



## Joan M. Ludwigsen

February 28, 1931 - January 19, 2017

LUDWIGSEN (nee VanArtsdalen), Joan M. – 85, of North Cape May passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 19, 2017 in the comfort of her home with her family at her side. Raised in Merchantville/Cherry Hill, Joan has been a resident of North Cape May since 1987 after moving from Kingston, NY. Her family was her number one priority during her life; she was a devoted and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister. An important part of Joan's life was her passion for music. An accomplished singer, she was active in many choirs throughout her entire life. In her younger years she sang in Atlantic City with Rosemary Clooney. More recently, she was a 20+ year member of the Angelus Chorus, Cape May Court House and was also an active member in the Cape May United Methodist Church Choir. Joan was always physically active, she played competitive softball into her 40s and up until recently she could always be seen enjoying long walks in her neighborhood where she always had a kind word and spread good cheer. She is predeceased by her parents, John and Helen VanArtsdalen, and sister, Helen Korhammer. Joan is dearly missed by her loving family which includes her husband of 66 years, Jim; three sons, Jim, Gary (and Katrina) and Scott (and Karen); 6 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. The family would like to say a special thank you to Joan's aide Juah as well as Eleanor, Nancy and others at Holy Redeemer Hospice NJ Shore. Funeral services will be held on Sunday (Jan. 22nd) at 3pm in the Cape May United Methodist Church, 635 Washington St., Cape May where friends will be received from 2pm until 2:50pm. Interment will take place privately the following day in Locustwood Memorial Park, Cherry Hill. In lieu of flowers, at Joan's request, "please do something nice for someone you love."

# Events

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**JAN**   **Visitation**                      02:00PM - 02:50PM

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Cape May United Methodist Church

635 Washington Street, Cape May, NJ, US, 08204

**JAN**   **Service**                              03:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Sorry for loss. We will miss her around the neighborhood. The Bower family



**Gale and Annette Bower** - January 25, 2017 at 07:52 AM

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“ Mrs. Ludwigsen was one of the sweetest moms on the "circle", and that's saying a lot. When I would talk to her she had a way of looking directly at me and listening with her whole heart, like what I was saying was the most important thing in the whole world. She also had a gentle smile and was quick to laugh. We were lucky to have her in our little group. She was remarkable.

**Cheryl Clarkin** - January 24, 2017 at 10:12 AM

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“ May God's peace and love, and the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Scott and family...We are praying for you.

**Dennis Hazell** - January 23, 2017 at 10:01 AM

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“ What I will remember about Mrs. Ludwigsen is that she always had a smile on her face and a kind word to say about everyone. She was very sweet and funny. She will be greatly missed.

**Mark Hubman** - January 22, 2017 at 09:38 AM

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“ I have many memories of this beautiful and kind hearted woman. She was always so full of smiles and laughter. She will be missed and I will never forget her. I always remember on Thanksgiving when she would ask me to say the turkey poem. It always made her smile. Rest in peace Mrs. Ludwigsen!

Nancy Tomasulo - January 22, 2017 at 09:31 AM

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“ Dear friends,

Your Middlebush Reformed Church family holds you in prayer for God's comfort, grace and peace. How we fondly remember Joan and Jim and other family members visiting with us, joining Scott, Karen, Nick, Tim and Emily on special occasions. Be comforted to know that Joan's faith was strong and her voice once more sings in joyful praise now in the nearer presence of God. We will be praying for you in worship tomorrow, asking that in the afternoon services you may feel the embrace of God's arms around you and the warmth of God's Spirit within you.

On behalf of your MRC family, and in Jesus' love,  
Pastor George

Pastor George Montanari - January 21, 2017 at 05:44 PM

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“ The first time I heard Mrs. Ludwigsen sing, it was the Ave Maria at Scott and Karen's wedding. Her voice was truly a gift from God. But more importantly, I can safely say that she was one of the nicest individuals I have ever met. Every time I saw her she was smiling, and always happy. She was one of those people who always made me feel good to be around, and I always left feeling a little happier. She subtly made you a better person. I can think of no more fitting tribute to the kind of individual she was than her request that in lieu of flowers, "please do something nice for someone you love." She always did. Our deepest sympathies go out to the entire Ludwigsen family. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.  
Rich & Sue Higginson

Richard higginson - January 21, 2017 at 12:43 PM

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“ 215 files added to the album LifeTributes



Spilker Funeral Home - January 21, 2017 at 11:32 AM



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Nancy Tomasulo - January 22, 2017 at 09:22 AM

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“ Your Friends At Fish & Fancy Are Thinking Of You. May You Rest Easy Joan.

Lisa Marie - January 21, 2017 at 08:03 AM

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“ Among the many great memories I have of my Aunt Joan (and her family) was the warm and friendly way they welcomed my folks and I when we visited! She used her singing once in a humorous way after one visit when they lived in New York State: "Thanks for the Memory" with some new lyrics! I wonder if any of the old reel-to-reel tape messages that were exchanged between us back then are still around.... :) When her sister Helen, my mother, passed away, she and her family were supportive.

Thank you, Aunt Joan, for spreading love to all with whom you came in contact. I know your spirit will be with us.

- David Korhammer



David Korhammer - January 20, 2017 at 03:31 PM

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“ I got to know Joan through her son Scott, my roommate in college and now almost 40 years later, still one of my closest friends. Through Scott, I got to know Joan and Jim and her other sons Gary and Jim. From the first time we met, her warmth and kindness, her caring and good humor was evident and in abundance. I was so warmly welcomed into their circle, the joke between us was that I became the unofficial 4th Ludwigsen brother. But if you stop and think about that, it speaks volumes about the kind soul that Joan was, welcoming someone in she barely knew and displaying the kind of kindness you expect to see a mother display towards her children. Living on the West Coast, I hadn't had the chance to see Joan much the past 10-15 years and was very saddened to learn from Scott a few years ago that her health had begun to decline. But the most recent chance I had to speak with her by phone a year or two ago to see how she was doing, despite her physical ills, the only thing on her mind in that call was how was I doing and what was going on with me displaying once again the caring and warmth that I will always remember her for. I'm sure she's in a better place now and spreading joy and happiness up there as she did for so many years down here. R.I.P. Joan.

- Jack Weinbaum

Jack Weinbaum - January 20, 2017 at 01:36 AM

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Tommie Highwart - January 19, 2017 at 09:08 PM

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“ Joan and I shared singing together - she with the voice and I in it for the fun. We'd go to practice and everyone would yell, "Joan!" Not to me, mind you, but to her because she was do beloved and so much fun. I once said, " Boy, God made a beautiful day today." and she said, "Everyday that God makes is a beautiful day". She never had a cup of tea. She always had a 'nice cup of tea'. You were the most loving and uncritical person I've known. Never had a bad word to say about anyone. Loved bursting in on you both in Cape May and saying, "We're across the bay from you. Can we come visit?" God love you. I will never forget you or the wonderful times we had together. Love Tommie

Tommie Highwart - January 19, 2017 at 08:58 PM