



## Joan Laporte

March 12, 2010

### Obituary of Joan Laporte

On Friday, March 12, 2010, Joan C. Laporte was welcomed home by God after a long and well lived life. She was 85. Born in New Jersey in 1924, Joan was the second daughter of Arthur and Mary Rose Connolly. She was a child of the Depression and, with her family, witnessed our country's involvement in World War II. Indeed, she, like so many women of those days, went to work supporting our country in its hour of great need, working at Bell Laboratories after completing school. Several years later, she met and married Alphonse A. Laporte, Lt. Col. USMC and the couple had two sons, Thomas G. Laporte of Elmsford, New York, and Anthony L. Laporte, of Houston, Texas. During those years, Joan found herself stationed with her family in a variety of spots in the southern hemisphere, including Haiti and Cuba. It was in Cuba, uniquely, during the actual height of the Cuban Missile Crisis, that Joan, as the only patient in the military hospital, gave birth to her first son Tom. Divorce subsequently separated the family, causing Joan to raise her sons on her own, which she did well and proudly. The boys both graduated from college, and Anthony went on to complete law school in Texas. Joan never stopped learning herself, both in her job with the College of New Rochelle and in further education. Although she already had her Bachelor's Degree, she went on to pursue and complete her Master's Degree in Communications. Finally, at age 72, after years in her role as Assistant to the Vice President, Joan

retired and took the leap of faith to move to Leesburg, Florida where she installed herself as a resident of the growing community of Highland Lakes. It was here that Joan enjoyed the happiest years of her adult life. From golfing to bowling to water aerobics to simply talking with others and reminiscing about shared memories, Joan greatly enjoyed her years at Highland Lakes and the people there. Her neighbors and friends in Florida became the hub for years of pleasurable times for Joan and, as her health failed her in this past year, those friends and those bonds became the most important aspect of Joan's life. Joan is survived by her sons, and one granddaughter, Jolie Rayne Laporte. She is also survived by her sister Kate of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and her brother Peter of St. Louis, Missouri. She also survives in the memories of all those who loved and cared about her, and helped her through her final days with dignity and peace.

#### Visitation

A Visitation will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 4-6PM at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Leesburg.

#### Services

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church on Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 8:30 AM with Father John Giel Celebrant.

#### Interment

Interment will be at Lone Oak Cemetery at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Dear Joan's family, I express my sincerest condolences to each of you. Joan was a wonderful CNR colleague for many years. She was very helpful in our fund-raising efforts and I can still hear her saying, "Why don't you solicit the CEO of McDonald's!" She would also advise me to send letters that were short and snappy! She had the gift of brevity and great laughter, and her energy and love of life were contagious. All of us at The College of New Rochelle carry with us many wonderful memories of Joan, and we share in your loss and in your celebration of her wonderful self. Linda D.

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Linda David - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JV

“ I knew Joan very well from our time working together at The College of New Rochelle, where she was much loved and greatly admired. She was simply a wonderful woman and I will miss her, as will her many friends at the College. How we laughed! JoEllen Vavasour

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JoEllen Vavasour - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ Joan, you always took care of me from the first Dodger ball game at Ebbets Field that you took me to (and where you spent \$5, a princely sum in 1942) for a box seat!! You introduced me to Bridge and you taught me how to study. Our family of nine will be together one of these days. Tell the rest to wait! Our love follows you on your celestial path. Your brother.

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Peter - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ I am very sorry. It sounds as though we had the same background. As difficult as it may be you will survive. She is not suffering and is in a better place. She lives on through you.

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**Doug Hammond** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Joan and I shared the same birthday and I will really miss her. For our last joint birthday, she sent the most beautiful card which had so much meaning to me because I knew it would be our last birthday together. She was so much fun to talk to and I enjoyed our 'phone conversations. She had a keen sense of humor and will be greatly missed by Pete and myself. Tom & Tony, you have my sympathy in your loss. Fondly, Joann

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**Joann Aldridge** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Dearest Sister Joan, Thank you for your last whispered message. It remains with me now and forever. To the end of my own mortal days I shall hear your voice as it always was - strong and filled with laughter. Love always, Kate

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**Sister kate** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Joan Laporte

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