



Mrs. Joan Audrey McElroy

March 20, 1932 - December 13, 2020

Obituary for Joan McElroy

McElroy, Joan Audrey – on Sunday, December 13, 2020. Beloved wife of Jim McElroy, Jr. (deceased), mother of Jim McElroy, 3rd (deceased) and mother-in-law of Mary McManus McElroy, grandmother of Matthew, Deirdre, James, and John, daughter of Matthew Norton Kelly (deceased) and Edith (Martin) Kelly (deceased), sister of Edith Kelly Collins (deceased), aunt to the “Collins Girls”: JeanMarie, Cathy, Maureen, Nancy, and Susan (deceased), welcomed member of the McManus Family, and cherished friend.

Joan and her husband, Jim, built a happy life in Brooklyn and were lifelong Brooklynites, having come of age “When Brooklyn Was the World”. Joan was proud of keeping a home and building a family. Together she and Jim raised their son, Jim the 3rd, “Jimmy”. She was the encourager-in-chief, steadfastly supporting her husband and son in work, school, and dreams for the future. She made a loving home for her father after her mom died and maintained a long and close relationship with her sister-in-law, Patricia, who lived close by all these years.

Absolutely delighted when her son married and began a family of his own, Joan and Jim were there for every milestone, and over-the-moon thrilled when they were blessed with grandchildren. Joan immediately became the cheerleader for each grandchild, closely following their activities and goings-on, coming to know their friends and friends’ parents when they saw them at basketball, softball, and soccer games. She spent a good amount of time in

Springfield, NJ both in happy and sad times, especially when she helped with the grandchildren while her son was ill.

Dear aunt to her sister Edie's children, Joan sought to reflect the perspective of their Mom's generation, using the shared memories of sisters growing up in a certain time in Brooklyn, NY, with her nieces as a small way to acknowledge their mom's continued influence and love in their lives.

A cherished friend, Joan was always out and about until her later years. She delighted in catching up with friends, many of whom were from early days and had remained in her life. Christmastime gatherings in the McElroy living room were a time-honored tradition. Perhaps the biggest gatherings of all were the Cadets Baseball dinners that she organized and worked with her husband, Jim.

While Jim was the backbone of the Cadets Baseball organization, Joan was undisputedly its heart. Countless years were happily spent connecting coaches, Cadet Board members, league officials, and anyone who had a role in Cadets Baseball with Jim. She listened to all, made everyone know that they were important, functioned as the Secretary of the organization, and tirelessly troubleshoot issues and encouraged Jim in managing it all. In a house full of heartfelt trophies, plaques, and commemorations for Jim, a number were in her name, as the Cadets and others, kindly recognized and celebrated her contributions. She was humbled and tickled at the tributes given to her by the Cadets Baseball organization at their most recent awards dinners after Jim's passing. Joan knew that the Board of Directors, longtime coaches, and players' moms, saw her and were genuinely glad and appreciative of her presence among them. So many of the Board members were close friends of Jim and Joan and most supportive and helpful to Joan. Our family is grateful for the love and support of Cadets Baseball.

Perhaps Joan's biggest contribution was the way she lived a faith forward life. From the Good Shepherd Home School Association to President of the Catholic Club, Choir Member, Eucharistic Minister, Prayer Group, and the Tuesday Ladies parish helpers, Joan was truly immersed in the local life of her

church. More importantly, she lived her faith daily, truly believing and reminding us, that we are all in God's Hands. Joan will be lovingly remembered for her unwavering support of family and friends, good humor, loyalty, and unshakeable faith in God and His abundant goodness.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1100 East Broad Street
Westfield, NJ 07090

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Service

DEC 19. 7:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **19**. 8:00 AM (ET)

Good Shepherd
1950 Batchelder St
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Joan and Jim lived next door to my parents, Mike and Rose. Whenever I came in from Arizona, I would stop and check on Joan to see if she needed anything from the store. One day she asked me to get her some liverwurst! I've been trying to call her without success. Saw her obituary today. Please accept my sympathy and condolences. Joe Agosta*

Joe Agosta - February 28, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JA

“ *Joe Agosta lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joan Audrey McElroy*



Joe Agosta - February 28, 2021 at 02:39 PM

JS

“ *Mrs. Joan was one of the nicest ladies I have ever met. My family enjoyed our friendship with her and Mr. Jim for many years in Johnstown each year when we would meet at the baseball tournament. On behave of our family here in New Orleans we send our sincere condolences to her family. May She join Mr. Jim in our Lord's heaven and Rest In Peace.*

Joseph Scheuermann - December 18, 2020 at 06:16 PM

JD

“ *Jim Donohue lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Joan Audrey McElroy*



Jim Donohue - December 18, 2020 at 12:05 PM