



## Mrs. Joan Frances Gold

May 23, 1934 - April 10, 2015

Joan Francis Gold, 80, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2014 at her home in Weaverville, NC. Born in 1934 in Buffalo, NY she was the daughter of the late Dorothy (Travers) and Merritt Haley.

Joan was raised and educated in Buffalo, NY and received her Bachelors of Science in Education and Master Degree from Buffalo State Teachers College where she was a member of Delta Sigma Epsilon. After graduation she moved to Niagara Falls, NY where she taught Home Economics until she married the late James F. Showers in 1957 and there they raised their three children. Mrs. Gold worked as a Registered Dietician at the Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center for over twenty years. She married the late Martin Gold in 1986 and they retired to the Asheville area in 1995 where she lived until her death. Joan, will be lovingly remembered as devoted mother, grandmother, wife and as a generous and selfless woman who dedicated her life to serving others in her community.

Joan was a committed volunteer for over fifteen years at Mission Medical Center in Asheville working weekly in various capacities and served as a Mission Ambassador. She was a member of the American Quilters Association and worked with Asheville's Project Linus to create quilts that brought comfort to sick children. Always charitable with her time and her resources, Joan volunteered in a variety of capacities for many charities

throughout her life, and up until the time of her death. She loved gardening, history, travel, music and the arts. A member of the Asheville Symphony Guild, she adored the Asheville region and her Reems Creek Community. Her greatest pleasures came from spending time with her children, her grandchildren and her large network of friends both locally and throughout the country.

Mrs. Gold is survived by her three children, Tamara (Anthony) Cavaluzzi of Endwell, NY; Julie (Richard) Smith of Cabin John, MD and Jeffrey (Rachelle) Showers of Niagara Falls, NY; her three step-daughters, Barbara (Michael) Goleman, Sheryl (Alan) Yonack and Wendy (Stuart) Bolerjack, eleven grandchildren, Tara (Terry) Brewster, Sarah Smith, Eliza Smith, Olivia Showers and Alexandra Showers; Shaina Goleman, Jake Goleman, David Bolerjack, Matthew Bolerjack, Noah Yonack, Sam Yonack, Sydney Yonack and one great-grandson, Calan James Brewster, one sister, Eileen Muscato of Eden, NY, one brother, M. William Haley of Aurora, OH and sister-in-law, Carol Haley of Jacksonville, FL as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by one brother, the late John (Jack) Haley.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service on Friday April 24th at 11:00 a.m. at the Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville. Donations in memory of Joan may be made to Mission Healthcare Foundation, Inc. to benefit Mission Childrens Hospital. P.O. Box 5363, Asheville, NC 28813. [www.missionfoundation.org](http://www.missionfoundation.org).

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Joan Frances Gold*



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 22, 2015 at 05:49 PM



“ *Mrs. Joan Frances Gold*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM

HW

“ Oh Tammy and your families;  
My heart is aching for each one of you as well as for myself. I just find it hard to believe that Joan is gone. I am so pleased that you sent me the note with her obituary enclosed, otherwise I would not have known even now.

Joan was always so beautiful on the outside as well as on the inside. She was my very best friend in College, sharing sorority and other great events. I only have the most wonderful memories of her and her many accomplishments. She was one in a million. She had so much quality, that it's hard to mention all of her attributes, but friendship was strong throughout our lives. We kept in touch at Christmas time and on Birthdays.

I visited her and Marty when I escaped from a potential hurricane around 1991 or 92. I loved their home and existence in Asheville. They were so good to me. That was the last time I saw her, with Marty, the love of her life and the object of his total devotion and love.

I last talked with her in early April and we usually talked for about an hour or so. We were buddies and could share everything.

I miss her in my heart and soul like nothing else has ever phased me. It's just difficult to fathom. I'm happy that she was social right up until the last moment, because that was Joan.

My sympathy and love to each of you.

Sincerely,  
Hibby Brott Wenger

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Hibby Brott Wenger - July 19, 2015 at 07:25 PM

SW

“ *Joan your smile will never fade, what a lucky place Heaven is now.*

*Sharyn Wood*

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**Sharyn Wood** - April 24, 2015 at 08:36 AM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 23, 2015 at 05:04 PM

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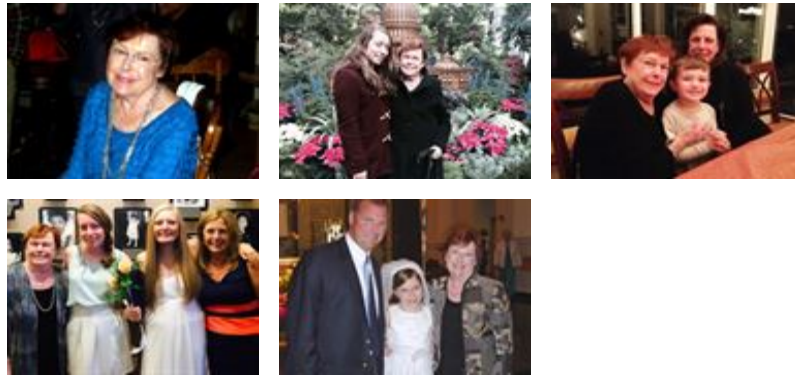
“ *It still hasn't sunk in yet that my dearest, most generous, kind and caring friend is not with us anymore. I shall miss not doing all the fun things with Joan. We had such good times together. We wish Joan's family our heartfelt condolences.,*  
*Irma and Bob Bond.*

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**Irma Bond** - April 23, 2015 at 08:51 AM



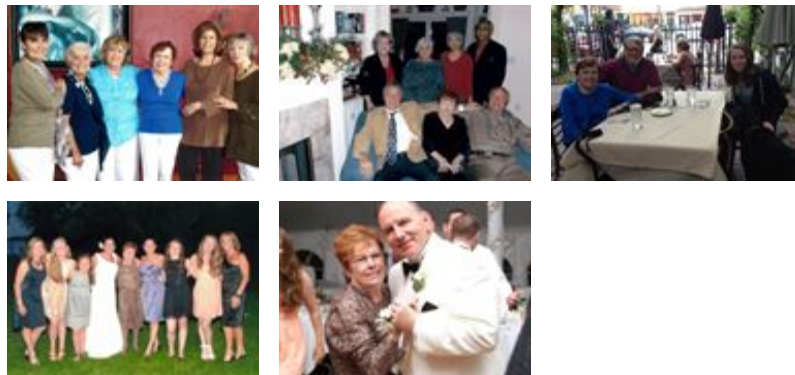
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Morris Funeral Home - April 22, 2015 at 05:43 PM



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Morris Funeral Home - April 22, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ Remembering my sweet, lovely and soft spoken cousin and wishing we could have spent more time together especially in our later lives.  
*Rosalie (Rusty) Davidson St.Mary*

Rosalie St.Mary - April 22, 2015 at 01:47 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 22, 2015 at 09:41 AM

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“ *Your mother was an incredible woman, friend and neighbor who was generous, understanding, a good listener and so classy. She gave freely to those in need and enjoyed life to the fullest. I will miss seeing her at our Ridgemont Drive events and appreciate the kindness she showed me in learning how to quilt. She spoke frequently about all of her children and grandchildren with love and pride. She will be missed by many. Our thoughts are with you as you walk this journey.*

*Tricia and Charlie Franck*

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**Tricia Franck** - April 21, 2015 at 05:25 PM

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**Tricia Franck** - April 21, 2015 at 05:15 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 21, 2015 at 02:46 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 21, 2015 at 01:22 PM



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**Morris Funeral Home** - April 21, 2015 at 11:54 AM

CN

“ So sorry to hear of Joan's passing. She was a classy lady. I worked with her for many years at Family Practice and have kept in touch through the years with our traditional Christmas cards and notes. I was so happy to hear from her this past Christmas. She impressed me as a lady who got the most out of life, helping others and loving her family. Sorry for you loss, sending thoughts and prayers to all of you. Chris and Bill Lynott

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**Christine Lynott, Lewiston, NY** - April 21, 2015 at 10:02 AM

JJ

“ Joan was a wonderfully kind and thoughtful woman who worked tirelessly on a variety of volunteer endeavors. She was a pleasure to work with and always took on more than her fair share of responsibility to insure that projects ran smoothly and successfully. She will be missed. We hope her family will find strength and comfort in their memories.

*Jay and Marlene Jacoby*

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**Jay Jacoby** - April 20, 2015 at 06:02 PM

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**TMC** - April 20, 2015 at 02:35 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 19, 2015 at 07:24 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 19, 2015 at 06:09 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 19, 2015 at 05:27 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 19, 2015 at 05:26 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 18, 2015 at 06:57 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 18, 2015 at 06:56 PM

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“ *Joan was the only family that I had in the Carolinas and she and Marty spoiled me so!!! We were cousins but so much more. I already miss her but am comforted knowing she is already wearing her halo. I know her passing will impact many because she was so involved in community activities, the hospital and so many clubs. Our most common game we played was phone tag but it was always great knowing she was so active and involved with so many people who loved her truly. Until we meet again.....Donna Marie Davidson, Lake Wylie, SC ddavidson571@att.net 803-701-7003*



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**Donna Davidson** - April 17, 2015 at 05:37 PM

JC

“Joan was a delightful and accomplished lady. I knew her through volunteer work at both Surgical Services and the Volunteer Leadership Committee at Mission Hospital. She was a warm, caring person who was always interested in others.

*Jean Clayton*

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**Jean Clayton** - April 16, 2015 at 06:54 AM

ST

“I am Shawna gold Trammel. This was my aunt Joan. She had a loving spirit and heart. I remember years ago Her and a few friends of hers spent a total of 2 years hand making a weighted blanket for my youngest son Connor who is 8 now. He has autism . I want her to know that he used that blanket for years at his classroom for nap time, and it really helped keep him calm . Thank you Aunt Joan for doing this for me. i will always treasure your kind heart. love,  
*Shawna gold trammel*

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**shawna gold trammel** - April 16, 2015 at 12:49 AM

PM

“We are so sorry to hear about the passing of Joan. My memories of her were that she was such a nice person. All the extended family in Oklahoma send our thoughts and prayers. Love to cousins; Jeff, Tammy, and Julie.  
*Gary and Patti Millican*



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**Patti Millican** - April 15, 2015 at 04:02 PM

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**Julie Smith** - April 15, 2015 at 03:41 PM

MR

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Joan weekly as she served as a volunteer for many years at Mission. She. was a very loving person and was so special to me. I will forever cherish the memories and talks we shared. My sincere condolences to the family.*  
*Mary Harmon*

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**Mary Harmon RN** - April 14, 2015 at 07:30 PM

EP

“ *Our hearts sank when we heard that Joan passed. She was so generous with her time and advice. We enjoyed spending time with her when we came to town to visit Bob when he lived there. Such a caring soul. A good woman. Her Memory is a Blessing.*  
*Ellen & Randy Pfann*

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**Ellen Pfann** - April 14, 2015 at 06:03 PM

TS

“ *What a beautiful soul and how blessed am I to have entered her home and friendship. Always a smile, a hug, and a laugh. So generous to me always. Loved her family and enjoyed telling me about all of you. So proud of her grandchildren and their accomplishments. I love Joan very much and will miss her sweet presence. God loved me so sweetly through you Joan.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Terry Smith*

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**Terry Smith** - April 14, 2015 at 04:26 PM

DB

*We would like extend our sincere sympathy to Joan's family. Joan was always such a pleasure to be around, and always in good spirits. We got to know Marty and Joan years ago when we sold them their home in Riverknoll. They were always such fun. When we moved to Reems Creek we were pleasantly surprised to hook up with Joan again. We will truly miss her.*  
*Best regards,*  
*Doug & Debbie Bebber*

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**Doug and Debbie Bebber** - April 18, 2015 at 01:06 PM