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Joan T. Hitchings, age 67, of Nunica passed away Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at her home following a courageous battle with cancer. She was born October 21, 1939, in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, to Ferdinand and Emma (Kunik) Potocny, and she married Joseph L. Hitchings on October 16, 1982, in Lebanon, PA.

Joan moved to the Tri-Cities area 21 years ago and was employed by The Store in Grand Haven. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coopersville, as well as a member of the Tuesday Art Club in Grand Rapids. She enjoyed painting, gardening, and above all, spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband, Joe; a daughter, Susan Schrider of Ellicott City, Maryland; a step-daughter, Jennifer (Joe) Lawlor of Pittsburgh, PA; 3 sons: Frank Loehle of New Holland, PA, Michael Loehle of Grandville, and William (Paula) Loehle of Dutton; a step-son, Joe L. Hitchings of Mechanicsberg, PA; 13 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Helen Miller of Lebanon, PA, and Agnes (Paul) Leigh of Wisconsin; and 2 brothers, Carl Potocny and John (Josie) Potocny, both of Lebanon, PA. Joan was preceded in death by her parents; a sister; a brother, Ferdinand; and late husband Frank Loehle.




The Funeral Mass for Joan will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 10, 2007, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coopersville with Rev. Anthony Pelak as celebrant. Friends may meet the family 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Friday, February 9, at VanZantwick Bartels Kammeraad Funeral Home in Spring Lake with a Scripture Service at 8:30 p.m. Interment will be in St. Michael's Cemetery. Memorials to the St. Michael's Building Fund are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their online guest book at www.vbkfuneralhome.com.



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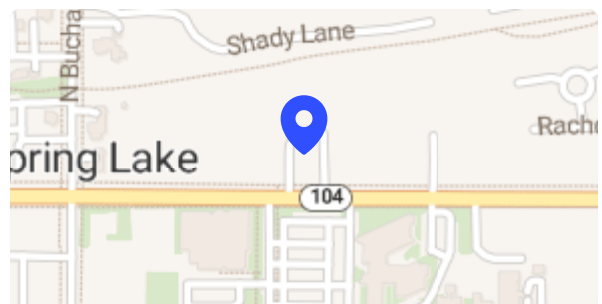
Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 9, 2007
-  2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET
-  **Spring Lake Chapel**
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI






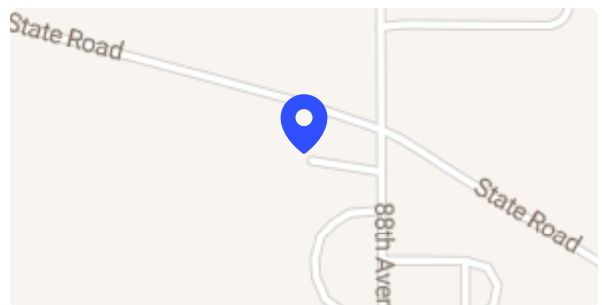
Visitation

-  **Friday**, February 9, 2007
-  7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET
-  **Spring Lake Chapel**
213 East Savidge, Spring Lake MI



Service

-  **Saturday**, February 10, 2007
-  2:00 PM ET
-  **St. Michael's Catholic Church**
17151 88th Ave., Coopersville MI





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Anonymous posted:

Joe we would like to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of aunt Joann. She was a great person, aunt, mother, and wife. With love and prayers. Mike and Joan Leigh.##imported-begin##Michael & Joan Leigh##imported-end##

February 14 at 12:22 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joe, Gail and I were so sorry to hear of Joan's passing. We knew she had some health problems which reoccurred recently. We were in Florida on vacation when we received word by phone she had passed away. Joe, Gail and I will keep you and your family in our prayers. May God bless you and help you during these very sad times. Tom and Gail Arnold##imported-begin##gail and tom arnold##imported-end##

February 13 at 7:15 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joe and all my cousins, Although we didn't see Joanne on a regular basis it was always a special treat when we did. She had so much enthusiasm for life and a genuine joy at being around family and She was fun! We are praying for you all and sending our love. She surely was welcomed with open arms to heaven and is with Papoo and Grandma again. We will miss her too. Annemarie & Steve Austin##imported-begin##Annemarie Leigh Austin##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:44 AM



Anonymous posted:

I'M SO SORRY FRANK. LOVE NANCY##imported-begin##nancy buck##imported-end##

February 13 at 8:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joe and Family: So sorry to hear about Joannie, I will be thinking of you and your family and remembering all of you in my prayers. When I read that you and Joannie had been married since 1982, I could not believe how fast time goes by. Take care. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Paulette Fortna##imported-end##

February 13 at 7:09 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Joe and family - Aunt Joanne will truly be missed. I have so many fond memories of her growing up. I remember her always smiling and being so kind to me. She was a beautiful person. Our hearts and prayers go out to you. We are thinking of you. Lots of Love, Terry, Todd, Cole & Bo

February 12 at 4:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

My sincerest sympathy and love to you Joe, Susie, Frank, Billy, Michael and the whole Loehle/Hitchings family. Aunt Joanie was a very special person who was a wonderful presence to me in my younger years growing up in Lebanon. Our times at the beach and boardwalk in Ocean City and in the Loehle basement on Berwyn Park are forever imbedded in my mind. You will be missed. Peace and Love Matt Wentzel Lancaster, PA

February 11 at 9:02 AM



Anonymous posted:

To the Hitchings family, We were praying for Joan's healing, and truly she was ultimately and completely healed, but not in this life as was hoped. We were privileged to make five ft. wreaths for her for many years, and this year extra thoughts and prayers went into the wreath. May God's comfort and strength be given to your family at this time. Our thoughts and prayers, Linda, Paul, Amy, Laurie at the tree farm.

February 10 at 4:23 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joe, We are so sorry for your loss. We remember Joan's warmth, her hospitality, her kindness, and her many gifts, especially her watercolor painting. May God comfort you as you remember happy times spent with her.

February 10 at 3:24 PM



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Anonymous posted:

A wife, a mother, a sister, a friend...to each of you for whom Joan's special and loving role can no longer be played out, we feel great sorrow. She will truly be missed by many. We are so very sorry. Sincerely, Kevin and Joyce Leigh Nephew

February 10 at 12:27 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our condolences to Joe and family. May she now rest and pray for us to join her someday in God's arms. May God bless and strengthen all of you during these trying times.

February 10 at 11:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Joe and Family, We extend our deepest sympathies to you on the loss of Joan (we always called her JT at Hofcraft, where she shopped and worked for many years). JT was such a special and unique woman. Her love and zest for life was so creatively expressed through her wonderful flair, style, painting, cooking, hard work ethic, and warm, charming personality. I know, through many conversations over the years, that she had a deep, unwavering love for you, her family and friends. Her passing is a great loss, but I hope you can find comfort in the knowledge that she truly lived life to the fullest and with great love. All of us at Hofcraft loved, respected, and admired her greatly, and we will never forget her. With love and sympathy, Doug, Gail, and Lindsey Frye, and the Hofcraft Staff

February 10 at 8:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you now as they have been for the past couple of months. We were hoping for a miracle; however, God had different plans. Aunt Joanne, we will always be grateful to you for sharing your beautiful house and lake cottage with us. We will never forget all the good times we had. May you find peace and joy in heaven--your nephew, Mike, and Kim and Shannon

February 9 at 6:12 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Shirley and I are deeply saddened upon learning of Joanie's death. Our memories of her and the family are many over a long period of time. I was happy to be her classmate. She shall forever be a part of our thoughts and prayers. Goodbye good friend until we meet again in heaven. Love and prayers, Richard & Shirley

February 9 at 6:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Joanne, you'll be forever in our thoughts and in our hearts. I'll remember all the good times. From you nephew and family. Waunakee, WI.

February 9 at 2:51 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our prayers are with you. We hope the entire family is doing well. Joanne - you'll be deeply missed. From your brother and sister in law Lebanon Pa.

February 9 at 2:47 PM



Anonymous posted:

Joe, So sorry to read about your wife Joan's passing. You have our sincere condolences. God bless you and your family. Roman & Jerrylyn Miller

February 9 at 1:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Condolences from Lebanon PA

February 9 at 11:29 AM



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Anonymous posted:

To the Joan Hithcing family, Robin and I wish you our deapest sympathy.Joan will be in our prayers as will all of you.Sincerely:Robin and Bruno Radziewicz##imported-begin##Bruno and Robin Radziewicz##imported-end##

February 9 at 7:25 AM



Anonymous posted:

I would like to extend to your family my deepest sympathy from the Chambliss Family. We pray for your family that with time the pain will get easier. It is always hard to let our love one go, but remember that you loved them but God loved them best.God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Mary Chambliss##imported-end##

February 9 at 4:26 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joan T. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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