



## Jo-Ellen Van Oort

December 18, 2011

Jo-Ellen Van Oort (nee Frye), age 83 of Teaneck, NJ formerly of Hopewell Junction, NY, died Sunday December 18, 2011. Beloved wife of the late Rev. Harold Van Oort. Loving companion to Joseph Ayton. Devoted mother of Meredith Phillipps and her husband Tony, Leslie Durrant and her late husband Mark, Laura LoPresti and her husband Curt. Dear sister of the late Jean Bowles. Loving grandmother of Matthew and Katie Phillipps, Allegra, Diana and Rachel Durrant, Michelle and Timothy LoPresti. She was a Registered Nurse obtaining her Bachelors of Science Degree from Washington University in St. Louis and her Master's Degree from Seton Hall University. As a young nurse she worked as Head nurse at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis , MO. In 1953 she married Harold Van Oort and started married life as a minister's wife. He was the love of her life until his untimely death in 1973. At that time she began working as a Licensed Practical Nursing instructor at Holy Name Hospital until her retirement in 1997. She loved traveling, the arts-especially ballet, music and reading, but most of all she loved teaching Practical Nursing at Holy Name Hospital. Special thanks and appreciation to the great staff at Holy Name Hospital who took such loving care of her in her final days. Family and friends are invited to visit Wednesday 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ. A funeral service will be held at The Second Reformed Church, Hackensack, Thursday at 11AM. Interment to follow at Hopewell Junction Cemetery, Hopewell Junction, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations to The Holy Name Hospital School of Practical Nursing,

718 Teaneck Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666, Attention of the Jo-Ellen Van Oort  
Scholarship Fund would be appreciated.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jo-Ellen Van Oort*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Jo-Ellen Van Oort*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Jo-Ellen Van Oort*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Nancy, Janis, & Amy - thank you so much! It really helps to read your kind words and know how many lives my mom touched. I am going to miss her so much, but it makes such a difference to know that others will, too.##imported-begin##Meredith VanOort Phillipps##imported-end##*

January 04, 2012 at 04:26 PM



“ *Wishing all the family my dearest wishes. Jo-Ellen was a wonder to the very end and I enjoyed being with her!##imported-begin##Amy Nieparent##imported-end##*

December 20, 2011 at 03:52 PM



“ To the Phillipps, Durrant, LoPresti, Frye and Ayton families: Sincere condolences on the passing of Jo-Ellen. Laura, I'm glad you could be there with your mother. I'll always remember Aunt Jo's optimism and perseverance through hard times and her outgoing nature. I admired her ability to both work and raise three beautiful, brilliant daughters. I pray that the pain and sorrow of your loss will be overcome by the assurance of Jesus of everlasting life for those who believe.##imported-begin##Janis Van Oort##imported-end##

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December 20, 2011 at 12:30 PM



“ I first met JoEllen in 1977 when I applied for an instructor position in the LPN school at Holy Name Hospital. JoEllen was my mentor, and we soon became life long friends. JoEllen's passion was teaching and she had a genuine concern for each and every student. She influenced so many lives, helped so many individuals become successful, and contributed to the community by providing us with dedicated, compassionate nurses. Conversation was always enjoyable with JoEllen...Her love of the arts, her many travel adventures, her abundance of knowledge and of course her wit and sense of humor will be surely missed. My sincere condolences to her family. May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Nancy Lyons##imported-end##

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December 19, 2011 at 11:28 PM