



Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger

February 28, 1929 - September 10, 2025

UTICA - With heavy hearts, we share the news of the passing of our beloved mother, Antoinette Jeanette Guzzetta, known to all as Jane Reitinger, on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Jane was born on February 28, 1929, to her loving parents, Joseph and Angela Marie (Orsini) Guzzetta, immigrants from the Lazio and Sicily regions of Italy. She grew up in Utica, New York, alongside her siblings Raymond and James, as well as Aunt Amelia (Millie), Aunt Elena, and Uncle Antonio — all of whom have preceded her in death.

Jane graduated from T.R. Proctor High School. She met the love of her life, Ralph Reitinger, at the age of 16. She earned her undergraduate degree from SUNY Brockport and later completed a master's degree in early childhood education from Syracuse University. Early in her career, she taught grades K–6 in the Utica City School District. She later specialized in reading education, serving as one of five Reading Facilitators responsible for the district's reading program. Jane's lifelong passion for children and education culminated in her most recent achievement — becoming a published author of children's books. Her first book, written at the age of 95, was recently launched on Amazon.

Jane and Ralph were married 60 wonderful years until his passing in 2010. She was also predeceased by her beloved son, Richard Reitinger, who left us

in 2015. She is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Kathi Reittinger of Utica, New York, Robert and Patricia Reittinger of Holland Patent, New York, Jacqueline Wallace of Frisco, Colorado; and former son-in-law, David T. Wallace Jr. of Sebastian, Florida. Jane had several grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in New York, California, Massachusetts, Colorado, Texas, and Newcastle, England. She had many nieces, nephews, and cousins also in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. Jane cherished her little canine companion, Pierre.

Jane's life was a testament to her love for family. Her legacy is a rich tapestry of love, kindness, and dedication to those she cherished. As the family matriarch, she had a remarkable wisdom to advise, and council. She is known for spending countless hours on the phone with family and friends sharing her wisdom with all those close to her heart.

As we remember Jane, we would like to thank her caregivers who she loved dearly. Dr. Jawad Shaikh and the staff at Adirondack Internal Medicine, her CNA's, Yemi, Tammy, and Patty; and the professional and compassionate staff at Wynn Hospital.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 19, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Jane's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jane's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

This obituary was lovingly written by Jane's family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

PA

“ To the Reittinger family, I extend my deepest sympathy. When I attended Jane’s funeral mass this morning, so many memories of 918 Blandina Street and our connected families came back to me. Those were happy days with Jane and Ralph and I will remember them fondly. Once again, our deepest sympathy. From The Nivaggi-Grasso family.

Patty - September 20, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JD

“ John, Kathi and family,
So sorry for your loss. I remember how much my brother David loved your Mom and loved spending time talking with her and the time at the camp with your family. What a wonderful life and legacy. You are all in our prayers.
Michael and Joyce Cafarelli Duignan

Joyce C Duignan - September 20, 2025 at 11:13 AM

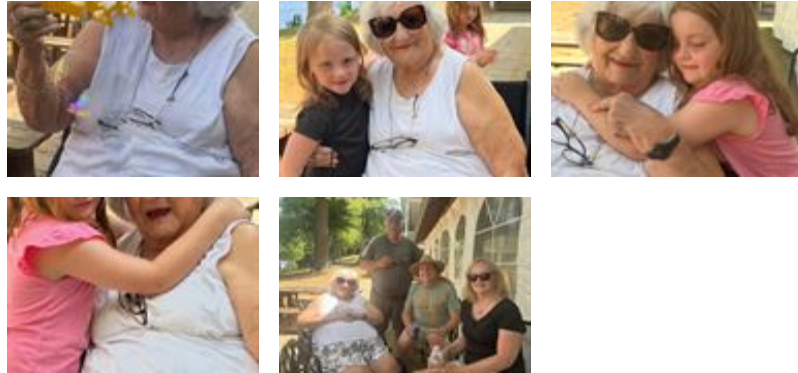


“ As a teenager I will never forget the summers and fall at camp. Some of the best memories I have. Dinner at the big table in the kitchen and fires by the lake. I was always welcomed. As a fellow teacher she never lost her love for education especially reading. Thanks Mrs. R for all the great memories. ❤️

Teri Zuchowski - September 19, 2025 at 11:59 PM



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 19, 2025 at 12:04 PM

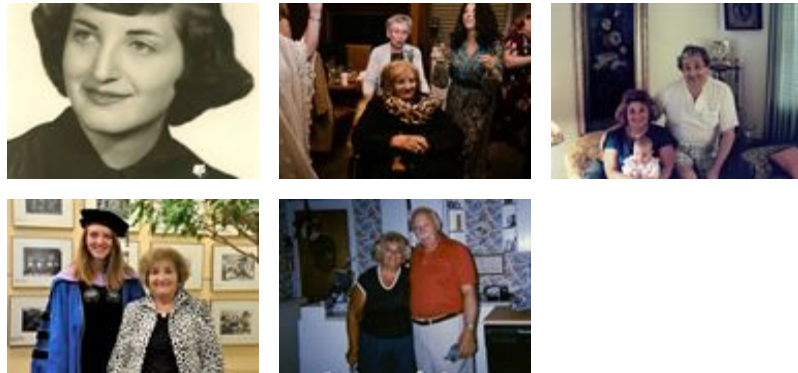


“ *She meant the world to me.*

Joseph Murine - September 19, 2025 at 09:48 AM



“ 112 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 18, 2025 at 05:52 PM

MJ

“ *Marlene and Jim purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.*



Marlene and Jim - September 18, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ *I will always remember all the good times we shared. You are finally home with Ralph and Richard. You will be missed by all. To the family, we are very sorry for your loss. God is with you all. God Bless. Love, John and Mary Jane Rodzinka*

John and Mary Jane Rodzinka - September 18, 2025 at 09:16 AM

VI

“ *Vibra Tech Inc. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.*



Vibra Tech Inc. - September 18, 2025 at 08:49 AM

VI

“ *Vibra Tech Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.*

Vibra Tech Inc. - September 18, 2025 at 08:49 AM

LF

“ Laurie Bennett and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.



Laurie Bennett and family - September 18, 2025 at 08:24 AM

TT

“ The Luxesmile Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.



The Luxesmile Team - September 17, 2025 at 12:22 PM

TF

“ Peace & prayers.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - September 17, 2025 at 11:56 AM

CR

“ I will always remember aunt Jane's holiday meals and endless trays of Italian cookies. What a treat. ❤️

cris - September 17, 2025 at 08:08 AM

KS

“ Jane was an amazing lady. I always enjoyed her company. Will miss her e-mails. Rest in Peace

Kathy & Larry Scharf - September 16, 2025 at 09:37 PM

CR

“ Clyde and Catherine von Rosenberg purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.



Clyde and Catherine von Rosenberg - September 16, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jane A. (Bennett) Reitinger.



September 16, 2025 at 07:40 AM



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