



Joan Kelley Sherbert

January 1, 1956 - February 18, 2026

Joan Kelley Sherbert, 70, passed away on February 18, 2026.

Born to Rex and Elizabeth Kelley in Takoma Park, Joan built a life centered on love, family, and quiet strength. In her later years, she made her home in Fredericksburg with her son, daughter-in-law, and beloved grandchildren, who brought her so much joy.

Joan was preceded in death by her husband, John Sherbert, whom she loved dearly. She is survived by her son, Donald Sherbert and his wife, Emilie Sherbert; her daughter, Nicole Sherbert; and her cherished grandchildren, Caden Sherbert, Madelyn Sherbert, Travis Dodson, and Graceleigh Dodson. She is also survived by her beloved siblings and extended family.

After a journey with epilepsy, Joan retired medically but never allowed her health challenges to define her. Instead, she devoted herself wholeheartedly to her family. She treasured her role as “Grandma” above all else. Whether crocheting, quilting keepsakes, working on puzzles, or cheering in the stands at baseball games with her son — always with an enthusiastic “Go Nats!” for the Washington Nationals — Joan found joy in life’s simple, meaningful moments.

Joan will be remembered for her resilience, her creativity, and the deep love

she poured into her family. The warmth of her handmade gifts and the memories she created will continue to comfort those who knew and loved her.

She will be deeply missed and forever held in the hearts of her family.

A Visitation for Joan will be held at Raymond Funeral Service Chapel on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 9:30am until her Funeral Service at 10:30am. Interment will immediately follow at La Plata United Methodist Cemetery (Dentsville).

Cemetery Details

La Plata United Methodist Cemetery (Dentsville)

11950 Charles St. (RT. 6)
La Plata, MD 20646

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 26. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 26. 10:30 AM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Service Chapel
5635 Washington Avenue
La Plata, MD 20646
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Tribute Wall



“ Richard F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joan Kelley Sherbert.

Richard F. - February 25 at 09:06 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.



February 25 at 09:51 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.



February 25 at 08:56 AM



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

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“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.*



February 22 at 02:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.*



February 22 at 11:02 AM

TK

“ Joanie was my third sister following Diane and Kathleen (three more to come). Because of the age difference Joanie and I pretty much traveled in different circles (probably a good thing). Back in the fifties and sixties my parents lived in a small duplex house in Wheaton and which had three bedrooms, one for my parents, another one for the “girls” and the last one for myself and for whoever happened to be the newborn. Little did I know that that crib would end up being a permanent fixture. In any case I was about 5 when Joanie was born and was moved into my room. It was then that she became “my baby.” Obviously, Diane was my oldest sister and I was still somewhat of a baby myself when Kathleen was born so I had not yet developed the “big brother” protectionist trait. When Joanie’s was born, however, I was head over heels with her and spent many a night hugging and smooching her. There were many nights when she would wake up crying and I would get out of bed and pick her up out of the crib and hold her until she stopped crying and then laid her back down in her crib. That said, there would be occasion during which there would be a strange odor in the room which meant only one thing.....time to get mom. Anyway, don’t get me wrong. I have had six sisters and love them all dearly. Year after year I prayed for mom to bring home a little brother but, alas, it just wasn’t meant to be. In the end I was trully blessed to have the family I have and especially the one I called “ my baby.” RIP sweetie.

Tom Kelley - February 21 at 11:18 AM

SU

“ She taught me how to do The Hustle! ❤️

Suzy - February 20 at 05:12 PM

TH

Oh yes! She did like to dance ! Great memories!!

Theresa - February 20 at 07:19 PM

TH

“ Joanie was working at the courthouse and one day she received a bouquet of flowers. She called me and excitedly said "John sent me flowers. What do I do? I'm going to send them back!" I replied " No! You keep them and say thank you!" And the rest is history!

Theresa - February 20 at 04:53 PM

PH

“ Didn't know her at the time, but spent a lot of time with John Sherbert back in the late 70's and early 80's. I always drove (cheap Johnny didn't want to spend his OWN money on a car). At the end of the night, he always wanted to get dropped off in Port Tobacco. He lived in Mt. Carmel.

20 years later, when Theresa and I started dating, I found out WHY!

Peace and joy at being together again to both of you!❤️

Patch Hendricks - February 20 at 04:45 PM

DF

“ Joanie was born the day before I turned 6. I remember our Aunt Billie taking me shopping for a new winter coat for my birthday. When we got home, we were greeted with a new baby. I had the best doll ever- my baby sister Joan. May you forever rest in peace.
Diane

diane frere - February 20 at 04:39 PM

SU

“ Joanie was 10 years older than me, but at some point when we were growing up in Port Tobacco we shared a room. And a bed. I remember when she came in after I was asleep she'd turn on the light to read and eat peanut butter toast (although Theresa thinks it was crackers). My five year old self was fascinated! So the next time you eat peanut butter toast (or crackers!), think of my big sister, Joanie! ❤️

Suzy - February 20 at 04:37 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.



February 20 at 04:34 PM



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

February 20 at 04:34 PM

KK

“ Joanie and I shared a love of quilting and crafty things. A few years ago when she moved she let me buy her sewing desk from her. It is a wonderful place to work and I think of her every time I work at it.

Karen Kelley - February 20 at 04:20 PM



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



February 20 at 03:37 PM



“ *Joanie, I will always treasure our friendship and the relationship we have always had. I will miss you so much, but I know that you are with my brother and all your loved ones. Rest in peace, my dear friend. I love you, Gail*

Gail - February 20 at 01:34 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Kelley Sherbert.*



February 20 at 01:29 PM