



# Joan (Kelly) Mastry

NOV 25, 1930 - NOV 26, 2021



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## **Joan (Kelly) Mastry**

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**J**oan M. (Kelly) Mastry passed away peacefully on November 26, 2021 one day after her 91st Birthday. Joan was born to the late Carl Kelly and Margaret (Maloney) Kelly on November 25, 1930. She grew up on the Westside of Syracuse and graduated in 1948 from Vocational High school. She then began her 40-year career with N.Y. Telephone, she retired as a supervisor in 1988. However, Joan's life wasn't defined by her career. She married her beloved Ralph on November 20, 1954, a marriage that would last for 60 years. During those 60 years they raised 2 children, made many lifelong friends, and kept close with their siblings and extended families. Family and Friends were what made Joan's life complete. She was blessed with 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren who she loved and spoiled. After she retired, her and Ralph spent over 27 winters in Vero Beach, FL., where they formed many close friendships and made an abundance of beautiful memories. She loved playing bingo, cards, and casino slots. She enjoyed playing golf and was a great shopper. Her favorite sports teams were the NY Yankees and SU football and basketball.

Joan's smile could light up a room and she had a special talent for making friends and keeping them. She always said, "I'm so lucky to have so many friends." This wasn't luck, she kept those friendships alive by coordinating social activities or simply picking up the telephone and calling them. Her family's nickname for her was "Joan The Phone" or JTP.

Joan was predeceased by her husband Ralph in 2015. Surviving her are her daughter, Margaret (Charles) Labenski; son, Michael Mastry; grandchildren: Garrett (Maegan) Labenski, Ryan (Steven) Haselbacher, Mitchell Mastry and Madison Mastry and great grandchildren: Colton and Harper Labenski, Vienna Haselbacher, along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins.



## Obituary

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Family and friends may call on Monday, December 6, 2021 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. A Funeral Mass in celebration of Joan's life will be held at 11:30 am on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse, NY followed by Interment at Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family asks you consider donating to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hylan Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10306 or visit [t2t.org](http://t2t.org) or simply calling someone during the Holidays that you haven't spoken to in a while, this would make Joan (aka JTP) smile.



# Events

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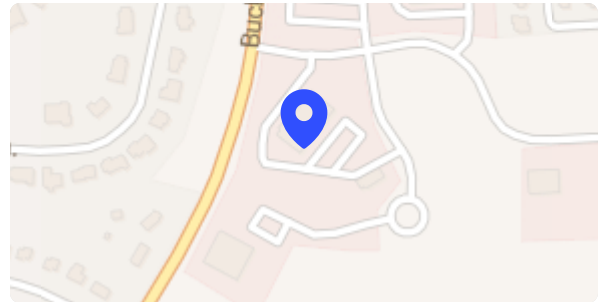
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## Visitation

**Monday**, December 6, 2021

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

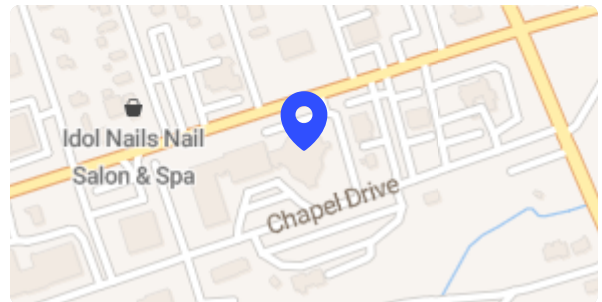


## Funeral Mass

**Tuesday**, December 7, 2021

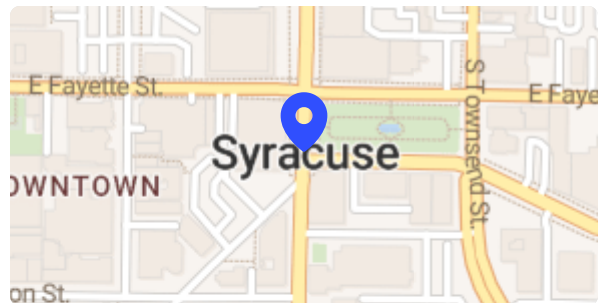
11:30 AM ET

**Holy Family**  
127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse NY 13219



## Cemetery Details

**Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery**  
4069 Howlett Hill Rd., Syracuse NY 13215





# Tribute Wall

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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 6 at 7:33 AM



**Kim Predgen** posted:

Your Mother, Joan was a friend of my mother-in-law, Joan Reynolds. Joan died in June of 2021. Joan talked about her trips with her group of friends of which your mother was a part of. Sending my deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother, grandmother and friend. May God bless you and your family. Kim Predgen (Reynolds)

January 9 at 2:32 PM



**Pat Skardinski** posted:

How I enjoyed my Monday card playing at Coppertop. How Joan would call on Sunday morning and ask what I was doing. then coyly hinting a trip to YBR. Of course I did not decline. You were dear to me and I hope you are at peace. Sympathy to Peg and Mike

December 10 at 6:35 PM



**Hal Philp** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Ralph and Joan were great people. I knew them from when i worked at the New York Telephone Co. Hal Philp

December 7 at 5:18 AM



**Terry Marra** lit a candle in honor of Joan.

To my cousins Peg Anne and Michael and family, I'm sorry to hear about your moms passing. Sending you my sincere condolences from Florida. She was a great lady with a big heart. I'll always remember her for saying "Hi Honey", always sweet and kind to everyone. Great slide show of pictures. I've never seen all the young Ralph and Joan pictures. Awesome!. Though I don't see you and have been gone from Syracuse for 30 years, I wanted you to know I care. Love Terry (Marra)



December 6 at 3:00 PM



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PM

**Patricia Morris** posted:

Our deepest sympathies to Joan's family. I worked with Joan for many years. She was a wonderful friend and we will miss her. Our prayers are with her and her family. God bless you, Joan. We know that you and Ralph are together. John and Pat Morris

December 4 at 5:54 AM

RR

**Robert & Melissa Rundall** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Mastry family.



December 3 at 5:43 AM

BD

**Barbara Debeck** posted:

Joan and Ralph were neighbors of ours on Inwood Dr in Syracuse. Joan was a wonderful person with a very giving and loving way about her. I am so sorry for the news, but so privileged to have called her my friend. Barbara McCall DeBeck

December 2 at 11:49 AM

LC

**Lisa Cavallaro** posted:

Joan & Ralph were godsenders for my mom (Betsy Simao) when Dad passed in 1994. Mom never liked being a third wheel, and often declined invites... but not when Joan & Ralph offered. They made her feel so comfortable and loved, and I'll forever be grateful to them for it. For many years, on most Sundays, Mom would call me to say "if anyone's looking for me, I'm taking a ride with Joan & Ralph"... which was code for "we're headed to the casino." Joan brought a lot of love and light to this world and to the people who knew her. Prayers to the family, and cheers to Joan on a life well lived.

December 2 at 8:48 AM

SA

**Susan Anderson** posted:

I worked with Joan for many years and think JTP is a perfect nickname. She and Ralph would talk several times a day on the phone. We often wondered what they had to say when they just saw either other at breakfast and would meet again after work. Peg and Michael, I'm sorry that you've lost your Mom, but you were so lucky to have her for so long.

December 2 at 8:23 AM



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**Michael Poirier** posted:

I am very saddened to see that Joan has passed. Such a wonderful person. I met Joan and Ralph through their many visits to Twin Trees Too Restaurant and normally with many friends. I never heard the Joan on the phone comment but makes sense. Joan would call me regularly to catch up. She loved all my Hofmann Hotdog stories and was very excited when we went to Publix in Florida. Rest in Peace my friend, your back with Ralph. Such fantastic people. Prayers to the family. She was a GEM!

December 1 at 12:19 PM



# Media

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