



Joan Mae Payton

March 10, 1935 - May 20, 2025

Joan Mae Payton, age 90 of Cary, North Carolina, passed away May 20, 2025 following a steady decline with Bella Rose Nursing Center Care Team, her Daughter Lisa and Granddaughter, Alayna by her side.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband Alex, of 72 years, son, Mark Alan Payton and brother, Robert Vincent Mahoney. Born March 10, 1935 to Martha Elizabeth White and Robert Vincent Mahoney in "By God" West Virginia (Martinsburg) relocating to Alexandria, VA where she grew up with extended family, brothers Bobby and Ray, sister Truly and "Pappy" Glenn Hutzler, who she would refer to as her Dad.

She met and married Alex Payton in 1952. Joan was always extremely social involved in the neighborhood Coffee Club, Bridge Group and enjoyed sewing and crocheting and in later years the Garden Club and Mahjong. Joan was a devoted at home Mother for years, going back to work for Sears Catalog in the 1970's then initiated a successful career as an Administrative Assistant for the Civil Service branch of the government.

Joan and husband, Al, retired and built a home on the Bay in Reedville, VA where she was an active member of Fairfield United Methodist Church and Alanon.

Joan was truly a Pillar of Strength to her Family, Community and Friends. She indeed was a warrior and could rally during the most difficult times without complaint. Joan also had a wonderful sense of humor, an edge and a mischievous streak that kept those around her smiling. She was full of “Joanisms.” If she didn’t know a name she would say Whatcha-diggly or Doo-floppy. She had an endearing way of signing her letters to her Grandchildren- “YAMSS.” She adored her four Grandchildren and enjoyed her individual time with each of them especially at the bay. 🧒

Joan was a devoted Christian, Wife, Sister, Friend, Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother always leading by example.

She is survived by her sister, Truly Moser, brother Ray Hutzler (Ann), daughter Lisa Bolyard (Gene), daughter-in-law, Beverly Payton, grandchildren Mandy Phillips (Zach), Zachary Payton (Marie), Alayna Bolyard, Cole Bolyard, great grandchildren Bronwyn Grace and Payton Faith Phillips as well as Brody Alan Payton due to join the Legacy in August.

Her daughter and Family would like to extend their appreciation to the Bella Rose Nursing Center Team as well as Curana Health Providers for their dedication and passionate care.

Service to be held Saturday September 27, 2025 at Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castwellan Drive Alexandria , VA. 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Interment will be a separate ceremony together with Alex early next summer at the Bay per their request.

Previous Events

Family Visitation

SEP **27**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castwellan Drive
Alexandria, VA

Memorial Service

SEP **27**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Refreshments to follow.

Tribute Wall

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