



Joyce (Klein) Bell

November 28, 2025

Joyce (Klein) Bell, of Mentor, passed peacefully into eternal life on November 28, 2025. She was surrounded in love by her children and grandchildren. Joyce, known most often as Gammy, was born in 1937 in Pittsburgh, PA. She was an avid Steelers fan until the end.

Joyce was a devout woman of faith whose top priority was always family. She adored children and children were a constant presence throughout her life. After her husband, Jack Bell, passed in 1989, Joyce returned to the classroom, resuming her teaching career that had begun after she graduated from St. Francis College (PA). Joyce tutored in Mentor, and then taught in the Cleveland School District. During this time she earned her Master's degree in Education from Harvard University.

Joyce was a longtime member of St. Mary's in Mentor, where she was involved in Ministry and Outreach programs. She was a voracious reader, and enjoyed playing bridge, traveling and spending time with friends. Her greatest joys, however, were summers at the Jersey shore spent with her beloved 17 grandchildren.

Survivors include her children: Tom (Suzanne) Bell, Maureen Bell, Susan (Rob) Stanovsek, Janet (James) Ricciardi and Christine (Steve) Totte; grandchildren: Tommy, Lizi, Emily Bell; Matthew Bell; Shelby, Brinley, Jack,

Wesley, Mick and Malley Stanovsek; Justin, Johnny, James and Lindsay Ricciardi; Luke, Jack and Abbey Totte; sister: Joan Swick, as well as countless nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. Joyce's devotion to family went well beyond her own offspring; she was equally devoted to several generations of "Klein" babies.

Preceding Joyce in death are her husband of nearly 30 years, John (Jack) H. Bell Jr.; parents, Sylvester and Elsie Klein; and beloved sisters, Mern Guest and Elsie Clayton.

A funeral mass will be held at 9:00 am on Friday, December 5, 2025, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. Mentor, OH. 44060.

A private interment will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, P.O. Box 72101, Cleveland 44192 or donate online at www.hospicewr.org

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel Catholic Church
9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd.
Concord Twp., OH 44060
(440) 352-8282

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Wonderful fun memories of Aunt Joyce! How fast time goes . She will be missed , may she rest in peace and be in a better place with all the family who went before her!
A donation was made in her memory to the hospice foundation.
Love Kathy Clayton Gustafson, favorite niece 😭

Kathleen Gustafson - December 05, 2025 at 10:49 AM

EH

“ We are sorry for your loss. She is at peace in the arms of the Lord now. We are unable to express our sympathy in person but know our prayers are with Joyce and all her family.
Ed and Cindy Hughes

Ed and Cindy Hughes - December 05, 2025 at 10:23 AM

CT

“ Mom and Amy



Christine Totte - December 04, 2025 at 09:39 PM

LF

“ Love, Pete, Mary Sue and Family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.



Love, Pete, Mary Sue and Family. - December 04, 2025 at 03:34 PM

LF

“ Love, Pete, Mary Sue and Family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce (Klein) Bell.

Love, Pete, Mary Sue and Family. - December 04, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.



December 03, 2025 at 08:35 PM

SH

“ Sheila purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.



Sheila - December 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

SH

“ Sheila planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce (Klein) Bell.

Sheila - December 03, 2025 at 01:44 PM

YF

“ *Your Endocrine Surgery Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.*



Your Endocrine Surgery Family - December 03, 2025 at 07:25 AM

LJ

“ *Love, Jill & Julia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.*



Love, Jill & Julia - December 02, 2025 at 03:46 PM

LB

“ *Deepest condolences to Susan and rest of the family. Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

:Linda and Ed Barcik

Linda and Ed Barcik - December 01, 2025 at 07:11 PM

LF

“ *Lara Guest and David Guest Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.*



Lara Guest and David Guest Family - December 01, 2025 at 04:04 PM

LF

“ Lara Guest and David Guest Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce (Klein) Bell.

Lara Guest and David Guest Family - December 01, 2025 at 04:04 PM



“ My grandma had a million ways to show how much joy and fulfillment she gained in being a grandmother. Her heart was always in search of way to demonstrate what I meant to her and I'll forever be grateful for the quiet understanding we had with each other. Love you Gammy <3



Mick Stana - December 01, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.



December 01, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Joyce (Klein) Bell.



December 01, 2025 at 08:58 AM

JA

“ I love you Gam! You were such a wonderful grandma, always stepping up for our family time and time again. We'll miss you dearly but your memory lives on through our many birthdays and holidays spent together and silly antics. It's comforting to know you're finally reunited with PopPop ❤️



Jack - December 01, 2025 at 08:58 AM

BR

“ Love you Gammy. You're a wonderful Grandma and gave me such an amazing childhood. I'll miss you so much.



Brinley - November 30, 2025 at 11:25 PM

LO

“ You were always so kind to me as a child, and your bright, joyful personality touched everyone around you. May you rest peacefully.

loren - November 30, 2025 at 09:09 PM

WE

“ You will be dearly missed, Gammy. Thank you for opening your heart and home to your family throughout the years - we've forged memories that will prevail for generations to come.



Wesley - November 30, 2025 at 04:48 PM