

# JOAN (STEPHANO) NELSON



Of the Knoxville section of Pittsburgh, was born June 17, 1931, to the late Ted and Elizabeth (Biernacki) Stephano in Mt. Oliver Boro above Ted's Lunch at what is now the little parklet on Brownsville Road. Joan passed away peacefully at home at the age of 92 on April 6, 2024, among her family. Predeceased by husband, John (Jack) Nelson; and siblings, Catherine, Andrew (Doris) and Anthony

Stephano; as well as her beloved grandson, Johnny. Loving mother of Bette, Patty, Ted, Jim (late Patti); Ed (Anne-Marie), Bob (Michele) Nelson and Cathy (Jim) Schultz. Proud grandmother of Dan, Doctor Cassie, Alex, Melissa, Brandon, and Trevor Nelson and twins Corey and Tyler Boltzhauser.

A 1949 graduate of Brentwood High School, she went on to leave a legacy of volunteerism to her children and grandchildren. She was elected to join the Brentwood High School Hall of Fame Class of 2005 for over 46 years of volunteering in the Knoxville/Mt. Oliver area, including seven years on the Board of Directors at the Elderado and Lifespan. Volunteering was not Joan's only passion, as she loved to travel. Her favorite trip was a cruise with several family members to the Mediterranean to celebrate her 79th birthday. With family first in mind, holidays, birthdays and Tuesday night dinners at Mom's were always on the calendar. Due to her advanced age and some residual health issues, she never fully recovered from a bout with COVID in the fall of 2023.

A memorial reception of friends to celebrate her life will be held at **TIMOTHY K. SLATER FUNERAL HOME** on Friday, April 19, 2024, from 5 to 8 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Basil Church, Blessed Trinity Parish with everyone meeting at the church. Following Mass, interment will be held at St. John Vianney Cemetery. Joan requests no flowers but would appreciate donations being made to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank or Animal Friends in her name.

A full obituary may be found at <https://www.timothykslater.com/obituary/Joan-Nelson>.

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