



## Joan Elizabeth Segerson

February 26, 1951 - March 4, 2009

Segerson, Joan Elizabeth ARLINGTON, VA. Suddenly on March 4, 2009, at the age of 58. She was a beloved daughter, sister, aunt and friend who dedicated her life to her family and friends. Joan spent most of her adulthood between Boston and Washington, DC, working at Boston College, National Organization of Women, OAS and most recently the State Department. Joan was a proud Democrat who mentored many young people on their journey to adulthood and their careers. She opened her door to all who traveled to our nations capital. The world has lost one of its brightest stars. Joan is predeceased by her parents, James and Margaret Segerson, and her dear friend Lita DeLucia Clayton. Joan is survived by her siblings Jude Segerson (CA), Margaret (John)Hinkle (CO), Patricia (Doug Scarff) Segerson (MA), James (Denise) Segerson (MI), Mary (James) Coniglio, Kevin (Julie) Segerson, Nancy (Dennis) LeClerc (CT), Libby (Richard) Steblenko, and Virginia (Michael) Lenyk, and the lights of her life, her nieces and nephews Jenney Hinkle, Christy Cornelius, Sarah and Jamie Segerson, Tessa Fixter-Coniglio, Sam Coniglio, Benjamin, Thomas, James and, John Segerson, Lindsay and William LeClerc, Nicholas and Katherine Steblenko. She will also be missed by her good friends Mary Jane Kerrigan and Shelly Coss, her sweet cat Sadie, and many other friends and relatives. Friends may call Monday, March 9th, 2-4 and 7-9 at the funeral home (2305 Monroe Avenue), you are invited to bring a written memory or photo for the familys Memory Book.. A Funeral Mass to celebrate her life will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 259 Rutgers Street. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Attn: Gift Management Services 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250 Dallas, TX 75244

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 12:00AM - 12:00AM

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Blessed Sacrament Church

534 Oxford Street, Rochester, NY, US, 14607

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# Comments

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“ Noanie: As your birthday approaches, you are in my thoughts. I miss you more than I can say. I wish you peace. LOVE, Mu

**Mary Coniglio** - February 25, 2010 at 04:49 AM

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“ A bright light has been dimmed on earth, but shines even more brightly from heaven. My memories of Joan from Prince Street bring smiles to this day. We were all blessed to have known her.

**Margaret Strom** - March 20, 2009 at 01:17 AM

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“ What a sad and terrible loss. It has been years since I had seen Joan, but always remember her as a great girl with lots of wit and funny stories. I can't imagine the pain and huge void of losing a sister .... my heart goes out to all of you! xoxo Joanne

**Joanne Howe Taylor** - March 13, 2009 at 12:26 PM

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“ Joan - you are my sister and one of my dearest friends. I have always looked up to you and I aspire to be all that you are - smart, funny, successful and the one person I could call for advice and encouragement. I'm not sure that I will ever live up to all that you are, but I know that I am a better person for knowing you. My world is less joyful as a result of your passing and I miss you immensely. I will love you forever. Your baby sister, Virginia

**Virginia Segerson Lenyk** - March 11, 2009 at 04:19 AM

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“ It was with shock and sadness that I heard of Joan's passing. As one of her Prince Street classmates I remember a bright, wise young woman, with a great sense of humor. I too knew her as Sag. I regret that I didn't realize her accomplishments until now, although I'm not surprised. My sympathy to all of her family especially to Meg, and to Marie Howe. Sincerely, Chris

**Christine Lodato Brady** - March 10, 2009 at 10:30 PM

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“ It has been truly inspiring to read about Joan's life and her outstanding achievements. I was a classmate of Joan's at ASH Prince Street and have nothing but the fondest memories of her. Such a very sad loss. My deepest sympathies to all.

**Ewa Jowiec Jankowska** - March 10, 2009 at 05:02 PM

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“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Aunt Muriel

**Muriel Segerson** - March 10, 2009 at 12:16 AM

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“ Last time I saw Joan was at Uncle Jack Crowley's funeral service in Connecticut, and she brought life and laughter to the somber funeral home. In the true 'Crowley' tradition, she was helping us all to chuckle at stories about Jack...as if to say, "if he could only see us now" at the wake, amidst the sadness, and then Joan brought more loving celebration to the party following Jack's funeral the next day. I send her and all the family that same light she held up to each of us. She will be missed. Hugs from NH...

**Andy Howe** - March 09, 2009 at 06:52 PM

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“ May all the memories comfort you. big families are great for big hugs and lots of comfort at this time. may the memories left behind bring you comfort in the future. Everyone should have lived such a life full of such accomplishments. love to you all.

**christine byrne** - March 09, 2009 at 03:51 PM

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“ Although I was a grammar school classmate of her sister, Patty, I knew Joan and all of her brothers & sisters from going over to their huge house on Clover St. I was always amazed at how so many kids in one house could seem to run so smoothly. By the writeup in the paper it is obvious that Joan was one of a kind. I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you, her brothers & sisters.

**Jane Huey (Meyer)** - March 09, 2009 at 03:43 PM

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“ Joan has been my friend since we were 10 years old playing golf at Oak Hill! My last email to her was wishing her a happy birthday just a few days ago....A favorite story I love to tell about Joan's international life was that during one of her official OSA trips to Costa Rica (where I was living) she organized my meeting with the US Ambassador to Nicaragua - she was helping facilitate the long adoption process I was working through for my daughter....but what i remember was that the Ambassador was really impressed that I knew Joan. He said he had enormous respect for her, and said that he thought of her as the Numbers Genius of her department..he said she was so good with mathematical problems that he totally relied on the accuracy of her work. I was really proud that I could say Joan had been my friend throughout my life - and I am grateful for her generous spirit - that she pulled the right strings to get me inside the Ambassadors office. I will miss knowing that she is somewhere in the world helping others, and now she is an inspiration to all those nieces and nephews she loved so much.

**susan mercier** - March 09, 2009 at 02:43 PM

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“ To the Segerson Family, The ASH class of 68 has lost a wonderful friend. I have such happy memories of Joan fondly known as “Sag” in our high school days. Joan was a wealth of knowledge about the politics in Washington. I used to call my Democrat friend for her opinion on the American political scene. She always had some interesting comments and ideas. I am so pleased that I had the chance to keep in touch with Joan all these years. We missed her at our ASH 40th reunion last summer. This is a very sad day. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her friends and family. Beverley (King) Varcoe, Toronto, Canada (Aurora).

**Beverley Varcoe** - March 09, 2009 at 02:21 PM

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“ Joan and I attended St. Thomas More grammar school together. She was witty and very smart. She hosted the eighth grade graduation party at her house, a brave thing to do in those days (boys at a party?!) and we all felt quite grown up. We had a Thomas More reunion and I was looking forward to seeing her again, but due to external circumstances ( it was in late Sept. of 2001), she and others didn't attend. I recognize the names of the other Segersons from the Thomas More days and I extend my condolences to you all. Elaine Adam Newmarket, Ontario

**Elaine Adam** - March 09, 2009 at 12:25 PM

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“ Hello, Joan was a classmate of mine at Newton. We were on 3rd floor Duchesne west freshman year. She was one of a kind. I was always so impressed with her many achievements, continued great sense of humor and warmth when we would occasionally catch up at reunions. She is in my thoughts and prayers. Deepest

condolences to all of you. Judy Harrington

**Judy Birmingham Harrington** - March 09, 2009 at 01:14 AM

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“ We learned of Joan's death through the now very active Prince Street ASH e-mail grapevine. The Simmons family would like to offer their sympathy and prayers to the Segersons and their families on Joan's untimely death. Bob worked with her in the State Department, although in different areas, but admired her and her work. Our sincere condolences. Catherine Simmons-Gill

**Catherine Simmons-Gill** - March 09, 2009 at 01:04 AM

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“ Joan was a wonderful and sweet woman. I was privledged to meet Joan through my job as a Registered Home Health Nurse and Case Manager at Arlington Hospital. All of us at Caregivers Home Health are keeping her and the family in our prayers. Sincerely, Christine Norris

**Christine Norris, RN** - March 08, 2009 at 10:34 PM

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“ I am amazed at how fate brings people together. I met Joan years ago when she had her first MRI scan. Who knew that would develop into a dear friendship. Joan touched many lives along the way and will be greatly missed. Please accept my sincere condolences.

**Jeff Waters** - March 08, 2009 at 05:14 PM

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“ Joan was always a happy person with a quick wit that really enjoyed life and everyone that passed through her journey in life. We will miss her and our prayers go out to the whole Segerson family--may God be with you during this very difficult time--the Napiers

**David Kathy and Tom Napier** - March 08, 2009 at 04:03 PM

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“ Joan was always such an inspiration to all of us. She truly was a lifetime friend and will always be remembered with a smile. She is once again with her Sacred Heart classmate Lita.

**John Clayton** - March 08, 2009 at 12:37 PM



“ Libby and Family... My thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Shannon Harder** - March 08, 2009 at 12:32 PM

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“ I cherish my memories of Joan from our Newton College days. One vivid memory is our original skit for the talent show about riding forever on the "T" neath the streets of Boston. Joan and I were the dancing queens of the skit in our flowing caftans, representing Duchene mightily. In addition, Joan was at my wedding, making the long trip to Cleveland because "that is what good friends do. And, besides, it'll be a great party!" I had a special nickname for her. So, I light a candle of gratitude for having "JOAN OF ART" in my life. I pray for her spirit to guide us all forward.

**Penny Price Nachtman** - March 08, 2009 at 12:51 AM

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“ Joan was my very first friend at Newton College. We had so much fun and laughter those 4 years. My favorite photos of her are as a bridesmaid at my wedding many years ago. My heart is breaking for her family and friends - she will be sorely missed.

**Norma Tanguay Frye** - March 08, 2009 at 12:16 AM