



## Joan E. Brennan

July 25, 1941 - October 11, 2018

LANCASTER/WEST BOYLSTON – Joan E. Brennan, 77, passed away peacefully at home with her loving wife, Marcia and Yorkipoo, Katie by her side on Thursday, October 11, 2018. She was one of a family of eight children. Born and raised in Dorchester, Joan was the daughter of Leo J. and Ruth (Fournier) Brennan and lived 23 years in West Boylston before moving to Lancaster in 2005.

Joan graduated from Dorchester High School in 1959 and worked several years for the American Red Cross as a blood technician. In 1976, she went to work for the Massachusetts Department of Correction and was assigned to MCI – Framingham where she received her training as a corrections officer. While working in Framingham, she attended Quinsigamond Community College and was promoted to Captain. Joan worked the remaining seven years of her career at Shirley Correctional Center until her retirement in 2003.

She enjoyed working, genealogy and spending time at home with her family. Joan will be remembered for her marvelous sense of humor.

She will be lovingly remembered and missed by her wife of eight years, companion and best friend of forty years, Marcia L. (Firth) Brennan; three sisters, Patricia E. Brennan of Charlemont, Linda C. Brennan of Plympton and Theresa M. Guidaboni of Quincy; three brothers, Lawrence L. Brennan of Carver, John J. Brennan of Hanson and Paul J. Brennan of Quincy; nieces, nephews and cousins. Besides her parents, Joan is predeceased by her sister, Carole M. Soivilien.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joan's family from 3 to 6 pm on Sunday, October 14, at Miles-Sterling Funeral and Tribute Center in Sterling, 100 Worcester Rd., Sterling. A funeral service honoring her life will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, October 16, at the funeral home. Burial will be private at Woodlawn Cemetery in Acton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Sterling Animal Shelter, 17 Laurelwood Rd., Sterling, MA 01564. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit

the "Guest Book."

# Events

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**OCT** **Calling Hours** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Miles-Sterling Funeral & Tribute Center

100 Worcester Road (Rte. 12), Sterling, MA, US, 01564

**OCT** **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ It was a pleasure to meet Joan's family over the past few days.... I had the fortunate experience of working Joan's calling hours and funeral on Tuesday. My heart goes out to Marcia... may the terrific memories ease the pain you are feeling today. All the best, Brian / Miles Funeral Homes



**Brian Brosnihan** - October 16, 2018 at 04:33 PM

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“ Love and Prayers to Marcia and the entire Brennan Family. Thinking of you All...

**Mary Cuddy Fisher** - October 16, 2018 at 12:30 PM

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“ Rest in Peace dear Joan♥ and to her family...my deepest condolences Worked with Joan at Framingham, she was the best of the best...took care of us all, and was so very kind. She was a true blessing! God Bless her soul

**MaryBeth Duggan** - October 15, 2018 at 08:56 PM

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“ Rest in Peace Joan. To the family so sorry for your loss.

**Tony Sulkoski** - October 15, 2018 at 05:56 PM

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“ We were so delighted to find that Joni and Marcia were to be our new neighbors in Eagle Ridge. Little did we know just how luck we were to have these special ladies to grow with us in friendship over the last 13 years. Joni’s incredible wit was evident from day one. Delivered in a soft monotone voice, the unexpected brilliant puns she came up with would have us howling and groaning... AND, have us remembering just how joyous and silly life could (and should) be! The love and understanding between Marcia and Joni was hard to miss. Their wedding was an event I will always remember. And there was the memory of the caring and patient help Joni gave to both Ethel, Marcia’s mom and my mom, Alice, in their later years. We will certainly miss you, Joni, but you will always remind us that there is joy, love, and humor all around us.  
Rest In Peace, my friend...and keep those puns coming!  
Diane and Claire

Diane and Claire - October 14, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ Rest in peace captain.

Virginia Lavoie - October 15, 2018 at 08:12 PM



“ Rest in Peace Joan. I worked for Captain Brennan at MCI Framingham. She was a great person to work for. My condolences to her family.

Jayne - October 16, 2018 at 08:39 PM

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“ Dear Marcia  
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Joni. She was such an amazing person and was always so kind to me. I will cherish the memories we had together. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Hugs to you.  
Do Love You  
Betty

Betty from Chocksett Restaurant - October 14, 2018 at 08:53 AM

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“ With all my love to our special "Joni Brennan" who filled our hearts with love, kindness, consistency and continuity. My sister Joni was all she could be on this earth. My son Joseph and family, Kimberly, Angela, Laney, Courtney feel a great loss in our lives to have lost her.

We love Joni and Marcia with all our hearts.

My sister Joni filled my life with love, happiness, direction, security, wisdom. I could go on and on. Joni was our rock.

My dearest Marcia, Joni will live on in you. We are here for you always. Your strength is the reason I am so strong. We love you so.

With all my love, we will meet again. Your loving family,

Pattie  
Joseph  
Kimberly  
Angela  
Laney  
Courtney

**Patricia Brennan** - October 13, 2018 at 07:02 PM

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“ With all our Love, Paul Claire and the Girls purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan E. Brennan.



**With all our Love, Paul Claire and the Girls** - October 13, 2018 at 09:50 AM

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“ Marcia,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of our beloved Joni. Joni was such a kind soul and I loved her so much. She will be missed by all.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and the Brennan Family.

Love you,  
Claire

**Claire** - October 13, 2018 at 09:37 AM

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“ Dear Marcia and Brennan family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

-Mary McCauley

**Mary McCauley** - October 13, 2018 at 08:37 AM