



## Sheila Marie Piscetta

December 4, 1951 - October 17, 2025

Sheila Marie Piscetta, 73, Beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Nurse.

Sheila Piscetta, 73, of Oradell, N.J., passed away peacefully on October 17, 2025. Born and raised in Stamford, Conn., Sheila was one of five children. She attended Georgetown University, earning her nursing degree and beginning a lifelong career devoted to caring for others. She began as an emergency room nurse before returning to school to become a school nurse at Ridgefield Park High School — all while raising four children after the passing of her husband, Thomas, who died of cancer when their children were 4, 8, 10, and 12. Determined to give her children stability and opportunity, she balanced work, study, and motherhood with remarkable strength and grace.

Each summer, she served as camp nurse at Camp Acorn, supporting children with disabilities, and was always first to respond when someone was in need — sitting with the sick, accompanying friends through cancer treatments, and giving her time and compassion freely. Her kindness and sense of duty touched countless lives. Fifteen years ago, Sheila suffered a spinal cord injury that left her paralyzed from the neck down. With indomitable spirit, she fought through rehabilitation and returned to work as a school nurse. Her courage inspired everyone who knew her. She retired in 2018 after decades of service.

Above all, Sheila was a devoted mother and grandmother. After losing her

husband, she raised her four children alone, instilling resilience, compassion, and hard work. Each built families of their own, her greatest pride and joy. She traveled often — to New Jersey, Wyoming, and California — to visit them, never letting physical challenges keep her away. An intelligent, curious woman, Sheila was a voracious reader with a love for James Patterson novels and true-crime stories. A phenomenal cook, she brought comfort, connection, and her famous baked clams to everyone around her table.

She is survived by her 4 children, Heather, Erin, Joseph, and Brian; 7 grandchildren; and 3 siblings, Maureen, Tom, and Anne.

A wake will be held Friday, October 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. at Volk Leber Funeral Home, Oradell. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, October 25, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, 300 Elm Street, Oradell. Burial will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mae House, a cause close to Sheila's heart, at [maehouse.org/donate-now](http://maehouse.org/donate-now).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **24.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://volkleberfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Visitation

OCT **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Volk Leber Funeral Home  
268 Kinderkamack Road  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
info@volkleber.com  
<http://www.volkleber.com>

## Memorial Mass

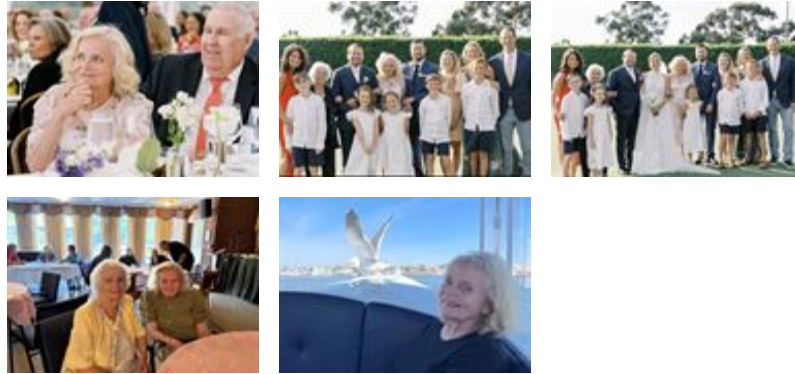
OCT **25.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's RCC  
300 Elm Street  
Oradell, NJ 07649

# Tribute Wall



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - October 24, 2025 at 07:59 AM



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**Brian Piscetta** - October 23, 2025 at 09:37 PM

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Brian Piscetta - October 23, 2025 at 09:30 PM

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**Erin M Lusins** - October 23, 2025 at 10:56 AM

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“ *I'm truly saddened to learn of Sheila's passing. She was a beautiful & kind person. I always enjoyed our interactions at Brookdale. My sincerest condolences to her sister, other family members and friends.*

*Deb Riggs - Brookdale*

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**Debra** - October 22, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ Teaching at RPJSHS afforded me the pleasure of working with Sheila for decades. Sheila was the lifeline for hundreds of students and staff with her open door policy. She was a type of horse whisperer for the most troubled of students with unspeakable backgrounds. Her genuine compassion, her wicked Irish wit and positive attitude were gifts she freely bestowed. Overcoming insurmountable odds proved her grit with grace every day of her life. RIP dear Sheila. You have earned your place among the angels in Heaven.

*PS We will miss your beautiful smile at our retirement lunches at Limoncello's*

*With Love,  
Michele O'Marra*

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**michele O'Marra** - October 22, 2025 at 11:57 AM

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“ My heart is broken with the passing of Shiela. She was a dear friend in Oradell and later living in Connecticut. We would reminisce and laugh and discuss our current ups and downs. I was so happy when she and Maureen came to visit me on the cape. Love to the Piscetta family ❤️🙏

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**Natalie Timme** - October 21, 2025 at 11:35 AM