P.M., Sunday, March 20, 2016 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth. A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Plattsmouth with Father Loras K. Grell officiating, Joy Scanlan as lector, Dick Wassinger and Lynn Vinduska as acolytes, Terry Little as vocalist, and Laurie Hajek-Jones as organist.

The Pallbearers will be Joey's grandchildren.

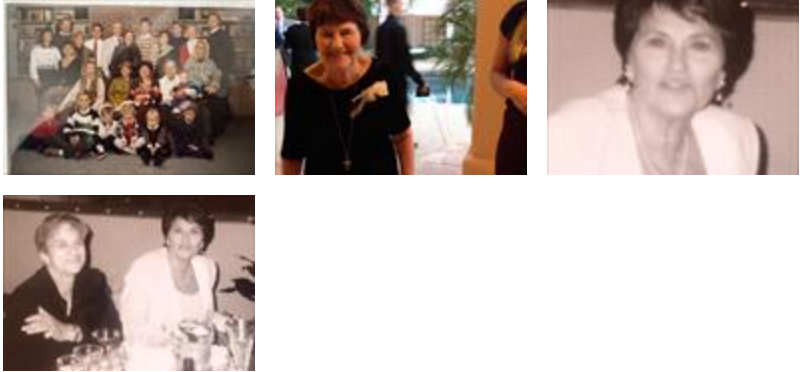
Final Resting Place will be at Calvary Cemetery in Omaha, NE.

The family requests that you consider memorials in Joey's name to Duchesne Academy in Omaha or St. John the Baptist School in Plattsmouth.

Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album our mom



Jane Canfield - March 17, 2024 at 08:25 PM



“ *Josephine "Joey" Ann Elworth*

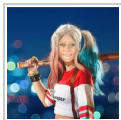
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“ *Bridget Ann lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Joey" Ann Elworth*



Bridget Ann - August 10, 2022 at 12:43 AM



Miss you Joey. 🙏

Bridget Ann - August 10, 2022 at 12:44 AM

SP

“ Joey meant a lot to me and my entire family. Her and Herb were good friends with my parents and Joey taught my kids at St. John's. She was always so friendly and loving and had a lot of good advice! I will always appreciate the newspaper clippings and photos she sent me about my kids in their school and sporting events. She did this for all of her former students. Whenever I saw her she had a big smile on her face and would always ask about my kids and family. She will be missed by many. May God Bless Joey and her family.

Sue Cadotte Porter - April 29, 2018 at 09:21 PM

AB

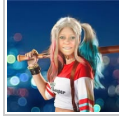
“ So sorry about Joeys passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

Anne Begley - April 29, 2018 at 09:21 PM

CD

“ I worked with Joey at St. John the Baptist School in Plattsmouth. I considered her a mentor as I was a new teacher. She gave me advice and praise over the years. After she retired from teaching she would come back to St. John's to sub and I always appreciated her taking over my class. After I married and had my own family she always went out of her way to greet me at church and ask about my children. She always had a smile and words of praise for me. She was an inspiration to the teaching profession. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Christine Prather DeSimone

Christine Prather DeSimone - April 29, 2018 at 09:21 PM



I worked with Joey in Home Health Care. She touched my heart. She was my friend. I think of her often. How much fun we had. She loved her husband and family she talked about frequently. Even with dementia. She loved her grandkids so much. She looked forward to seeing them. I will miss her.

Bridget Ann - August 10, 2022 at 12:38 AM

JC

Thank you for Allie your kindness towards our mom. You were a blessing at a very difficult time in our lives!

Jane Canfield - March 17, 2024 at 08:20 PM

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Jane Canfield - March 17, 2024 at 08:21 PM

AS

“ *Thank you for letting us know about Joey's passing. I remember her fondly as a lovely person always wanting to help out at Lakeside Village. She was such a pleasant person to know, always cheerful and happy. We always enjoyed her company as part of the Lakeside community. With sincere sympathy, Adelaide Szynskie*

Adelaide Szynskie - April 29, 2018 at 09:21 PM

JY

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Joey's passing. I will miss her; we had some fun times together.*

joy young - April 29, 2018 at 09:21 PM