



## Joan Eileen Oskamp

November 6, 1933 - February 26, 2016

Joan Eileen Oskamp, born November 6, 1933, in Oceanside, Long Island New York, daughter of George and Millie Steutel, passed away February 26, 2016 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. She lived in New York and in North Caldwell, New Jersey and graduated Bloomfield High School and William Paterson

College in New Jersey with a degree in early childhood education. Joan met and married her husband of 58 years, Dr. Edwin Oskamp in 1957. She taught elementary school for 25 years in New Jersey prior to retiring and moving to Florida. She loved her job with first graders, as children and young people were one of her life's loves. Joan helped to create community wherever she went, which could be seen in her caring relationships, her work with the Social Committee

Governor's Point Condominiums, and her extensive work with the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program, which included hosting at least a dozen foreign students in her home over the years. A member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Joan spent much of her time keeping in touch with her children and grandchildren and with her bridge club women, enjoying friendship and life. She was a lifelong member of the National Education Association and the New Jersey Education Association. She was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Hampton Township, NJ. Joan leaves her husband, Dr. Edwin Oskamp, two daughters, Reverend Shirley Oskamp of Middletown Springs, Vermont, and Suellen McGlew of Stillwater, New Jersey. Four grandchildren include Sarah Colletti, Caitlin Colletti, Kylie McGlew, and Lauren McGlew, and her only brother George Steutel and his wife Gene of Palm Harbor, Florida. Also, a brother-in-law Richard Oskamp with his wife June of Sussex, New Jersey. Memorial wishes may be sent in her honor to either Trinity UMC of Palm Beach Gardens; Wildwood UMC in Chittenden, Vermont; or the Rotary Foundation of the Northern Palm Beaches. A service is being planned in her honor Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 3PM in the Trinity United Methodist Church, Palm Beach Gardens. Arrangements are being coordinated with the Taylor-Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, Florida.

# Comments

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“ I am so saddened by Joan's sudden passing. I have many fond memories of the times we had spent together in Ocean Grove, NJ and as a college friend..God Bless you and your family

**Mae Andersen Van Dam - Monroe Twsp NJ, NJ - Friend** - June 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry Ed to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pat and Cel Guillerm

Pompton Lakes Classmates

**Cel and Pat Guillerm - Rotonda West, FL - Classmate** - March 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences to the Oskamp family.  
Jack and Elizabeth Legon, Anthony and Natalie Elvidge

**Jack And Elizabeth Legon - Hackettstown, NJ - Friend** - March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ My last memory of Joan was when we stood together watching our men descend from the sky. Lovely woman.

**Andrea Appelman - Jupiter, FL - Friend** - March 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mr. Oskamp, Suellyn, Shirley and families, We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Joan's sudden passing. We will always have fond memories of sharing a meal together at Sue and Mike's and sitting around the table chatting. Joan was always so good with our boys, taking an interest and including them in the conversation. Our hearts go out to all of you at this very difficult time. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Much love , Helen, Jim, Evan and Shane

**Helen, Jim, Evan and Shane - Morristown, NJ - Friend** - March 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ ED SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS.MY HEART GOES OUT TO YOU AND FAMILY AND OUR PRAYER GOE OUT TO YOU.

**GERALD M SLIKER JR - NEWTON, NJ** - March 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Edward and family,

My sincere condolences.

Audrey Holmes Greilich

**Audrey Greilich - Glenwood, NJ - Friend** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Ed and Family:

We were very sorry to read about Joan. She was a great teacher and friend.

Anytime we visited your home in Hampton she was always very gracious.

She had a very positive impact on her students and colleagues. We have very fond memories of the times you shared with us. Our prayers are with you Ed, Shirley, Suellyn and your family.

Bernie and Barbara

**Bernard and Barbara Andrews - Newton, NJ - Friend** - March 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Oskamp was my teacher for 1st grade and 4th grade at Branchville School. One of my fondest memories of my childhood was in 1977 when a bunch of families hosted exchange college students from Holland. Mrs. Oskamp's family and our family were apart of that group. It was a hot summer that year and the Oskamp's threw a party for all of the exchange students and their host families. So for a 5 year old not only were you at your teachers house, but she had a pool too!

My condolences to her family.

Brett Keeler Drew

**Brett Keeler Drew - Point Pleasant, NJ - Student** - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs Oskamp was a wonderful teacher. I will fondly remember her and how she was always so kind. Branchville was a very small school and we saw each other everyday. I'm very sorry to hear of her passing. May she rest in peace.

**Tracy Gibbins-Okeson - Branchville, NJ - Student** - February 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM