



## Joan L Pappas

November 28, 1933 - March 24, 2020

Joan L. Pappas passed away peacefully in her home in Prescott, Arizona on March 24, 2020. She was born November 28, 1933 in Cleveland, Ohio to Theodore and Lenoris Finke.

Always active and eager to help others Joan started volunteering at age 14 as a "Candy Stripper" in Cleveland hospitals. After becoming a registered nurse (RN) she continued volunteer work even while working full-time, primarily with patients suffering from birth defects.

While living in Massachusetts, at the Governor's request, she drafted precedent-setting legislation-- later passed into law-- for the treatment and education of students with special needs. Joan also organized highly successful social, recreational, and vocational programs for special need youngsters in Rochester, N.Y.

When the family relocated to Prescott in 1993 she organized social and sports activities for persons with special needs, and performed extensive volunteer work for the City, initially for the Legal Department, and later for many years with the Streets Maintenance Division.

Joan married Victor G. Pappas in 1956 and they were blessed with two wonderful sons, Jeff and Steven. She was devastated by, and never fully recovered from, their untimely deaths.

Joan is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, her brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Helene Finke, three nieces and their families, and daughter-in-law Katrina Pappas.

A memorial service is scheduled for Friday April 3, at 3:00pm at Hampton Funeral Home, 240 S. Cortez St. Prescott, AZ 86303. In lieu of flowers, if desired a tax-deductible donation may be made to Yavapai Exceptional Industries, 6708 Corsair Ave. Prescott, AZ.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 3. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MT)

Hampton Funeral Home  
240 South Cortez Street  
Prescott, AZ 86303  
(928) 778-4400  
[info@hamptonfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@hamptonfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ Dear Vic,

*We are saddened to hear about Joan's passing. We appreciate Joan's legacy of being a champion for special needs children and adults. Her efforts will impact the generations to come. We have made a donation to YEI in memory of Joan. We will miss seeing Joan at our neighborhood events.*

*Please don't hesitate to contact us anytime. We are here for you. Our contact information is on the SPOA website.*

*Looking forward to seeing you soon.*

*Gary & Liz Arnold*

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**Liz & Gary Arnold** - April 01, 2020 at 10:16 PM

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“ *We always enjoyed Joan's sharp wit and sense of humor. She will be missed. And we are so sorry that we will be unable to attend her memorial service at this time of "social distancing". Our thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

*Bill and Dot Williamson*

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**Dot Williamson** - March 31, 2020 at 02:18 PM

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“Joan was a force of nature! We are grateful for her and Vic’s friendship over the years and we will miss her. She loved to entertain and we were fortunate enough to be guests at several of her wonderful Greek dinners. Our hearts go out to Vic and Katrina and the rest of her family. With fond memories, Bill and Patty Casale

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**Patty Casale** - March 31, 2020 at 01:19 PM

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“Joan was a long time resident and much loved Summit Pointe community member. She will be missed. Vic and Katrina - you are loved. Many in the community who would like to come find that they cannot because of the stay at home order as well as being in higher risk categories for the COVID virus. Our hearts go out to you and we are there for you.  
Al Sargeant; President Summit Pointe Owners Association

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**Al Sargeant** - March 30, 2020 at 09:41 PM