



Joan M LaMonica

January 24, 2022

Joan M. La Monica (89) of Oradell, NJ passed away peacefully at home on January 24 surrounded by her family and long-time companion and caregiver. Joan was the beloved wife of her late husband Frederick La Monica and the devoted mother of Susan La Monica Pash and her late husband, Robert Pash.

Born November 24, 1932 in Brooklyn, NY, Joan was the daughter of the late Angelo and Matilda Gerbolini and sister of the late Frank Gerbolini. Joan grew up with a love for family and friends and a devotion to her community and her faith. Joan was caring, kind and thoughtful, always putting the needs of others ahead of herself. She was a dear friend to many and a true role model in living a life of Christian values.

She graduated from Katherine Gibbs School and then later earned her associates degree from Bergen Community College. She started her career at IBM and retired in 2001 from Burns and Roe where she served as an assistant to the Roe family. Joan excelled at anything she did and showed great resolve and determination throughout her personal and professional life.

She was married in 1959 to Fred and, shortly after, left city life behind to put down roots in Oradell where she lived for 62 years. Joan loved Oradell and developed lifelong friends with whom she shared many wonderful and often

silly memories.

Joan was a woman of many talents. She loved to entertain family and friends and had a real flare for style. She was very creative, and her house is adorned with many of her artistic projects. Joan was devoted to her community and was involved in many organizations that benefited the town and her parish, St. Joseph's, in New Milford.

But her greatest joy was supporting her daughter, Susan, in all that she did throughout her life. She was especially proud of her three grandchildren and enjoyed fully participating in all their activities as children and adults.

Joan faced innumerable challenges in her later years and displayed grit and courage as she overcame hurdles with optimism and a warm smile. It was in handling these challenges that she imparted some of the greatest lessons to all those that knew her.

Joan is survived by her daughter Susan and grandchildren, Brian and wife Jackie, Jennifer, and Julia.

The family will be receiving friends from 10:30 AM to 11 AM at the Church of the Presentation, 271 W. Saddle River Rd, Upper Saddle River. A mass of Christian Burial will begin at 11 am. You may access the Mass via livestream at www.churchofpresentation.org/funeral-ministry/. Internment to follow at Maryrest Cemetery, Mahwah, NJ. In lieu of flowers donations in Joan's name may be made to The Villa Marie Claire, 718 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck NJ 07666.

Cemetery Details

Maryrest Cemetery

770 Darlington Avenue
Mahwah, NJ 07430

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Presentation
271 W. Saddle River Road
Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458

Mass

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joan M LaMonica*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Joan M LaMonica*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Joan M LaMonica*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

JE

“ Dearest Susan and family. We were so blessed to live on .Essex St. right up the block .we were neighbors and friends. We moved in to the new house in 1968. We left 30 years later and our roots are in Oradell. Linda and Joseph went thru the Oradell school system and Janet started in Riverdel.. my early memories are of Joan walking to work. She always looked like she stepped out of Glamour Magazine. On her way she would drop off a cup of sugar she needed to finish a cake. Also she would stop by her Mom to put her shoes on her. I recall seeing the ambulance going to her house and running down the street.to check on her.Fred then had the first floor renovated to suit her needs. She laughed easily and enjoyed the antics of our group of “girls”. One night we dresses as Barbie Dolls and rang our neighbors door bells. Another as Dallas Cowgirls with galoshes as our sexy boots. Fred and the Italian club men dressed as an Italian soccer team and Joan was one of the gun molls. We enjoyed each other’s Company and loved each other.she was beautiful and intelligent and are lucky she is in our past.



JeanjDiPietro - January 26, 2022 at 09:09 PM

LG

“ Susan & family - Praying that you have peace knowing your Mom's was a life well lived. Joan inspired me when we were kids, as a strong woman of substance, and was truly a beacon of strength after her stroke when she showed us all that quality of life is controlled more by attitude than constraints. Feel blessed to have known you Mom. Stay strong my friend - Lorene

Lorene Graves - January 26, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



January 26, 2022 at 02:23 PM



“ *Jason and Aileen Towne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



Jason and Aileen Towne - January 26, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Dear Susan,*

We are so sorry for your Mother, It was truly a pleasure working with Joan, I will miss her deeply.

Remembering your wonderful mother and wishing you comfort.”

sincerely

Guliko and her Family

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TF

“ *Tricia Carter and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



Tricia Carter and Family - January 25, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



January 25, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



January 25, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.*



January 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.vokleberfuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.

January 25, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ Malcolm and Linda Griggs purchased the *Treasured Lilies Spray* for the family of Joan M LaMonica.



Malcolm and Linda Griggs - January 25, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.



January 25, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of Joan M LaMonica.



January 25, 2022 at 02:51 PM

DF

“ I had the privledge and pleasure to be one of Joans' silly friends from Oradell. She was a friend that you wanted to be like. So classy, talented and creative..i just enjoyed being around her. Besides the beautiful home she kept she was a baker extrodinaire. Her cakes and pies were just perfect.. wish I had taken pictures. She helped put the recipe book together for Oradell and I treasure her recipes in it. We always had so much fun at our dinner parties and celebrations.. lots of laughs.

After her stroke she still maintained her beauty and grace she had a spirit and bright smile no matter what! The woman that Susan and Fred hired to care for her is an angel sent by God to care for our friend Joan. Thank you Marina for all those years of care and devotion you did caring for our Joan! Even in her wheelchair you kept her as graceful and beautiful for many years. I will never forget Joan and the strong women she demonstrated her entire life!
Doreen Di Fiore

Doreeb Di Fiore - January 25, 2022 at 02:47 PM

TH

“ Oh Susan, we have so many memories and they are all wonderful. These past 20 years she's been my inspiration and I loved visiting with her and Marina. I loved her and I will miss her. Love and prayers to you and your family.

th - January 25, 2022 at 02:20 PM