



## Joan Jackson Tomczak

February 17, 1940 - February 22, 2026

Joan Jackson Tomczak, 86, passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Charter Senior Living in Sylvania. She was born February 17, 1940, in Toledo to Edward and Grace (Schoonmaker) Jackson.

Joan was a proud 1958 graduate of DeVilbiss High School and UT, where she earned her bachelor's degree in 1962 and master's degree in 1972, and always remained a Rockets Fan.

She loved to use words to make humor. She loved to sing great choral works. She loved to create with paper.

Joan felt very lucky to have her high school friends, her Rogers' friends, her music friends and the many wonderful people she worked with during her career.

She treasured and loved her daughter, Beth (Kevin) Schmidt; son, Steve Tomczak; grandson Brayton Schmidt; her "Bruddah," Dr. Thomas (Astrid) Jackson; and sister, Nancy (Edward) Obloy. She was preceded in death by her parents, and special friend, Jean Apgar.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Charter Senior Living for the wonderful care they provided to Joan.

Friends and family are invited to visit on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm at Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 W. Sylvania Ave. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Palm Sunday Choir at Monroe St. Methodist Church or the Toledo Choral Society. (<https://toledo-choral-society.square.site/>)

“Oh, and give my regards to Starbucks, Birkenstocks, Joan Rivers’ Bees, Julie Good-Kruger and Frank Lloyd Wright” – Joan Tomczak

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **28**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home  
3000 W. Sylvania Ave  
Toledo, OH 43613

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ I still have the beautiful keepsakes cousin Joan made for my wedding. RIP sweet cousin Joan!

Cynthia L Williams - February 25 at 08:36 PM

DB

“ There are people in our lives who embed themselves in our hearts. We were fortunate to have Joan as our across-the-street neighbor when we lived in Old Orchard. She was a delight. I have memories of many conversations, lots of laughs, shared crafts, shared affection. I have missed her for these last years. I think I will miss her forever. She was endlessly delighted for just a moment of my time spent with her. I felt the same about her. She is truly one of my lifetime angels. Rest easy, Joan. I'll always remember your laugh.  
Deb Balmat

Deb Balmat - February 24 at 10:20 AM

PR

My friend Joan may you Rest in Perfect Peace I'm so glad to have met you and taken care of you you will always have a special place in my heart ❤️.

Pamela Riley - February 24 at 12:33 PM

AA

Joan was my first cousin. We were like sisters in many ways. She was a very creative person . I still have two ceramic figurines sitting on my window sill. We cared for each other very much. Sing away Joan!!! Ann Gutridge Anderson.

Ann Gutridge Anderson - February 25 at 11:12 AM

BS

*My sympathies to Joan's family.*

*We grew up together in Bancroft Hills, our parents were friends.*

*Joan and I continued our friendship through grade school, high school  
and college and beyond!*

*My memories of our friendship will be forever.*

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**Bernie Solomon** - February 26 at 08:47 AM