



## Joan M. Grata Tegel

May 14, 1923 - January 25, 2025

Joan Mary Netspoon Grata Tegel, 101, of Lynnwood, passed away peacefully on January 25, 2025. Born on May 14, 1923 to the late Anna and John Netspoon of Pricedale, Joan graduated from Rostraver High School and remained a resident of Belle Vernon. She met Paul Grata and they were married in 1942. They had one son, the late P. Joseph Grata and while Joe was a toddler, his father and Joan's husband, Paul Grata, Sr., was killed in action aboard the USS Franklin during WWII, leaving Joan to raise Joe alone. She then married Edward Frances Tegel and had three surviving daughters, Anne (Don) Sweany of Washington Township, Lillian (Neil) Gelotti of Fayette City, and Joan (Alex) Romansky of Rostraver Township. Joan and Edward Tegel had their family home built in Lynnwood and Joan loved furnishing and decorating the home. Joan led an active life (always on the go). She was very social and participated in card clubs, women's clubs, bingos, casino trips, and, of course, shopping. She enjoyed traveling and went many places including annual family trips to Geneva on the Lake with a group of friends and later to Oglebay, WV, Deep Creek, Md., and as far as Key West, Fl. Also surviving to cherish her are her grandchildren, Jon Sweany, M.D. (Emily) of Unity Township, Greensburg, Jared Sweany, Esq. (Rachel) of Murrysville, Lauren Childs (Terry) of Belle Vernon and Lisa Gelotti of Pittsburgh; and great grandchildren, Natalie and Nathaniel Sweany and Riley and Lucas Childs. In addition to her parents and first husband, Paul Grata, Sr., she was preceded in death by her second husband, Edward Francis Tegel, a son, P.

Joseph Grata, three brothers, Walter, Paul, and John Lucas, and one sister, Helen Lucas.

There will be no viewing or services per Joan's request. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc 700 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com).

The daughters would like to extend a thank you to the staff at Hallsworth House for the care and love they showed to their mom over the years and a special thank you to Joan Holets.

# Cemetery Details

## **Belle Vernon Cemetery**

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Annie, Lillian and Joan, you have my deepest sympathies, your mon was a wonderful friend of our family for many years.*  
*Donna Conrad*

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**Donna Conrad** - February 10, 2025 at 01:15 PM

RC

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire family. She led such a beautiful exemplary life and was so kind to all. We have such fond memories of both your parents as they were such good friends with our parents Bennie and Jennie.....especially the times at Geneva. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.....Ray and Jeff Ciferno*

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**Ray Ciferno** - February 04, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Lil, Joanie and family-Deepest sympathy. may she rest in peace*  
*Mallory Boscan & Family*

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**Mallory Boscan** - January 28, 2025 at 07:51 PM

CG

“ *To Joanie and your sisters. I do remember meeting your mom and remember she was a real sweetheart. My heartfelt condolences on your loss.*  
*Cindy Manown Geikler*

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**Cindy Geikler** - January 28, 2025 at 06:00 PM

JN

“ Joan was our wonderful neighbor growing up in Belle Vernon. She was a great and caring friend to my mother as well. A lovely lady. I will remember her always and her family. Joni Barger Nave

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**Joni Barger Nave** - January 27, 2025 at 03:53 PM

RH

“ Joan was a good friend of my grandmother, Sarafene Huscroft. Every time I saw Joan years later, she always still knew who I was. She was always so friendly and sweet. My deepest sympathy to all of you.

*Renee Huscroft Horne*

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**Renee Horne** - January 26, 2025 at 07:15 PM

PH

“ Your mom was best friends with my mother-in-law, Sarafene , for many years and I am sure they are have a nice long chat now. Great memories of her when she was at their home. Deepest sympathy. Peggy Huscroft

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**Peggy Huscroft** - January 26, 2025 at 11:38 AM

RS

“ My great grandmother (Mary Vasko) was friends with Mrs. Tegel. I have memories of her visiting when I was a little girl. She was always so sweet! Sending love & prayers to her family!

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**Rebecca S** - January 25, 2025 at 09:16 PM