



JoEllen Martino

January 8, 2021

GENEVA - After a long illness, JoEllen Martino passed away on January 8, 2021, finally at peace and comfortable.

JoEllen was a kind, loving, smart, hard working women. She was selfless and raised her family to love everyone and help those in need.

There will be no prior calling hours.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in St. Francis de Sales Church. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions, in her memory, may be made to Pathway Home of the Finger Lakes Inc., 529 State Route 414, Seneca Falls, NY 13148. .

She was born in 1945 in Brooklyn, New York and lived on Long Island for 20 years. She graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1968 with a degree in Food Service Management. She then studied law for 2 years, and then went back into the food service field, working for Saga Food Service in New Jersey, White Plains, Syracuse, and Rochester in various capacities.

She married Ronald J. Martino in Geneva, New York in 1973 and has resided in Geneva for the past 48 years. She worked as the food and beverage manager at Belhurst Castle and Ontario Day care center. In 1985, she became the School Food Service Director for Geneva City Schools and worked in that capacity for over 23 years, when she retired, working occasionally as a consultant for BOCES.

During her time at Geneva Schools, she was the president of the Finger Lakes School Nutrition Association several times, was a permanent member of the OGS Bureau of Donated Foods for School Food Service for over 12 years and was on the Executive Board for the NYS School Nutrition Association in several capacities as Chairs of several

committees. She was instrumental in bringing the Farm to School movement to schools in NYS and sat on several committees which brought together farmers and school food service personnel. She was a tireless proponent of child nutrition and while at Geneva Schools, started many programs such as summer feeding, after school snack programs, breakfast programs and many other programs which benefited children. She worked with teachers tirelessly and instituted the Manners Program, for which she won a State Award. She also won, with the help of Mrs. Barbara Heinzman, 1 national Apple award, 2 state Apple awards (NYS Apple Association), and many state nutrition awards for various projects, all of which involved child nutrition.

She leaves behind her husband, Ronald of 47 years; three children, Dr. Jenny Martino, Mike (Ruby) Martino, Amy (Jesse) Richardell; six grandchildren, Laurence, Athena, Alyssa and Mia Martino and Luca and Rocco Richardell; and two of the best friends a person could ask for, Dom and Kathy Vedora.

She was predeceased by her parents, Fred and Dorothy Dyson of Saratoga Springs, NY. She also leaves behind her sisters Barbara (Art) Westerberg, Julie (Kurt) Swartz and brother Robert (Joanne) Dyson, several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

We would like to thank Dr. Mark Ryan, her physician for decades, who has provided the most wonderful medical care and support a person could ask for.

She was a wonderful woman, mother, wife and will be missed by many.

In lieu of flowers please provide donations to the Pathway House in Seneca Falls, NY, where she spent her last few days in peace, comfort, and surrounded by love.

Cemetery

Glenwood Cemetery

1000 Lochland Rd
Geneva, NY, 14456

Events

JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** **10:00AM**

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St. Francis deSales Catholic Church
130 Exchange Street, Geneva, NY, US, 14456

Comments



“ Jenny and family, I was deeply saddened to hear about your mother's passing. Years may have grown between all of us though I look very fondly on my younger years with your Mom and Dad.

Growing up next door to the Martinos before moving a walks distance away, I spent many days and nights at their house. Mrs. Martino (JoEllen) was such a wonderful woman and mom, making anyone feel welcome at the house. I have been thinking about all those years and the memories of playing in the yard, taking baths in our bathing suits, listening to Elvis Presley, the biggest fridge I had ever known, rolling down the hill and exploring the yard and the red pens they always had on the table. She will be missed. Love and strength to all of you... Ron and JoEllen were good friends to my parents.

Jill Voigt-Anzalone - January 17, 2021 at 03:47 PM



“ Mr. Martino,
Sorry to read of your wife's death. May memories of a life well lived sustain you in the days, weeks, and months to come. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Montrose A. Streeter
Murfreesboro, NC

Montrose A Streeter - January 13, 2021 at 10:57 PM



“ my deepest sympathy to the Martino family! I am proud to say I had the pleasure to be one of many employees of joellens. Joellen hired me in 2001 as an employee for west st school,still currently employed with the district at nss.joellen was a great boss an was amazing at her job as food service director!! She will be missed my many. May the family have many blessings to get you through this saddened time. Your family will be in my thoughts an many prayers .sincerely ,lupetia guererri

lupetia guererri - January 12, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ My husband and I were so saddened to hear of JoEllen's passing. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to you. JoEllen was an amazing woman - bright, capable, and with such a strong work ethic. But beyond that, she was a caring and compassionate woman who always considered the needs of our students in the Geneva City Schools. I was honored to work with her and valued our friendship.

Her greatest pride was her family and that legacy will go on. The anecdotes she told about her three children still bring a smile to my face. Holding her in our hearts.

With prayers to all of you.

Ann Goldfarb

Ann Goldfarb - January 11, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ So sorry to hear of JoEllen's passing. She always added class and a great sense of humor to a challenging work environment at Geneva. I truly enjoyed getting to know her and becoming friends when we worked together. Her pride in her family and all of your accomplishments was clearly evident and a great testament to her as a mother, wife, and friend. Prayers to you and your family in this time of sadness.

Bill Rotenberg

William W Rotenberg - January 10, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ Jenny and family, I am so sorry to hear of JoEllen's passing. She was such an amazing woman and I will truly miss her. She was a regular patron of mine at the library, and often talked about how proud she was of her children. My thoughts are with you all. Susie

Susie Flick - January 10, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ We were both sad to read of JoEllen's passing. You and she will both be in our prayers.

Tom and Karen



Tom Marsh - January 09, 2021 at 10:45 AM



“ Ron, sorry to hear of your wife's passing. Thoughts and Payers to you and your family.
May Jo Ellen rest in peace.

Jack and Elaine Wittwer
Palm Coast, FL

JACK WITTWER - January 09, 2021 at 08:09 AM



“ My years in Geneva were some of my best and JoEllen Martino and I had many good conversations over the years. She was intelligent, vibrant, and tireless. It was a privilege to have shared fond memories with her. My deepest condolences and prayers to her husband and family.



Connie Nardozzi - January 09, 2021 at 01:57 AM