



Josephine H. Birk

July 3, 1928 - January 29, 2023

BIRK - Josephine Helen "Jo"(nee Chadwick) of West Seneca, NY. Born July 3rd, 1928, passed peacefully on January 29, 2023 at the age of 94. Jo Birk was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, William John Birk, beloved daughter Jane Birk, father George Chadwick, stepmother Edna Chadwick, brothers Ronald and George Chadwick. She is survived by her son William George (Sandra) and Susan Ann (Robert Schwan) Browne, sister-in-law Sally Chadwick, granddaughter Katy Jayne (Justin), great granddaughter Ryan Arrell -Rose and many nieces and nephews. Josephine was born in Buffalo on July 3rd, 1928 to George and Josephine Chadwick. She attended Kensington High School and graduated in 1946. She would go on to work for a local bank taking shorthand, eventually meeting her future husband and ultimately marrying in 1951. They would adopt the first of their three children, Jane, in 1956, followed by William in 1959 and Susan in 1962. Jo raised their children until they were old enough so she could go back into the workforce as a nurse's aide, which she did for many years. She enjoyed helping those that could no longer help themselves and made many long-term friendships with her co-workers. Jo participated in church activities for several years and this gave her great pleasure as well. Upon her husband's passing in 1993, Jo focused on spending time with family, friends, church groups and vacationing with her granddaughter. Jo was also an avid reader, enjoying many different authors, and especially Agatha Christie mysteries. No prior

visitation. A memorial service will be held on Saturday February 11th at 11:30AM in Cleveland Drive United Presbyterian Church, 735 Cleveland Drive, Cheektowaga, New York 14225. Private interment in St Johns Cemetery, Cheektowaga. Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME. Please share condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

Cleveland Drive Presbyterian Church
735 Cleveland Dr
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm sorry to hear of Jo's passing. I know y'all will find comfort in good memories of her.*

Renee Krueger - February 11, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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“ *Mrs. Birk was my Sunday school teacher in the early 60's. She was wonderful and I have always thought of her as one of the most important people in my life, as she taught me so much. I have thought of her often over all these years The Lord will be happy to have her. I am a better person for having known her in my teens. God bless you.*
John Brueckl

john brueckl - February 09, 2023 at 09:31 AM