



Joan Picchiarini

January 5, 1931 - August 21, 2023

Joan O. Maksa Picchiarini, 92, of North Belle Vernon went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 21, 2023 in her home surrounded by her loving family. A daughter of the late George and Anna Derzy Maksa, she was born on January 5, 1931 in Belle Venon.

She was a member of St. Sebastian Church in Belle Vernon; she attended daily Mass as long as she was able; she was active in the church and sang for several years in the funeral choir. She was an Eucharistic Minister and took communion to the homebound until it became harder for her to walk.

She was employed for many years at Hills Department Store in Belle Vernon. In their retirement, Joan and "Pic" enjoyed visiting their children and grandchildren in Florida and Texas during the winter months.

Survivors include five daughters and four sons-in-law: Karen and Gary Rowland, Mary Jo Podroskey, Laure and Jim Kulik all of Belle Vernon, Joanie and Terrence Sullivan of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, and Jamie and Brendan Coyne of Belle Vernon; four sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Pam Picchiarini of Boca Raton, Florida, Ed Picchiarini and Susan Acquaro of Pittsburgh, John and Kelly Picchiarini of Ft Pierce, Florida, and Barry and Karin Picchiarini of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; 19 grandchildren Kym Picchiarini, Amber Picchiarini, Josh and Mandy Rowland, Melanie and Luke Baer, Matthew Rowland, Jennie and Sean McClurg, Jared and Erin Podroskey, Neal Podroskey, Erin and Chase Kreger, Jimmy Kulik, Ryan Kulik, William Picchiarini, Aubrey Sullivan, Aiden Sullivan, Bryce Coyne, Jade Coyne,

Skylar, Avery, and Blair Picchiarini, and one step-granddaughter, Tori and Matt Dahle; 14 great-grandchildren Trey Pallo, Hailey and Kylie Rowland, Tenley, Brodey, and Josey Baer, Andrew, Leah, Brianna & Eliza Rowland, Kolten and Westen McClurg, Leo and Logan Podroskey; three step great-grandchildren Bayla, Emery and Griffin Dahle; one sister, Jean Patterson and one sister-in-law, Yvonne Parks and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by the love of her life, her soulmate and high school sweetheart and husband of 64 years, Bill Picchiarini; three sisters and their husbands Ethel and Earl Dunkerly, Betty and Thomas Mayernik, Evelyn and George Adams, brother George Melvin Maksa and his first wife, Bernice Maksa and his second wife Rosemary Maksa, two brothers-in-law, Thomas Patterson and Thomas Parks, one niece, Cheryl Patterson and three nephews Tommy Maksa, Jeffery and Ronald Adams.

Friends will be received on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com. A blessing will be held on Friday at 9:30 A.M. in the funeral home followed by a funeral mass at 10 A.M. in St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church with Father Michael Crookston as celebrant. Interment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. Joan's children want to thank Amedisys Hospice for their wonderful care and assistance; we are forever grateful for your kindness.

In lieu of mass cards or flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church or St. Sebastian Regional Catholic School in Belle Vernon.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Visitation

AUG **24**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
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Belle Vernon, PA 15012
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Blessing Service

AUG 25. 9:30 AM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.
700 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
(724) 929-5300

Funeral Mass

AUG 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church
801 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Picchiarini.*



August 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ *So sorry for the family's loss.. my deepest sympathy to you all...
Lynn Davis-Matsick*

Lynn Davis Matsick - August 23, 2023 at 03:28 PM



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



August 23, 2023 at 02:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Picchiarini.*



August 23, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Picchiarini.

August 23, 2023 at 12:58 PM



“ Barbara Schwenger and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Joan Picchiarini.



Barbara Schwenger and family - August 23, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



Barbara Schwenger - August 23, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to all of your family, who are some of the nicest people in belle vernon, may angels guide your mother's soul straight to heaven, David Lenio and family, naples Florida.

David lenio - August 23, 2023 at 07:22 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Joan Picchiarini.*



August 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Picchiarini.

August 22, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *May memories comfort you at this difficult time. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers.*
Bill & Debbie (Ceccarelli) Konecheck

Debbie Konecheck - August 22, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan Picchiarini.*



August 22, 2023 at 09:28 AM



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