



## Dorothy Ann (Joyce) Nathan

April 16, 2023

Dorothy Ann (Joyce) Nathan, 1930-2023 of Sarasota, formerly of Northampton, MA and Falls Church, VA.

Adored wife of Hardy L. Nathan (d. 1998); mother of Virginia Haley, Victoria Main and Don Nathan, all of Sarasota, and Chris Nathan, of Naples. She was born in Northampton to Leo F. and Dorothy H. (McKenna)

Joyce and graduated from Holyoke, MA High School in 1947. After graduating from Framingham State Teachers College in 1951, she taught at the Bridge Street Elementary School in Northampton. That summer she met Hardy Nathan and within six weeks they were discussing marriage, which took place June 28, 1952 in Holyoke. They loved each other dearly until his death in 1998.

Mrs. Nathan was a work-at-home mother and occasional substitute school teacher in Northampton, then resumed full-time teaching at Glen Forest Elementary School in Fairfax County, VA, after the family moved to Falls Church in 1969. She taught until retiring in 1990, after which she and her husband moved to Sarasota.

Always a constant reader, in retirement she traveled extensively, was a long-time volunteer at Gulf Gate Public Library and enjoyed the regular get-

together with her book group. She was a volunteer eucharistic minister at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, enjoyed exercising at the Potter Park YMCA, making brownies for her brother Richard Joyce of Wilbraham, MA and having coffee with Hana Blahacek.

Most importantly, she was a loving Nana to Madeline, Danielle, Willa, Michael and Kate as well as Jonathan, Rachel and Natalie, and Great-Nana to Carter and Claire.

This outline of her life doesn't begin to capture the joy and richness she brought to her family, friends, students and so many others.

Lastly, Mrs. Nathan's children are deeply grateful for the extraordinary care and support provided to her and to them by the teams at Poet's Walk Sarasota and Continuum Hospice Care.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 11:00am, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 2506 Gulf Gate Drive, Sarasota, FL 34231.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made in Dorothy's memory to Face Autism Inc., 5610 74th Place East, Ellenton, FL 34222 [www.Face-Autism.org](http://www.Face-Autism.org), or the Lupus Research Alliance, 270 Madison Avenue, Suite 300, New York, NY 10016 <https://give.lupusresearch.org/give/123231/#!/donation/checkout>

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

APR **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas More Catholic Church  
2506 Gulf Gate Drive  
Sarasota, FL 34231

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ *My condolences.*

*I feel fortunate to have known Dottie. What a significant person is so many ways. She was intelligent, kind, nurturing, thoughtful, generous, funny, creative and so much more.*

*She will be missed by so many I am sure.*



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**Deborah King** - April 18, 2023 at 12:54 PM

AM

“ *Virginia, Vicky, Don and Chris.....my condolences for your mom's passing. I am fortunate to have met your parents and the family at intervals over the years. It was plain to see that getting you all heading in the right direction from the start was a credit to both of your parents, but moms seem to sweep the lifetime awards. And she did. Warm hugs to the family in this difficult time. May her memory be a blessing to you all.*

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**Al Mattern** - April 18, 2023 at 11:14 AM

BC

“ *Don's mom, "Mrs. Nathan," as I knew her, was always kind to me, my friends, and my family. She and Mr. Nathan, as we were instructed to call him 😊, even took in me and my very pregnant wife when we lost the heat in our apartment. For that and many other kindnesses, I'll always hold her in my heart. Godspeed, dear friend.*

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**Bob Curtin** - April 17, 2023 at 06:49 PM

BC

*While I don't recall meeting Mrs. Nathan, I do know her son Don. He is a kind man and I'm sure his mother is very proud. I wish the family well and offer my deepest condolences as you get through this tough time.*

*With love,*

*Bobby*

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**Bobby Curtin** - April 17, 2023 at 07:56 PM

LV

*To the entire Nathan family and all those who loved Mrs. Dorothy Nathan:*

*I am saddened to learn of Mrs. Nathan's passing and you will be in my prayers. My parents were benefactors of her warm heart and she was my godmother. May the Lord give you all strength and bring Mrs. Nathan to peaceful rest.*

*"Her absence is like the sky, spread over everything."  
— C.S. Lewis*

*"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."  
— Matthew 5:4*

*Please take care as you remember this wonderful lady.*

*Sincerely,  
Laura Curtin Villarreal*

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**Laura Villarreal** - April 17, 2023 at 08:57 PM

DN

*Bob/Laura/Bobby -- thank you all so much. Very kind of you.*

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**Don Nathan** - April 18, 2023 at 10:35 AM