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**J**oan M. Finch (Gregory) of Palm Harbor passed away peacefully at home on May 25, 2022 at 90 years of age. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Edmund, in 2012. Joan was born on July 23, 1931 and was raised in Armada, Michigan, by her mother Marjorie (LaRowe) Miller. Her mother, step-father, sister Patricia, and Patricia's husband also predeceased her. Joan is survived by her son Gregory and wife Therese (Connecticut), grandson Andrew (Arizona) and niece Deborah Spencer (Colorado). As a teenager, she moved from Armada to East Lansing MI and subsequently attended Michigan State University. It was there that she met her lifelong partner and they were married in 1951. They made their home in mid-MI where Joan initially worked for the phone company, then quit to raise their son. She relished a decades long bridge club, enjoyed many long trips by car, and delighted in gardening and landscaping; colorful roses were a specialty. Ed retired in 1983 and they subsequently moved to Palm Harbor near several relatives whom they regularly visited. They continued a keen interest in long, leisurely road trips, especially after Andrew was born. Summer vacations in CT allowed her to enjoy many a shoreline lobster roll. Joan moved to Stratford Court of Palm Harbor a few years after Ed's death, where she developed a circle of good friends and re-ignited an interest in bridge and other pastimes. She was a lifelong avid reader, enjoyed working puzzles, had a quick sense of humor, and loved entertaining listeners with stories of her past. Above all, Joan was a kind and loving wife, mother, and grandmother, and she will be missed.

Joan's family thanks her many caregivers over the last year. There will be no memorial service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Lung Association to support anti-smoking work.



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