



## Joan Estelle "Joanie" Cunningham

April 9, 1935 - May 29, 2026

Joan Estelle "Joanie" Cunningham, age 91, of Sarasota, Florida, passed away peacefully on May 29, 2026.

Born on April 9, 1935, in Monessen, Pennsylvania, Joanie was the daughter of Nick and Steffa Grados. She grew up in Pennsylvania and went on to marry her beloved husband, William C. "Bill" Cunningham. Joanie and Bill shared sixty-three years of marriage before his passing in 2017. Early in their marriage, Joanie accompanied Bill during his military service in Stuttgart, Germany, an experience that reflected her steadfast devotion to her husband. The couple later settled in Sarasota, Florida, where they made their home and raised their family beginning in the early 1960s.

A devoted homemaker, Joanie found joy in sewing, Bible study, and classical music. Her greatest happiness came from her faith, her church community, her friends, and the time she spent with her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Those who knew her will remember her warm and helpful spirit, her unwavering commitment to her church, and her deep love for her family.

Joanie is survived by her daughter, Petra Cunningham-Smith (David); her sons, William C. Cunningham II (Karen) and Daniel O. Cunningham (Jeanne); seven grandchildren: William C. Cunningham III, Jason C. Smith (Nicole),

Jacob C. Cunningham (deceased), Leila A. Chapman (Scott), Alissa S. Dietz (Paul), Tessa J. Mason (Kyle), Daniel C. Cunningham, and Victoria E. Cunningham; and five great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 20, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Colonial Oaks Baptist Church. Interment at Sarasota National Cemetery will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidwell Hospice.

Joanie's love, kindness, faith, and devotion to her family and friends will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Colonial Oaks Baptist Church  
6901 Bee Ridge Rd  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Petra and family- so sorry to read about mom's passing. The matriarch of a large family. That was an honor for her and she was a great role model. Age is irrelevant. God Bless the entire family.* ”

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**Kevin and Anne Lynch** - June 11 at 10:29 AM