



Ellen "Joyce" Connell

February 1, 2022

Ellen "Joyce" Wright Connell, 86, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2022 in Wall, NJ. Joyce was born on December 3, 1935 in Elizabeth, NJ to Olive Buell and Donald Wright and was raised in Westfield, NJ, where she developed many of her life-long friendships. After graduating with her beloved Westfield High School class of 1953, she attended Carnegie Mellon University.

Joyce moved with her family to Moorestown, NJ in 1967, resided there for 53 years and was deeply involved in her community. She was a member of the Moorestown Garden Club and Moorestown Historical Society, was a president of Indian Springs Questers and involved with the Questers President's Club at the state level. She was an active and committed member of the First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, serving as both Deacon and Elder. Her volunteer work through the church with Presbyterian Women, Knitting Network, the Presbytery, Circle 4 and numerous other groups was a major focus in her life and resulted in many of her closest personal relationships. Joyce worked as a travel agent for most of her adult life, enjoying both the work and the opportunity to pursue her love of exploring the world. Her wanderlust and extensive travel informed her life and inspired her children and grandchildren to prioritize travel in their own lives.

Joyce was an optimist who deeply loved her family, friends and country. She was especially proud of her children, five grandchildren, brother, Dick, and sister, Lynda and spoke of their lives and accomplishments often to her many

friends. She was an avid reader, a history buff, and talented in gardening, knitting and sewing. Joyce loved plants and flowers, animals (especially turtles and her pup, Macie,) Scrabble, Philadelphia and anything to do with Scotland.

Joyce was predeceased by her parents and dear sister, Lynda Wright Ferrara. She is survived by her loving children, Jocelyn Graney (Robert) of Belmar, NJ and Peter Connell (Joanne) of Franklin MA, her dear brother, Richard Wright, of Nipomo, CA and her beloved grandchildren, Anna, Julia, Lara, Alexander and Abigail as well as her niece, Carin Wright and nephew, Michael Wright and a large circle of wonderful friends.

Joyce's family is extremely grateful to the staff at the Arbors and Brandywine Living at Wall for the compassionate care Joyce received during the past few years. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, at 12:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown, NJ.

Private Interment will take place in the Presbyterian Cemetery

Contributions in Joyce's honor may be made to UrbanPromise, Camden <http://www.urbanpromiseusa.org/donate> or Sea Turtle Conservancy, <https://conserveturtles.org/support-stc-make-a-donation-to-stc/>

both charities close to her heart.

Cemetery Details

Presbyterian Cemetery

101 Bridgeboro Rd
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
101 Bridgeboro Road
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-1688
<http://www.fpcmoorestown.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Ellen "Joyce" Connell*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Ellen "Joyce" Connell*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *I have such fond memories of Mrs Connell when I was a child. She was one of my Sunday school teachers at First Presbyterian church so many years ago. Whenever I visited the church in the years after, she would always greet me with a smile and a hug. Such a very sweet woman.*

Patti Hodgen Leupold - August 25, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *When we first came to America in 1991 from the USSR and ended up in Moorestown, Joyce became our American "mamma" - she generously opened up her house for our family of four, she fed us, provided transportation, helped us in so many other ways, and - what's most important - gave us moral and emotional support during our first few very difficult months in a new country. This will never be forgotten! Vera Korchak*

Vera Korchak - February 06, 2022 at 09:47 PM



Vera, my mother spoke of you and your family so often and you all meant so much to her. Thank you for these sentiments. ❤️ Jocelyn

Jocelyn Graney - February 09, 2022 at 05:51 PM

KB

“ I moved to Moorestown in 1983 with a young son, recently divorced and knowing no one. My first blessing was to have Joyce as a neighbor. This smiling, kind woman took me under her protective wings (yes I saw her as an Angel) and introduced me to her family, friends and community. Our friendship has spanned many years with many memorable travel adventures, oodles of Scrabble games played, and our hopes and dreams shared.
I will always see you my Friend in your signature color " Joyce Green" with fresh flowers on your table and knitting needles clicking away. I love you Joyce and always will
Karan Bulvin Battaglia

Karan Bulvin Battaglia - February 06, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JG

Love this, Karan 💕💕

Jocelyn Graney - February 10, 2022 at 09:31 PM

SL

“ I married into Joyce's "Family" and she brought us to Moorestown. For 30 years she played so many roles in our lives. Family, Friend, Neighbor, Travel advisor and town historian. On nice days I still find myself checking if she's out on the porch when I pass her house.
Rest in peace dear friend.

Sue Lindeboom - February 03, 2022 at 07:43 AM

JG

Neighbors who are family ❤️

Jocelyn Graney - February 10, 2022 at 09:32 PM

DE

“ Thank you for entrusting me with your kids all those years ago. My memories of apples peaches and bees outside, horses, dogs and good family times are cherished. So thankful my mom was her friend. Always, Donna

Donna Ellis - February 02, 2022 at 11:04 PM

JG

So very grateful for your recent visit...❤️

Jocelyn Graney - February 10, 2022 at 09:34 PM

GP

“ Such an extraordinary friend with so many talents and interests - travel, Vogue level sewing, independent trailblazer and serving at our church. And such a loss to all of her many friends.

Gayle Roberts Payne - February 02, 2022 at 10:00 PM

JG

She spoke of you so often, Gayle ❤️

Jocelyn Graney - February 10, 2022 at 09:34 PM