



## Joann Marie Para

February 26, 1936 - August 6, 2021

Joann Marie Para, 85, of Manassas went to heaven on August 6, 2021. She was born and raised in Carbondale, PA where she was a cheerleader and proud graduate of Fell Township High School. She attended Lackawanna Community College in Scranton, PA. She married John Walter Para on October 26, 1957 and devoted 56 years to him before his passing in 2013. Her husband's career led them to live New York, California, Mississippi, and Germany before setting down permanent roots in Manassas, Virginia in 1972. Here she worked for IBM as an Administrative Support Manager for 20 years while raising five children. She was a dedicated and loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Joann was a faithful member of All Saints Catholic Church since 1972 and was extremely active in the community. She was a member of the Lioness Club, Knights of Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary, and a fond group of gals that were called Ladies Who Lunch. She enjoyed summer in North Myrtle Beach and hosting every holiday and birthday party for her family.

She is survived by her son, R. Joseph Para, her daughters, Lynn Renee Para, and Lisa Marie Tomsko (Victor); her grandchildren, Christina Lee Peters (Edan), Austin Joseph Para (Kellie), Melissa Caitlin Para, Heather Marie Rinderle (Travis), Amanda Lynn Holt (Alex), and Michael Todd Para; her great-grandchildren, Eleya, Cadyn, Owen, Olivia, and Logan; and her sister, Lillian Rowland. She was preceded in death by her father, Stanley Swencionis, stepfathers John Balunus and Wilfred Williams; her mother, Jenny Williams; her granddaughter, Taneha Terrace Para; her son-in-law, Edward Billington Toth; her husband, John Walter Para, Sr.; daughter, Lori Ann Para; and son, John Walter Para, II.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 from 1:00-3:00PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St. Manassas, VA 20110. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, August 12, at 10:00 AM at All-Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Rd. Manassas, VA 20110. Burial will then follow at Quantico National Cemetery at 11:30 AM, 18424 Joplin Rd. Triangle, VA 22172.



# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172-1636  
(703) 221-2183

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 11.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Rosary

**AUG 11.** 2:30 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

**AUG 11.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

## Burial

AUG 12. 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal*”.

*Joann was an amazing woman and she will truly be missed. Many will remember her for her caring and selfless nature, as well as, her faith and smile. Tommy and I were so lucky to have worked with her over the years and get to know your entire family through her. We have many fond memories shooting the breeze with her and your dad at Tony's.*

*Please accept our deepest condolences during this time and know she is at peace.*

*Tommy and Mary Dickins*

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**Tom and Mary Dickins** - August 11, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.*



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August 11, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.*



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August 11, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.*



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August 10, 2021 at 10:25 PM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Para family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during these sad times.

Maury and Vera Gerson - August 10, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.



August 10, 2021 at 11:38 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.



August 10, 2021 at 11:06 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.



August 10, 2021 at 10:20 AM

WK

“ With Love, Trish and Russ Kidwell purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Joann Marie Para.



With Love, Trish and Russ Kidwell - August 10, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.*



August 10, 2021 at 09:25 AM

DJ

“ *Joe, Lynn and Lisa,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a lovely lady, and I remember seeing her at mass so often at All Saints Church. I'm keeping all of you close to my heart during this very sad time, and wishing you everything you need for peace.*

**Dale (Potts) Jepson** - August 10, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joann Marie Para.*



August 10, 2021 at 07:36 AM

TW

“ *I remember Joann vividly...she was a a very kind, professional person that had personality that immediately drew you in with a friendly smile. She was great to have around in the business world and I am sure she will be greatly missed by her family.*

*Terry Watkin*

**Terry Watkins** - August 09, 2021 at 08:45 PM