



## JoAnn M. Kussmann

May 7, 1944 - June 15, 2025

JoAnn M. Kussmann, age 81, of Lake Villa, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

Born in Chicago on May 7, 1944, JoAnn was a proud native of the city and had called Lake Villa home since 1971. She was preceded in death by her loving parents, David and Carmella Fontanetta; her beloved husband of 63 years, Robert E. Kussmann; and her sister-in-law, Mary Kussmann.

JoAnn is survived by her cherished children, Laura Lehman (née Kussmann), Robert Kussmann Jr., and David Kussmann; her grandchildren, Ashley Emma (née Kussmann), Jeffrey Kussmann, Robert Kussmann, Michael Lehman Jr., Kayla Kussmann, and Ian Kussmann; and her great-grandchildren, Oliver Emma and Oscar Emma. She is also survived by her brothers-in-law, Stephan Kussmann and Donald Kussmann.

JoAnn attended St. Clement Catholic School and St. Ignatius Catholic High School in Chicago. She

built a life full of love, friendship, and devotion to family. Her many interests and hobbies enriched the lives of those around her. Affectionately known as the “Mother” of the neighborhood, JoAnn was always ready with a warm meal, a kind word, and heartfelt advice. Her generous spirit and unwavering support touched countless lives, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.”

# Tribute Wall

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“ My thoughts & prayers to the Kussmann Family. 💔🙏🕯️  
Joan was a nice lady. She and my Aunt Rose and Aunt Joan grew up together. They were best friends. Aunt Rose especially. The chit chat Ladies. I loved your Mom's laugh and sense of humor. We all did. I remember asking her one dad what is a bubaska? She said that's a scarf we wore around our hair not to ruin their hair after they left the beauty parlor. Well I might have to bring back the bubaska scarf days back to our next generation. Oh heck maybe they wear them already. RIP Joan 🙏🕊️



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**Pam McSassy** [massetipam@gmail.com](mailto:massetipam@gmail.com) - June 18, 2025 at 04:03 PM

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*Totally agree with Pam comments. Always positive and fun to be around. Seemed to always have a great attitude about life. She brought out the best in my mom (Joan Hilgart-Grahf). God bless Joan Kussman.*

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**Ron Grahf** - June 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM