



Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt

February 22, 1949 - March 30, 2024

Cresskill, NJ - Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt, age 75, peacefully went home to be with her Lord on Saturday, March 30, 2024. Joy was born on February 22, 1949 in Columbia, South Carolina to the late Wendell and Betty Fae (Brady) Sullivan. She attended Columbia Bible College, where she met her future husband, James C. Westervelt. After her husband became an ordained minister, Joy stood faithfully by his side and assumed the important role of a Pastor's wife. In addition to raising her three children, she served the Lord in local church organizations for many decades with her husband while he served various congregations. Joy also founded and ran a local daycare, for years, which was dedicated to caring for and loving little ones. The children under her care lovingly called her "Aunt Joy," because she treated them as her own. She certainly was like an "Aunt" to so many. In Joy's later years, she developed a home cleaning business, which she saw as a ministry. Joy truly had the heart of a servant. Most recently, Joy and Pastor Jim, settled in Hamburg, New Jersey while he served as Pastor at the Hamburg Baptist Church and then subsequently served as Pastor at Grace Fellowship Church. Joy loved being with her family and being a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Rev. James C. Westervelt (Pastor Jim), her granddaughter, Victoria and her brother, David Sullivan. Joy is survived by her daughters, Chera Hart (Ian) and Heidi Savill (Gary); her son, Joel Westervelt (Kirby); ten grand children; three great-grand children; her brother, Paul Sullivan (Tammy); and

her sisters, Kathy Pappas (Loui), Jan Jolley (Doug), and Kris Truax (Rod). She will be so dearly missed here, but knowing she has been reunited with her late husband, and is fully alive in the presence of God, allows her beautiful legacy to live on. Friends may pay their respects to the family on Friday, April 5, 2024, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at the Clove Cemetery on Route 23 in Wantage. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Joy's memory to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (<https://www.classy.org/fundraiser/5400751>), which is an organization that is very close to her family's heart, as Joy and other family members have been affected by this disease. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Clove Cemetery

Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
31 Bank Street (Route 23)
Sussex, NJ 07461
(973) 875-3272
alexis@pinkelfuneralhome.com
<https://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com/>

Graveside Service

APR 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

Clove Cemetery
Route 23
Sussex, NJ 07461

Tribute Wall



“ Kathy and I will always cherish the precious memory of you in our double wedding ceremony almost 55 years ago with you and Jim!! Can't wait for Kathy and I to join you and Jim one day to worship The One, Jesus, whose presence you are enjoying!
Much ❤️❤️, Loui&Kathy

Loui Pappas - April 04, 2024 at 04:55 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt.



April 03, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ - Yasmine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt.

- Yasmine - April 03, 2024 at 05:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt.



April 03, 2024 at 04:54 PM

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“ With Love: Your Rockaway Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce "Joy" C. Westervelt.

With Love: Your Rockaway Team - April 03, 2024 at 04:54 PM

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“ I grew up at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Manville. I was baptized there by Pastor Jim. What wonderful times we had enjoying their musical ministry and fellowship. So sorry to hear about Joy's passing. Mary Jane Lisny

Maary Jane Lisny - April 03, 2024 at 03:11 PM

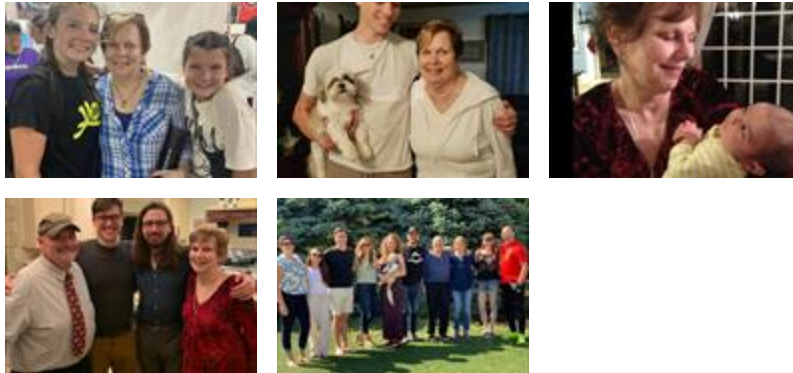
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Peggy and Ed Rutledge will miss them thankful for Jim saying words at uncle Rays funeral

Peggy and Ed Rutledge - April 04, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Joy Sullivan Westervelt



Chera Westervelt Hart - April 03, 2024 at 10:27 AM

EL

Sad to hear news of a dear friend, Joy. Just read it on Northeastern news on fb. Joy and I were expecting our first babies together. SHe was a delightful friend. We had serious conversations and some good laughs! So glad she is with her Lord and Jim. She is a truly unforgettable and very special person. Liz

Elizabeth - August 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM