



## Joan Bedolla

October 10, 1947 - September 22, 2023

On September 22, 2023, loving mother, sister and friend, Joan Bedolla, went to be with our Heavenly Father surrounded by loved ones at her home in Willcox, AZ at the age of 75.

Joan is survived by many family members that know her as "Joanie." Her daughter, Natalie Bedolla (Matthew Moreland), niece Debbie Whelan Bedolla (Fred Whelan), brother David Middleton, sister Susan Bennett (Kenneth Bennett), nephews Michael Bennett (Cathie Bennett) & Lee Middleton (Ginger Middleton) and nieces Jennifer Bennett Milian (Santiago Milian) & Sheri Middleton. Preceding her in death were husband Nasario (Nat) Bedolla, parents James Middleton and Mary Barber Middleton and stepdaughter Michelle Bedolla.

Joan overcame struggles and heartbreak after learning of her pancreatic cancer diagnosis in 2017. In spite of health battles, she was able to dance with her adventurous side and experienced once-in-a-lifetime moments with those closest to her, including watching fireworks over the ocean on 4th of July. Anyone that reads this knows what a selfless and beautiful woman of God she was. There wasn't a place she went that someone didn't know her by name or more famously, she was Mrs. B. She left her mark on this town and wherever her presence was felt.

The abundance of outreach that was received during her last days before the Lord called her Home showed just how much she was loved by so many. The family thanks each and every one of those for their support, prayers and thoughts during this heartbreaking time.

Memorial services will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 14th, 2023 at Westlawn Chapel with luncheon to follow at the Church of the Nazarene.

While flowers are appreciated, the family would like those that wish to consider donating in Joan's memory to:

<https://www.npcf.us/memorial-giving/>

"Friends like you are hard to find. In a lifetime, you get only a few. And when you find them, you always know them by sight and heart alone; you always grow a little bit taller in your soul. You also know that as the years come and as the years go by, you have been blessed just to know them. Thus blessed am I, thus lucky have I been...to know a friend like you." -Anonymous

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Cemetery

N. Sunset Strip Road  
Willcox, AZ 85643

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

OCT **14**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
105 S Arizona Avenue  
Willcox, AZ 85643  
(520) 384-2413  
westwx@vtc.net  
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Lisa P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Bedolla.

Lisa P. - December 30, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Joan Bedolla.



October 13, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ Nathaniel B. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joan Bedolla.



Nathaniel B. - October 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ Nathaniel B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Bedolla.

Nathaniel B. - October 12, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Bedolla.*



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October 11, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Joan was a dear friend since 1977 and I will miss her very much. Her positive attitude and faith in the Lord were an inspiration to me. I enjoyed spending time with her and revisiting old times. Joan was a big sister to me. Natalie and Nat were the loves of her life. I remember when Joan and Nat started dating. They were a great couple and seeing them together made me happy. Joan had a lot of pride in her daughter and always spoke of her with love in her voice. Dear Joan, I miss you my dear friend. You and Nat are together in Heaven.*

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**Cathi Jones** - October 08, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *I have known the Middleton family for nearly 60 years. Joanie was the older sister of my friend Susie and I didn't see very much of her back then because she was a busy college girl. But over the years I came to know what a sweet person she was - kind and tender hearted. She will be missed by so many. May she rest in the arms of Jesus. ❤️🌸*

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**Linda Vaubel** - October 07, 2023 at 09:24 PM

LV

“ *Linda Vaubel sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Linda Vaubel** - October 07, 2023 at 09:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Bedolla.*



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October 05, 2023 at 10:57 AM

CN

“ *Cynthia Nunez lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Cynthia Nunez** - October 03, 2023 at 08:04 PM

MO

“ *Sending our love to the family. May the memories help ease your loss. We are thinking of you and praying for all. Hugs, Linette and Sarah*

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**Makua Ohana** - October 01, 2023 at 02:56 AM

SA

“ Sarah sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Bedolla



Sarah - October 01, 2023 at 02:55 AM

LI

“ Linette lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla



Linette - October 01, 2023 at 02:54 AM

LS

“ L & lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla



L & S - October 01, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Bedolla.



September 30, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joan Bedolla.

September 30, 2023 at 10:09 PM



“ Sara lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla



**Sara** - September 29, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Condolences to the family. May she Rest in Peace. From ~Marissa Leal~



**Marissa Leal** - September 29, 2023 at 01:40 AM



“ Annie lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla



**Annie** - September 28, 2023 at 08:54 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace Joan... 🙏



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**Jackie Bruce** - September 28, 2023 at 01:55 PM

SA

“ Sharon Arzberger lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla



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**Sharon Arzberger** - September 27, 2023 at 10:16 PM

ML

“ I first met Joan in Bowie where we were both teachers. She was a good friend to me and a fine person. Laurette and I want to offer our condolences to her family.

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**Mark LeVine** - September 26, 2023 at 06:03 PM

ST

“ I'm so sad to hear of Joan's passing she was such a wonderful part of my church family growing up . My condolences to her family .

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**Shawnda L Tobias** - September 26, 2023 at 03:51 PM

OG

“ *Olga Granado lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



Olga Granado - September 26, 2023 at 02:49 PM

JW

*Joan and I were good fuehrn I lived in Bowie. My daughter Kathy used to babysit for Natalie. We also had a Bible study at her house. So sorry for your loss! She was a wonderful person.*

joyce Welbaum - September 27, 2023 at 01:14 AM

JW

*She was my friend*

joyce Welbaum - September 27, 2023 at 01:15 AM

BB

“ *Joan was a precious friend. I admired her courage so much.*



Bonnie Barton-Symonds - September 26, 2023 at 12:46 PM

KL

“ *Kathy Leonard lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



Kathy Leonard - September 26, 2023 at 05:54 AM

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“ *Joan was one of the most beautiful women and very loving mom she will be greatly be missed.*

Starla Hurd (Franklin) - September 25, 2023 at 10:21 PM

CD

“ *Joan you were a good friend. I will miss you and never forget you, 🙏❤️*



Carol Dickson - September 25, 2023 at 09:38 PM

DB

“ *Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



Donna Johnny Brown - September 25, 2023 at 08:17 PM

AH

“ *Sincere sympathy to Joan's family. She will be missed.*



Anne Henderson - September 25, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JS

“ *John Kim Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



John & Kim Sanchez - September 25, 2023 at 03:16 PM

KB

“ *Katie Bethel lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



Katie Bethel - September 25, 2023 at 01:27 PM

GM

“ *Gus Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Bedolla*



Gus & Rita Morales - September 25, 2023 at 12:16 AM

KT

“ *You were a kind and considerate friend. You will be missed.*



Kathy Thatcher - September 24, 2023 at 09:56 PM

DL

“ *Dakota Levine lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Dakota Levine** - September 24, 2023 at 05:27 PM

RC

“ *Rina Colato lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Rina Colato** - September 24, 2023 at 03:23 PM

TB

“ *Tommy Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Tommy & Rita Bedolla** - September 24, 2023 at 03:16 PM

JR

“ *Janna Riggs lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Janna Riggs** - September 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TH

“ *Teresa Hatch lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



**Teresa Elizabeth Hatch** - September 24, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Anne Coleman lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



**Anne Coleman** - September 24, 2023 at 10:27 AM

JA

“ *John&Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla*



**John&Susan Arbuthnot** - September 24, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Natalie and her family and the many friends she had that loved her. She is very special to many.*

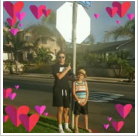
**Jan Napier** - September 24, 2023 at 10:07 AM

KO

“ *Joan was a special lady. May God be with her family and friends at this difficult time.* ”



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**Kathy Osornio** - September 24, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Joan Bedolla* ”



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**Betsy Ajeman** - September 24, 2023 at 07:29 AM

CB

“ *Joan was a special lady. We are honored to have known her. Our love and prayers go out to Natalie and family.* ”

*Marty and Cheryl Bowlby*

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**Cheryl Bowlby** - September 23, 2023 at 03:00 PM

AT

“ *Annie Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Bedolla* ”



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**Annie Torres** - September 23, 2023 at 01:52 PM

AR

“ *Angela Lawrence Torres Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Bedolla*



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**Angela & Lawrence Torres Rodriguez** - September 23, 2023 at 01:51 PM

JR

“ *Rest in peace dear Joan*



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**Juan & Shirley Rubio** - September 23, 2023 at 11:41 AM