



## Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak

November 11, 1938 - April 19, 2025

Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak, age 86 of Mentor, passed away Saturday, April 19, 2025, at Vista Springs Quail Highlands, Concord Twp., with her family by her side. She was born on November 11, 1938, in Cleveland to Joseph and Anne Juratovac. The second of eight children, Joanne had a love of family, was deeply faithful, and was unparalleled in the kitchen.

Mrs. Tomchak enjoyed several careers, including waitress at a diner on Public Square, elementary school teacher at St. Aloysius in Cleveland and later at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Wickliffe. She shared her love of history as a staff member at Lawnfield, the former residence of President James A. Garfield. Most recently, Joanne retired from a long career as a bridal consultant for Galleria Gowns.

To accommodate their growing family, Joanne and Rich moved from Willowick to Mentor, where she lived for fifty years. Joanne was a longtime member of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Mentor. She enjoyed her service as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, distributing the Eucharist, and as a member of the Bereavement committee. Joanne and her husband Rich manned the funnel cake booth during the annual St. Mary's festival. Mrs. Tomchak was a den mother, chauffeur, caregiver, head cook, laundress, educator, and confidant to many. Of most importance was her family, her husband, children, and grandchildren. Joanne's grandchildren were her joy,

and much to their parents' chagrin, they could do no wrong.

Survivors include her children: Christine A. Tomchak, Dr. David J. (Ann Marie) Tomchak, Joseph (Jane) Tomchak, Suzanne M. (Thomas) Turk, Thomas M. (Jennifer) Tomchak, and Dr. Amy T. (Paul) Parrish; grandchildren: John Tomchak, Dr. Kimberly Tomchak, Claire Tomchak, Jason (Nicole Gattozzi) Turk, Katie and Amy Tomchak, and Stephen and Lily Parrish; siblings: Catherine (Jack) Thrane, Marie (Jeff Benbow) Ciarlillo, Donna Juratovac, Anne Juratovac, and Richard "Dick" (Peggy) Juratovac; sister-in-law: Lee Juratovac; Joseph's fiancée: Judy Price and many nieces, nephews and dear friends: Betty Delli, Samia Bishara, and Mike and Rini Spino.

Preceding Joanne in death are her husband of 44 years, Richard A. "Rich" Tomchak; parents, Joseph and Anne Juratovac; and brothers, Joseph Juratovac and Thomas (Linda) Juratovac.

The family will receive friends from 2:00–8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. Please meet at the church.

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon, OH.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Vista Springs Quail Highlands for the loving care they provided Joanne.

Because Joanne and Richard deeply believed in the value of education, contributions can be made in Joanne's memory to the "Richard Tomchak

Memorial Endowed Scholarship” via The Lakeland Foundation online or by mailing a check made payable to: The Lakeland Foundation, 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094. Please include Joanne’s name in the memo line.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
(800) 582-6850

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 25.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
[ajs@brunners.com](mailto:ajs@brunners.com)  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Mass

**APR 26.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Of The Assumption Church  
8560 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3404  
<https://stmarysmentor.org/>

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ I am so sorry to hear of Aunt Joannes passing. I have many fond memories of visiting her and Uncle Rich as child, in particular a huge family gathering where she, Jeanette and Lenore produced a bountiful feast of mouthwateringly delicious food. Growing up in Scotland, we didn't have many family members so this event and how Joanne and everyone made us feel included has really stuck with me. There was such a sense of togetherness brought about by a clear love of family.

*I wish you all strength at what must be a difficult time.*

*Jess Tomchak*

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**Jessica Tomchak** - April 28, 2025 at 08:49 AM

SW

“ Joann was an amazing, thoughtful, loving Mom...I was their teenage babysitter and will always remember how she made me feel...I always admired her and strived to be like her,....God bless ☐

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**sally Green Wanchisn** - April 26, 2025 at 09:27 PM

JG

“ Our condolences on the loss of Joanne. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.

*Joyce and Rick Gravagna*

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**Joyce Gravagna** - April 25, 2025 at 08:44 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.



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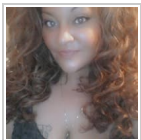
April 25, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

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April 25, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to all of Joanne’s cherished family & loved ones. It has been an honor to have had the opportunity to get to know, love & care for her over the past year. Joanne was beautiful inside & out and she passed her kind, gentle & loving nature onto her amazing children & grandchildren. May all the beautiful memories you shared help comfort you all during this difficult time.

-Brandy Shemal

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**Brandy Shemal** - April 24, 2025 at 05:32 PM



“ Carol B. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

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**Carol B.** - April 24, 2025 at 02:39 PM

JO

“ To the family of Joanne,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Joanne was such a great woman, and while I did not know her long: her love has left a place in my heart I will never forget. I want to thank the family for trusting her in my care for the past few years.  
Much love,  
Joane Baldassar

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joane - April 24, 2025 at 01:45 PM

MY

“ I am so sorry about the loss of your dear Aunt and Family member. You can tell she had that infectious smile as you all do. Andrea, Evan and Joe and family my love is with you, and I am so sorry to hear about her passing

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Mark Yeast - April 24, 2025 at 09:37 AM

EP

“ Elisa Poffel lit a candle in memory of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak



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Elisa Poffel - April 24, 2025 at 08:40 AM

MK

“ Dr. Tomchak and family,  
We were sorry to read of your mother's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, now and in the days to come. Find comfort in faith, family and friends.  
Dick & Marla

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Marla KNIGHT - April 24, 2025 at 08:37 AM

KD

“ *Kailey and Dawn purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.*



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**Kailey and Dawn** - April 23, 2025 at 08:34 PM

TM

“ *Tom and Marsha Marquardt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.*



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**Tom and Marsha Marquardt** - April 23, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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“ *The Pomidor "Kids" purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.*



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**The Pomidor "Kids"** - April 23, 2025 at 06:17 PM

Jl

“ *Janet Zink, Pam Chidgey, Lisa Ichikawa purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.*



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**Janet Zink, Pam Chidgey, Lisa Ichikawa** - April 23, 2025 at 03:17 PM

Jl

“ Janet Zink, Pam Chidgey, Lisa Ichikawa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

Janet Zink, Pam Chidgey, Lisa Ichikawa - April 23, 2025 at 03:17 PM

BP

“ With our deepest sympathy, love, and prayers to the Tomchak family. Rest in peace, Joanne. Cookie & Brian Pelcin



Brian Pelcin - April 23, 2025 at 12:35 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.



April 23, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

April 23, 2025 at 11:19 AM

TT

“ 3 files added to the album Joanne



Tom & Jen Tomchak - April 23, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.



April 23, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

April 23, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.



April 23, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.

April 23, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ Rini Spino lit a candle in memory of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak



Rini Spino - April 22, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Joanne M. (Juratovac) Tomchak.



April 22, 2025 at 06:48 PM



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