



## Mrs. Ruth Joyce Pfister

October 4, 1933 - September 13, 2021

Ruth Joyce Pfister, known to all as Joyce, Joy, Joycee, or Mom, 87, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri died Monday, September 13, 2021 at Chateau Girardeau.

She was born October 4, 1933 in Patchogue, New York, to Albert Boggs and Ruth Dorsey Boggs.

She and the late Michael E. Pfister were married October 1960 at Plainfield, New Jersey. He preceded her in death. Ray Sager was her companion for 24 years. He preceded her in death.

She was an office worker for Mamco Property Management, a teacher aid for several years in the Delran School district and a Girl Scout leader. She volunteered at Deborah Heart and Lung Center in Browns Mills, New Jersey as well as a special committee member for pre-sentencing in the Juvenile court systems. She was a Majorette at Riverside High School Drum and Bugle Corps, and a member of the 69ers club.

She was of the Lutheran faith and a beloved mother to all she knew.

Survivors include a daughter, Verna (Tom) Nelson of Cape Girardeau; two sons, Drew (Aziza) Calandrella of Laguna Beach, California, and Mark (Bernadette Lombardi) Calandrella of Loyaltan, California; a first cousin, Ann

Dorsey of Bethesda, Maryland; six grandchildren, Sean (Susie) Calandrella, Brett Calandrella, Jasara Calandrella, Gianni Calandrella, Brianna Calandrella, Michael Nelson; six great-grandchildren, Siena Calandrella, Lucca Calandrella, Bima Calandrella, Rai Calandrella, Cody Hayes and Izabella Hayes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and companion.

The Memorial of Our Mother will be as follows:

A Touch of Class, 3001 US-130, Delran, NJ 08075, 856-461-8660

Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 4:30 – 7:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers donations may be given to Humane Society of Southeast Missouri, 2536 Boutin Dr, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; website [semopets.org](http://semopets.org) and choose from the drop-down menu to the Donate site Or to the Deborah Heart and Lung Center, 200 Trenton Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015; website [demanddeborah.org](http://demanddeborah.org) and choose from the drop-down menu to the Donate site.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com).

Ford & Sons Funeral Home - Mt. Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Oh I forgot..... lets "take a boost" and "drink a toast" to Mom Pfister.....priceless AND don't forget the pretzels on a straw with your boost !!!!!

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Tracy Elliott - October 24, 2021 at 01:04 PM

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Tracy Elliott - October 24, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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“ I'm Tracy but Mom Pfister use to call me her little shit or her other blonde headed daughter. It was always fun hanging out with this wonderful, crazy women when Verna came into town to visit! She could keep up with us too..... lord knows we tested her time and time again(like when Vern lied to her about having life jackets in the boat up in Maine) I just adore this women and I loved the energy and spunk, She is Mom Pfister! Kind, caring, loving, funny. Oh and what a laugh.... ya know you got her when she would start to snort !!!!! To Verna, Drew and Mark. You were so blessed to have her here on this earth as your Mom. I love you all and she is in our hearts always. I am blessed and I am honored to call this women my Mom Pfister. I will miss you Mom Pfister. Love you always, Tracy

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Tracy Elliott - October 24, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Ruth (Joyce) Pfister was special...she was my father-in-law's partner for 25 yrs. and I loved her. She was a genuine people person...she loved people and they loved her. When my father-in-law fell sick and was unable to walk, she took such wonderful care of him. She had many friends and was a woman who gladly lent a helping hand when needed. She adored her children and grandchildren and her extended family. She was fun and lively and I had many a good belly laugh with her. May you rest in peace, dearest "Joycie". Love you, Swanki* ❤️

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**Evelyn Szwanki** - September 16, 2021 at 09:44 PM