



## Joan C. Mertz

March 5, 1931 - January 14, 2023

Joan Conley Mertz, wife of the late Edward Hine Mertz, Jr., passed away peacefully at the age of 91, on January 14, 2023, surrounded by family. A native of Poughkeepsie, New York, she was born on March 5, 1931 to the late Joseph Francis and Marion Cullen Conley. She was a resident of Poughkeepsie for over 70 years, graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1950, and was a member of Holy Trinity Church and St. Mary's Church. Mrs. Mertz worked in banking, until she married Edward Hine Mertz, Jr., on May 9, 1959 at St. Mary's Church. They were married for 55 years, prior to his passing on March 26, 2015. They relocated to Greenville, SC in 2002. She was a member of Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Taylors, SC. Mrs. Mertz was an avid and award-winning golfer. She belonged to the Dutchess Golf and Country Club in Poughkeepsie for 55 years and was the Women's Golf Champion 7 times. She was an ardent tennis player and member of Cross Court Tennis Club for 25 years. In addition, she enjoyed being outdoors, gardening, painting, beach vacations, and time with her family and friends. She was very well known for her friendly demeanor, compassionate spirit, sense of humor, and stylish, colorful, sharp dressing, along with her signature, coordinated hats. Surviving are two daughters, Cynthia "Cyndi" Ann Cerutti (Marc) of Duncan, S.C., and Dr. Tracie Mertz McConnell, (Tim) of Greenville, S.C.; and two granddaughters, Aubrey Keffer and Sydney Keffer. A mass celebrating her life will take place 12:00 pm Friday, February 10,

2023, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church Taylors, SC conducted by Rev. Father Christopher Smith, and Deacon Nestor Acosta.

Inurnment will be private.

Memorials may be made to Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 1209 Brushy Creek Road, Taylors, SC 29687, or Caris Hospice, 111 Smith Hines Road, Suite D, Greenville, 29607.

Online condolences may be made to [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Mass

FEB 10. 12:00 PM (ET)

Prince of Peace  
1209 Brushy Creek Road  
Taylors, SC 29687

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ Dear Cyndi & Tracie, We we're so sorry to hear the news about your mom! Always a wonderful neighbor in Poughkeepsie! Her wonderful upbeat attitude always! It's really ironic that my mom passed away the same week as yours! Keep the memories close to your heart ❤️ 🙏 God bless and May she rest in peace!

Rick Chianelli and Family - February 07, 2023 at 09:56 AM

SD

“ Ms. Jones was the most wonderful woman I ever meet she was always helpful to me she has special place in my heart I'm glad my daughter Madeline meet her . She will be missed by many and special by her family

Sylwia Dyer - February 06, 2023 at 06:13 PM

JD

“ I first met Joan in the eighties when we served on the Arts Council golf committee. She was a delightful woman who over the years at Dutchess CC went out of her way to say hello and chat. Sympathies to the family. Joan was a wonderful lady.

Joe Deberardinis - February 05, 2023 at 07:51 AM

TM

Thank you, Joe! Mom really enjoyed the Arts Council and was passionate about golf. You're right, she never met a stranger and enjoyed talking to everyone. It's very kind of you to share that memory.

Tracie McConnell - February 05, 2023 at 11:12 AM

WS

“ i recall my mom Ruth Steinhaus mentioning Joan frequently as a golf "buddy" at IBM Country Club as well as at Dutchess plus i recall reading Joan's name on the sports pages. My mom always spoke fondly of her friendship with Joan as a wonderful person and enjoyed her company. My heartfelt sympathy to the entire family ----  
William R. Steinhaus, Dutchess County Executive, 1992-2011,  
retired.

william steinhaus - February 04, 2023 at 12:59 PM

TM

Thank you, William. Mom was blessed with wonderful friends, and she was a great friend, too!

Tracie McConnell - February 05, 2023 at 11:16 AM

BH

“ Joan and Ed were the best neighbors we have ever had. They were an adoring couple who demonstrated what marriage should be like. They were such proud parents and grandparents. They were always sharing the wonderful accomplishments of their beautiful granddaughters.  
Joan was always smartly dressed. She had a green thumb in her yard and master decorator in her house! Oh and what a talented painter,  
Our whole family sends their love and caring thoughts for your loss. John and Elizabeth especially, wanted you all to know how much your parents meant to them. Your Mom was an amazing lady and we all will cherish her memory.

Barbara Holman - February 03, 2023 at 10:20 AM

RB

*I was Joan's chosen caddy for a few of the years during Joan's long membership at Dutchess C.C. I don't recall winning the club championship with her, but we came close. I went on to join that club and played for the men's championship in 75', the year I won the County Amateur. I attribute my relationship serving her as the high point of those that I experienced during my brief caddy career and her example inspired me to become a golfer which I remain til now. She was a wonderful woman! Condolences to family and friends! Bob Boschen*

Robert Boschen - February 04, 2023 at 07:23 AM

TM

*Thank you, Bob. It would make Mom so happy to know she inspired you!*

Tracie McConnell - February 05, 2023 at 11:08 AM

TM

*Thank you, Barbara. You were the best neighbors Mom and Dad had, and they thought of you as family. John and Elizabeth's visits meant the world to them. Thank you for your heartfelt condolences.*

Tracie McConnell - February 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM

FD

*“ I met Joan while I worked at BILO on Pelham Road. We had something in common as my mom was also a Joan plus we were both from NY state. She was always so friendly and always had a hat on her red head and liked to laugh and talk. As time goes on we just don't see certain customers anymore. Seeing Joan's picture today brings back memories and a smile. My condolences to her family!!*

Frank Decareau - January 29, 2023 at 08:40 AM

TM

*Thank you, Frank! Mom enjoyed making her rounds at BiLo everyday. She was very social, and it was the kind people like you that drew her into the store.*

Tracie McConnell - February 05, 2023 at 11:11 AM