



Joan Elizabeth Tolfa

September 6, 1958 - April 20, 2022

Joan Elizabeth Tolfa, 63, of Butler, passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Chicora Medical Center.

She was born September 6, 1958 in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of the late Donald McClelland and Dorothy (Kennedy) McClelland.

Joan was a member of Community Alliance Church where she was a longtime Awana leader and was active in their deaf ministry. She was a graduate of Slippery Rock University in 1981. She was also a writer and speaker at numerous Gideons International functions.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Walter L. Tolfa; two sons, Adam (Heather) Tolfa of Scio, NY and Aaron (Megan) Tolfa of Renfrew; three grandchildren, Jaxson, Emma, and Luca Tolfa; four sisters, Sheila (Thomas) Powers of East Butler, Stacey Pellerin of Leeds, ME, Joyce (Troy Collins) McClelland of Owings, MD and Gail (James) Wright of Dayton, OH; a brother, John (Robin) McClelland of Lucedale, MS.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Patrick "Dugan" McClelland.

Friends of Joan will be received from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at Community Alliance Church, 800 Mercer Road, Butler, PA 16001. A memorial

service will immediately follow with Rev. Dr. Dennis Krajacic officiating.

Interment will be in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Huntington's Disease Society of America at hdsa.org.

Cemetery Details

National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

1158 Morgan Rd.
Bridgeville, PA 15017
(724) 746-4352

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Community Alliance Church
800 Mercer Rd.
Butler, PA

Memorial Service

APR 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

Community Alliance Church
800 Mercer Rd.
Butler, PA

Tribute Wall

PA

“ *Walt and family,
I was sad to learn of Joan's passing. It had been a long time since I saw her. I got to know her at church in Butler We used to go to the prayer meeting before the Sunday evening service. We always enjoyed talking. I always thought she was such a pretty girl. I still think of her when I use my favorite big pan/lid, a wedding/shower gift she gave us. :)
We pray for continual comfort as you mourn your loss.*

Pam Askey - April 28, 2022 at 09:35 AM

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“ *Wally and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Joan. You have my deepest sympathy.*

Elaine Tolfa Perechlin - April 22, 2022 at 12:01 PM