



## Joan M. Tonge

January 1, 1933 - April 27, 2015

CROSWELL- Joan M. Tonge, age 82, passed away on Monday, April 27, 2015 at the McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

She was born on January 1, 1933 in Detroit, daughter of the late Jerry and Hanna (Waters) Connelly. Upon graduation from St. Theresa in Detroit, Joan went to work as a dental assistant. It was at work that she met the man who would become the love of her life, a handsome young Detroit police officer named Frank Tonge. They were married in Detroit on September 22, 1956. Soon thereafter, the newlyweds moved to Applegate and a few years later to Croswell.

Joan dedicated her life to her husband, children and her faith. Anyone who met Joan was certain to be greeted by a beautiful smile and a friendly greeting. Even when she was struck in mid-life by debilitating rheumatoid arthritis, her cheerful demeanor never changed. She accepted her infirmities and strove to continue to live life as fully as possible. This was only possible because of her faith and the assistance of her caring husband.

Joan lived her entire life with grace and dignity that has inspired many others as they face the struggles life often throws at each of us.

Joan was a dedicated member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Croswell, where she was a member of the Altar Society and also taught Catechism. She is survived by her husband, Frank of Croswell; sons Matthew (Kay) of Ft. Gratiot, and Brian (Mary) of Petoskey; daughter Beth Attianese of Trabuco Canyon, CA; 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, brother William

Connelly of Grand Ledge, and sister Sharon Anderson of Troy.

Joan was preceded in death by her daughter Gina Jacobs on February 28, 2012, and brother Larry Connelly.

Funeral Services will be held 11:30 A.M. Saturday, May 2, 2015 at St. Patricks Catholic Church in Croswell. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Pomeroy Funeral Home in Croswell from 3-9 PM Friday, and 9:30-10:30 AM Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Croswell.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *JOANNE KENNY has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.*

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**JOANNE KENNY** - May 03, 2015 at 05:32 PM

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“ *My sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Joan, she will be dearly missed by us all.*

*Joanne at Kroger*

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**Joanne Huber** - May 02, 2015 at 09:46 AM

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“ *I am sorry to read of Joan's passing. My sympathy to you and your family. sincerely, Ann Marie*

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**Ann ( Levitte) Wilson** - April 28, 2015 at 07:21 PM