



## Joan Gunn Atzbach

March 22, 1933 - August 25, 2022

It is with heartfelt sadness that we announce the death of our mother, Joan Gunn Atzbach RN, who entered into eternal rest on Thursday, August 25, 2022. She was born March 22, 1933, in New Haven CT, the daughter of Terence and Rose Hackett Gunn. Joan was the third of three daughters, her sisters, the late Catherine Gunn Dinnean and Anne Marie Hines. She lived in New Haven until she married the love of her life, the late Lt. Charles S. Atzbach Ret. (Hamden PD), who preceded her in death in 2004. After their marriage in 1958, they moved to Hamden, where she resided for more than 50 years raising her family and was an active member of St. Rita's Parish, the Irish American Community Center, and the Hamden Police Retirees club.

Joan graduated from St. Mary's High School Class of 1950 and the Hospital of St Raphael School of Nursing in 1953 then went on to a long career as a registered nurse and caregiver. She worked at St Raphael's, Whitney Center, Whitney Manor and did private duty nursing as well. Many elderly family members were lucky to have had her care for them. As Nanny, she attended many games and events where she cheered on all of her grandchildren. In her retirement years, Joan loved to plan trips for the members of the Irish American Community Center, traveling all over the country. Her favorite trips were to Ireland, the birthplace of her parents, where she was blessed to have

visited twice. She loved her years spent at the Owenego Beach Club, where she would get into the water as often as possible.

She is survived by her three children Meg Atzbach Jenkins RN of Gilford, NH, Susan Atzbach Rand (Christopher) of Cheshire, CT and Charles” Chip” Atzbach (Kelly) of Manchester, CT as well as her 7 beloved grandchildren; Tomm Jenkins (Shoshana), Connor Rand, Matthew Rand and Benjamin Rand, Cameron Atzbach, Molly Atzbach RN and Owen Atzbach as well as her two great granddaughters, Savenia Rae and Autumn Noelle Jenkins. She is survived by many nieces and nephews, who will remember her love of all things Irish.

Calling hours will be at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave, Hamden on Wednesday, August 31st from 4-8 PM and a Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at St. Rita Church in Hamden on Thursday, September 1st at 10:00 AM.

Memorial Contributions may be sent to: IACC Scholarship Fund, 9 Venice Pl., East Haven, CT 06512 [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling hours

AUG 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home  
3105 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT 06518  
(203) 288-7114  
[siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net](mailto:siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net)

## Funeral service

SEP 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita Church  
1620 Whitney Ave.  
Hamden, CT

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ *To the entire Atzbach family,*

*My sincerely condolences on the loss of your mother, what wonderful memories you have shared with all of us over facebook and on this page as well, it is clear to see the loving bond you all have. Cherish the memories it will get you all through this rough time.*

*Elaine Tozzo-Perkins*

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**ELAINE PERKINS** - August 31, 2022 at 11:35 AM

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“ *ELAINE PERKINS lit a candle in memory of Joan Gunn Atzbach*



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**ELAINE PERKINS** - August 31, 2022 at 11:29 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Gunn Atzbach.*

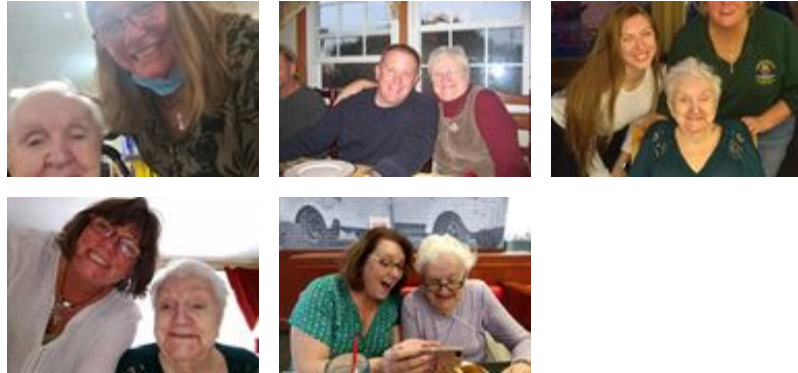


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August 30, 2022 at 10:43 AM



“ 64 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - August 29, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ Love - the Hines Cousins purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Joan Gunn Atzbach.



Love - the Hines Cousins - August 28, 2022 at 07:33 PM



“ Chip,  
My sincere condolences to you and your family.

Scott Moroz - August 28, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ Joan was a lovely lady and liked to reminisce with me about all her friends at the Irish Club and the trips she had planned. She loved her career as a RN.. Joan touched so many people and I am so glad to have known her. God Bless her family and thinking of you all. We all loved her at Connecticut Baptist Home and will miss her.

Elizabeth Ann McCaffrey,MSW - August 27, 2022 at 09:54 PM

RS

“ With many happy memories of Joan, she was a gentle lady and a great nurse. She worked many years with my mother in St. Raphael’s hospital. My God walk you up the Golden Staircase where Charley is waiting for you. Rest In Peace Joan. ☐ 🙏🍀

Rita Manning Sheehan - August 26, 2022 at 07:28 PM

JL

“ Our sincere condolences on your Mom's passing, Meg and family. John and I spent many hours with your parents at police functions. I've missed your Mom at the hair salon we used to frequent. She was one of the nicest people I've ever known. Heaven has gained an angel....Rest Peacefully in the Lord's Arms. All our thoughts and prayers to all....

John & Patty Lujick - August 26, 2022 at 07:05 PM

AZ

“ I and my family is so lucky to have grown up next to the Atzbach family and Mrs. Atzbach. We are lucky to have grown up in a time when neighbors cared and boy did Mrs A care- a heart of gold, a caring soul and good through and through. It was a blessing to have had her part of my childhood and my family. Warmest memories and sympathies to Meg, Susie and Chip and all your families. - Aimee (Shortall) Zagaja

Aimee Zagaja - August 26, 2022 at 06:10 PM

JE

“ Very sorry to hear of Joan's passing. My deepest condolences to all of you. Justine Cassidy Early

Justine Early - August 26, 2022 at 04:44 PM

JH

“ *These words echo all that we heard of Mrs. Atzbach. Please accept our condolences.*

*Jack and Kathy Hughes*

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**Jack Hughes** - August 26, 2022 at 03:30 PM