



## Mrs. Jacquelyn "Jacqui" (Castelli) Gorea

July 27, 1936 - December 15, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Jacquelyn "Jacqui" (Castelli) Gorea, born on July 27, 1936, was called home on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, after a brief illness. Jacqui was a beautiful woman, and no matter where she was going, she always looked like she was walking a runway. The hardest part of writing this obituary was picking out the right picture to use, because if you know Jacqui, you know there are thousands of pictures of her to choose from.

Jacqui is predeceased by her husband of 62 mostly happy years, John P. Gorea, who died on February 19, 2018. We can just imagine John's face when he meets Jacqui at the pearly gates for their new eternal life together, — his "resting in peace" has now come to a crashing halt.

Their marriage produced endless stories and three children, Jon Gorea and his wife Diane, Judy Gorea and her life partner Gayle Pulizzi, and Gregory Gorea and his wife Dena. While Jacqui really liked her children, she loved her grandchildren: Tiffany Gorea who was her cherished first grandchild and a wonderful caretaker for her these last few years; Nikki (Gorea) Tomidy and her husband Greg who gave Jacqui her first great-granddaughter Guiliana; first grandson Anthony Gorea who was Jacqui's technology advisor; Samantha Gorea who was Jacqui's little princess; and Gregory Jon Gorea who was Jacqui's forever "baby" grandson.

Jacqui is also survived by her (as she always said) "much older sister", Patricia A. Taurisano who she cherished and with whom she also shared a special bond. Jacqui's life and soul was her twin sister Judi, who she named

her daughter after. Jacqui and Judi (a/k/a The Castelli Twins) were inseparable from birth. They dressed alike, bought each other the same gifts, finished each other's sentences, cheered at Proctor High School together, double dated at the Prom and Senior Ball, played pranks on their friends and perfect strangers alike. They were certainly the center of fun at any family gathering or party. Jacqui lost her true soulmate when Judi died on September 21, 2002.

Jacqui adored her twin's kids, nephews Gary Frattasio who we lost way too soon on May 19, 1996, George Frattasio and her great-niece Amanda, and Geoffrey Frattasio, wife Mary Jo, great-niece Nina and great-nephew Giovanni. She also adored Susan Rocco who was like a star to her. She was very proud of her Utica roots and the many friendships she held dear. Jacqui had dozens of close girlfriends in their sorority "Alpha Eta Omicron" (AHO). As president of the sorority, Jackie organized holiday parties, overnight trips, and countless house events. Many of the members have passed on, but their stories are epic and will live through their children forever. Jacqui is survived by many cherished family and friends including cousins Carol and Bill McNulty, and Rosalie Colacicco; devoted friends of over seventy years Viola Giaquinto and her husband John; her in-law and wonderful friend Lynarda Girmonde; and lifelong friends Geri Frank, Cynthia Nappi, and Pauline Santino. Jacqui was a beloved daughter of the late Anthony and Viola (Pape) Castelli. She was also predeceased by her close cousin Ellen Calabrese.

Jacqui's family would like to express their gratitude to the doctors and nurses of MVHS at St Elizabeth Medical Center and St Luke's Healthcare for their professional expertise and compassionate care. A special mention to Alex from the 2nd floor at St. Luke's who went above and beyond; his sensitivity will never be forgotten.

The family honored and commemorated Jacqui's life at a private time. Entombment in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum will take place at the convenience of the family.

In memory of Jacqui's life, and because she was so fond of dogs and cats, please consider a donation to Stevens-Swan Human Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org> or by mail to 5664 Horatio St., Utica, NY 13502, or help the less fortunate this season by donating to the Historic Old St. John's Food Pantry in her name, online at <https://historicoldstjohnschurch.weshareonline.org> or by mail to 240 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Jacqui's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

"When you lose your Mother, you lose the best of all."

# Tribute Wall

JC

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to all of you for the loss of your beautiful Mom. She remained a fashion icon her entire life. I'm sure Judi was waiting with open arms to once again have her by her side. May you all find comfort in the countless memories she left in your hearts. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Jeanne Castronovo*

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**Jeanne Castronovo** - December 21, 2020 at 08:46 PM

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“ *Dear Judy, Greg, Jon, ( Tiffany, Nikki , grandchildren and family)*  
*I was shocked to see Jacqui's obituary today. I am sorry for your loss. The obituary was so well written and suggestion of donating to the Food Pantry is beautiful. I believe that the Mother/child link never is broken, even through death. I'm sorry that I did not realize that John had died. Through the years, I heard many stories of your parents and grandparents and feel like I knew them all well. Greg helped me with my son's death and I'll never forget it. Our lives touch and we are enriched. I can only imagine how painful this loss is for you and thank God for our faith. Love never dies and when you sense or feel Jacqui's presence or receive signs, Believe them and know that our loved ones are with us.*  
*Love,*  
*Louise*

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**Louise White** - December 20, 2020 at 10:48 AM

GP

“ Family Gorea -

*My genuine sympathy to each of you at the enormous loss of your wonderful Matriarch. The passing of a mother is unlike any other event. Do know that her earthly 'existence' is merely absent, yet her spirit shall forever remain with you. Blessings.*

*Girard A. Plante  
Newton, Massachusetts*

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**Girard A. Plante** - December 20, 2020 at 10:20 AM