



Obituary

Born: Tuesday, September 8, 1936

Died: Thursday, February 14, 2019

Douglas- Joan Ann (VanNess) Rodgers, 82, of Cummings Ct. passed away on Thurs. Feb. 14, 2019 after a brief illness. Her husband of 50 years Richard J. Rodgers died March 20, 2015.

She is survived by 2 sons Michael J. Rodgers of Lafayette, CO and Christopher J. Rodgers of Thompson, CT; 4 grandchildren Nicole M. Rodgers and Elishia M. Rodgers both of Douglas, Mariah Leigh Rodgers of Pt. St. Lucie, FL, and Kelly Ann Rodgers of Colorado; in-laws Jacqueline and Peter McLaughlin, and Betty VanNess; 6 nieces and 2 nephews; and many good friends. She was predeceased by a son Richard J. Rodgers Jr. and a brother William VanNess. Born in Whitinsville, MA on Sept. 8, 1936 she was daughter of William Sr. and Eva (Therrien) VanNess and lived in Douglas 40 years. Previously she lived in Whitinsville and along the way had a couple of adventures in Maine and Florida.

Joan worked for 50 years as a nurse at Memorial Hospital in Worcester. Previously she worked in the ER Dept. at Milford Hospital and for Dr. Johnson in Worcester. She was a graduate of Douglas Memorial High School, and the Salter Secretarial School. When her children grew older Joan went back to school for nursing. She loved the Boston Red Sox and never missed watching a game. She was also an avid fan of the NE Patriot's and of Fox News. Always active, Joan was always helping people. A longtime member of St. Denis Church, she also belonged to their Catholic Women's Council, Bereavement Ministry, and Ladies of St. Anne Society. She was a longstanding member of ALANON and the Douglas Seniors. Family was the most important to Joan and her greatest joy was spending time with her husband, sons, and grandchildren.

Her funeral will be held Mon. Feb. 18 at 10am in St. Denis Church, 23 Manchaug St. Calling hours at Jackman Funeral Home, 7 Mechanic St., Douglas will be held on Sun. Feb. 17 from 2-5 pm. Memorial donations in Joan's memory may be made to St. Camillus Health Center, 447 Hill St. Whitinsville, MA 01588. To leave a condolence message for her family please visit: www.Jackmanfuneralhomes.com

Service Summary

Funeral Mass

Mon Feb 18, 2019

Location: - *Not available* -