



## Joan Royston

June 12, 1934 - August 12, 2019

Joan June Royston, a woman overflowing with kindness and compassion and care for others, left this life to be with her Lord on August 12, 2019 at the age of 85. Joan was born on June 12, 1934 in Grand Ledge, Michigan to Romine and Lucille (Martin) Pratt. Joan lived her life nurturing her family as well as being in the caregiving field for her adult life. She was employed by Sparrow, Charlotte Medical Care Facility, and private health care while residing in Florida for 18 years. She had a heart of gold, always remembering to send birthday and special cards to her family as well as other treasured people in her life. Her sense of humor was delightful as she was always up for a joke, and especially loved pulling jokes on others. One of her favorite annual jokes was to gift her daughter-in-law, Michele, with a lump of coal. Joan was highly competitive and stubborn when she set her mind to something. Bingo was a favorite past-time with her sisters and friends. Her last day before hospitalized she won the Jackpot! She and her husband, Gerald, were the couple who could be seen still holding hands after 66 years of wedded life together.

Joan is survived by her loving husband, Gerald; sons, Randy (Michele) Royston, Mark (Linda) Royston; 4 grandchildren, Nathan (Emily), Eric (Allison), April (Brad) Phillips, Clint (Frances); 7 great-grandchildren, Elliott, Naomi, Ender, Micah, Norah, Ezekiel and Lena; siblings, Jack Pratt, Kenneth (Elaine) Pratt, Virgil Pratt, Barbara Haigh, and Nancy Mellor. She was predeceased by her brother, Dale Pratt.

Friends are encouraged to support Joan's family at visitation and funeral services. Funeral services are August 17, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at New Hope Community Church in Charlotte with Pastor Randy Royston officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday, August 16 from 5-7:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to New Hope Community Church. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Joan on her Tribute Page at [www.PrayFuneral.com](http://www.PrayFuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home  
401 W. Seminary St.  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Memorial Service

AUG **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Community Church  
436 W. Harris  
Charlotte, MI 48813

# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Royston



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2019 at 01:10 AM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Joan Royston.



August 15, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ 40 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Royston.*



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August 14, 2019 at 09:56 PM



“ *Joan Royston was a vibrant, caring & lovely grandmother to my husband, Eric Royston, and myself. I enjoyed our conversations and cards we would send to one another. She welcomed me into her family with open arms and always made me feel so comfortable and loved. She was a strong woman & someone I admired.*

*With sympathy,  
Allison Royston*

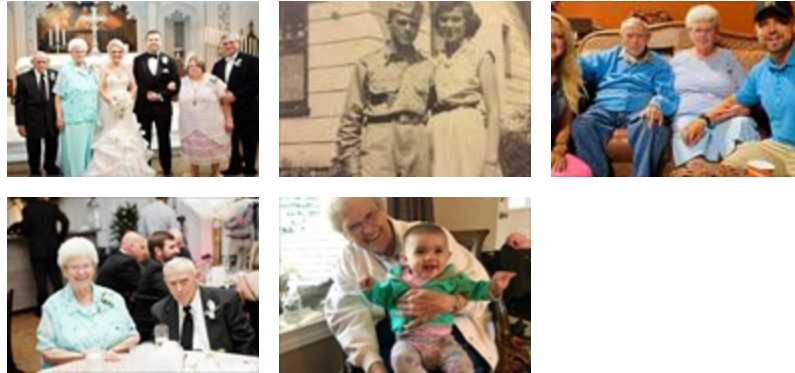


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**Allison Royston** - August 14, 2019 at 07:04 PM

ER

“ 5 files added to the album Grandma Royston



Eric Royston - August 14, 2019 at 04:17 PM

TW

“ Thoughts and prayers to Pastor Randy and the family...was a shock to see this this morning.

Thomas Winters - August 14, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ Joan has always been very kind and loving towards us Misfits. Very generous with smiles, love, laughter. I will miss you, beautiful soul, until we meet again. May God hold all the family and friends tight as we say farewell for now. 🙏🌹🙏

Jill Smith-Sivyer - August 14, 2019 at 08:47 AM

SS

“ Joan lived a good life. But even at her age, it's seems too short. My condolences to Gerald, Randy and the rest of the family. I know how hard it is to lose your mother. Someday we will see Joan Heaven! What a day that will be!

Sheri (Conley) Sanders

Sheri Sanders - August 13, 2019 at 05:30 PM

TB

*“ Randy, Michele and family,  
May hope and peace be with you in this time of  
unexpected loss of your mother. Such a  
pleasure to have met Gerald and Joan at Eric  
and Allison's wedding in Atlanta. We admired  
her love and dedication of tenderness for  
Gerald's care. A beautiful testament to their enduring and happy  
marriage.  
Sending our thoughts of comfort now and in the days to come.*



*With deepest sympathy,  
Karen and Tony Bentley  
Powder Springs, Georgia*

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**The Bentleys** - August 13, 2019 at 05:28 PM



*“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Joan Royston.*



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August 13, 2019 at 04:08 PM

AC

*“ Joan, you have been a part of our family for so many years. You will  
be so missed!,  
I have lots of fond memories of you and Jerald. I know he will be  
lost without you.  
Rest well, you earned it! Please give mom and Dad a hug from me!  
See you soon!  
Love always, angie*

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**Angela L Coffey** - August 13, 2019 at 01:56 PM