



Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak

July 12, 1929 - October 25, 2019

Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak, 90, of Perth, passed away Friday October 25, 2019 at Ellis Hospital with her loving family at her side.

She was born in Amsterdam on July 12, 1929 a daughter of Nicholas and Mary Guzek Korona and lived on the family farm until marriage when, compliments of the US Marine Corps, she moved with her husband to Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC. The Vdoviak's lived in Morehead City, NC until moving back to Fort Johnson following John's discharge. Jo attended St. Stanislaus School and Amsterdam city schools. After graduation, she was employed at Mohasco Industries until a serious car accident rendered her disabled for several years. Her next "employment" was as caregiver for her first grandchild. She continued in her "favorite job" for three more grandchildren, until they were all old enough to say, "Gram, you don't have to watch us anymore." For the past ten years, Jo was employed at the Fulton County Board of Elections as the Town of Perth Elections Supervisor.

Jo deeply loved her family and enjoyed all of life's experiences with them. She was a huge sports fan, never missing a game while cheering for her two sons throughout their sports careers. Years later, it was her four grandchildren whom she followed from youth sports to college, and finally, through videos, watching her three great-grandchildren play soccer and hockey. She has been her family's #1 fan.

Jo loved gardening, her flowers, and sitting on her patio watching wildlife in her back yard. She grew the biggest and best blueberries in town and enjoyed

picking them with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Weather permitting, you could always find her outdoors doing yardwork or home maintenance. She took great pride in her independence as a homeowner as well as her ability to change the oil in her lawn mower, clean gutters from a ladder, keep herself cozy with firewood placed into her beloved fireplace, clear snow from her walks and driveway, and wage war on her nemesis, pine needles and leaves. At times, of course, she could have had help with these tasks, but the help was never there fast enough!

If all of this wasn't enough to keep her busy, Jo was a skilled seamstress whose reputation spread until she became, as her niece described her, "the seamstress for all." After all of this, she still found time to bake the best pies and cookies, and cook the best chili, lasagna, and Polish dishes for her family. So how did she relax? Watching her beloved New England Patriots, listening to polka music, talking on the phone, or working out with her girlfriends at the gym? Maybe, but more often, she would hop in the car with her sister Gen or brother Stanley and head to a local casino, where she seemed to be quite successful, proud of her winnings but never mentioning her losses.

Jo was an active member of St. Joseph's Church and enjoyed volunteering at the summer festival, helping with tablecloths and decorating at the annual Polka dances, and contributing to bake sales with her great baked goods. She was married to John Vdoviak on September 30, 1950. He died July 31, 2001. In addition to her husband and parents, she was predeceased by a brother, Edward; a sister, Sophie Kowalczyk; a nephew, Stanley Korona, Jr.; and a great-grandson, Ryan Watson.

Survivors include two sons, Gary (Mary) Doviak and John (Cindy) Vdoviak; four grandchildren, Jason (Leanne) Doviak, Shannon (Karl) Watson, Karly (Dustin) Delaney, and Mitchell Vdoviak; three great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Zachary Doviak, and Hadley Josephine Watson; two brothers, Stanley Korona and Joseph (Judy) Korona; a sister, Genevieve Reuss; a sister-in-law, Eleanor (Melvin) Mathewson; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Tuesday from 4 – 7 pm at the Robert M. Halgas

Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday at 10 am at St. Joseph's Church 7 North Street, Broadalbin. Burial will follow at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Amsterdam. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Church or the Melody Center at Albany Medical Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Cemetery

Amsterdam, NY 12010

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
(518) 883-5323
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
7 North St.
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Jo it won't be the same at the fitness center without you. We had some great times together. You were a great friend and I'll miss you dearly. Had fun at bingo. On our shopping trip. We never did get to go to the casino together. You are loved .*

Sherry - October 29, 2019 at 01:57 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak.*



October 29, 2019 at 01:10 PM

BM

“ *Bucciferros East and West, Stellatos, McConvilles purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Red for the family of Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak.*



Bucciferros East and West, Stellatos, McConvilles - October 28, 2019 at 04:20 PM

DH

“ *Dean, Mary Kay and Amy Henderson purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak.*



Dean, Mary Kay and Amy Henderson - October 28, 2019 at 12:50 PM

LJ

“ I took ceramics with Jo at my mother's house, Lolly Oaksford, back in the 70's and 80's. We had so many laughs together - she was so much fun to be with and a total sunshine. Loved her sense of humor too. I am so sorry for your loss. Beautiful picture of her.
Linda Jurica

Linda Jurica - October 28, 2019 at 12:49 PM

EJ

“ My Aunt Jo will be missed so much.. when my dad was sick and passed last October she was there for me every step of the way..Going to miss you Aunt Jo.. RIP 🥹🥹

Edward Korona Jr - October 28, 2019 at 12:16 PM

DW

“ My friend . What fun, conversations good and bad we have had together at the gym! My heart is not the same without you, my friend. You will be missed. Love Deana.

Dweedie - October 28, 2019 at 11:47 AM

CK

“ Gary & Mary John & Cindy and family, so sorry about the loss of your mom. Aunt Jo will be missed by so many. Joining her lifetime partner Uncle John, your family will be looked after by two very special guardian angels. My Prayers and sympathies are with you all
With Love christine

Christine Korona - October 28, 2019 at 11:15 AM

KB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Vdoviak and Korona families. Jo was such a special lady and we always enjoyed spending time with her. She will be greatly missed. Treasure all of the memories. - TJ and Kelly*

Kelly Bradt - October 28, 2019 at 08:16 AM

SM

“ *Rest In Peace Aunt Jo. You will be missed. Your infectious smile, your laughter as well as your kind words and actions especially. Love Suzie*



Sue Mochrie - October 27, 2019 at 09:29 PM



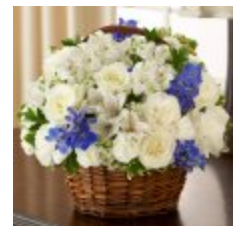
“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Pink & White was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak.*



October 27, 2019 at 09:00 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Josephine Ann Korona Vdoviak.*



October 27, 2019 at 02:42 PM