

Joan Elizabeth Morton

September 8, 1950 - February 16, 2025



MORTON, JOAN E. 74 – passed away on Sunday, February 16, 2025. Joan was born September 8, 1950, in Englewood, New Jersey, the daughter of Theresa (Gago) and Walter D. Morton. She was the eldest of two girls. Joan was raised in Cresskill (NJ). Her family moved to Millville (NJ) when she was in high school. After graduating, she attended Temple University's Tyler School of Art. Joan left Tyler to finish her degree in Boston and received a Bachelor of Art and teaching degree.

Shortly after, she moved to Germany, where she lived as an active community member for 15 years. While in Germany, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming an equestrian. She was an avid dressage rider who also enjoyed the swing of a full gallop on a fox hunt. In the mid-1990s, she returned to Millville with her family and began a career as a fine jewelry associate. Joan used her aesthetic and design expertise to excel in jewelry sales, earning national accolades from her employer.

Joan was a loving mother, talented artist, ardent gardener, collector, horsewoman, advisor, and selfless friend. She found true joy in crafting and giving the perfect gift. She journeyed through her days with an insatiable drive to satisfy her mind's curiosity for nature, art, literature, and history. She is survived by daughters Dallas Jublou Miller (Robert III), Karla Killpack Rossini (Julian), beloved grandchildren Robert IV and Elise Miller, Vera and Valentino Rossini, and sister Jane Morton Galetto (Peter). Joan's love and creative legacy live on in them.

A private mass and burial will be held for family members. Friends are invited to join the family for Joan's *Afterlife Party*, a cocktail reception at Eastlyn Golf Course and Greenview Inn on Friday, February 21, 2025, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, or gifts a donation be made in Joan's honor. Please consider supporting one of the issues Joan felt passionate about: environmental conservation, the protection of written expression, or continuing artistic education.

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