



## Mrs. Jo-Ann (Panetta) Talerico

June 28, 1955 - July 27, 2017

ORISKANY/ROME, NY - Mrs. Jo-Ann (Panetta) Talerico, age 62, passed away at the hour of mercy on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at Strong Memorial Hospital after her brave battle with cancer, with her loving family by her side. Born on June 28, 1955, Jo-Ann was the daughter of Marie (Fiore) Panetta and the late Joseph R. Panetta. She was a graduate of Oriskany Central High School and she continued her education at M.V.C.C. On April 6, 1991 she married Robert "Robbie" M. Talerico with whom she shared 26 years. The majority of Jo-Ann's working career was in Customer Service, an area of employment for which she was perfectly suited because of her caring nature. She held positions at Marine Midland Bank, Bank of America, and Met Life. Jo-Ann's ultimate passion was her family and they were the light of her life. She loved all her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews as her own. She enjoyed shopping for thoughtful gifts for her loved ones, and enjoyed collecting Cherished Teddies. She was known for her famous chocolate chip cookies which she enjoyed baking during the holidays, her favorite time of year.

Jo-Ann was fun-loving, humorous, upbeat, optimistic, and charitable. She was selfless and generous, and she thought of others first, even in her time of illness. She was devoted to her faith and was sincere and thoughtful. She was a beautiful and loving person. Although her body became very weak, she remained strong and courageous. She was most concerned for her loving family, and they were on her mind and in her heart till her last moment.

Jo-Ann is survived by her husband, Robbie; and her mother, Marie Panetta, both of Rome; her son, Travis R. Talerico currently of Syracuse; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Michael Hinman of Sauquoit, and MaryAnn and Anthony Brillante of Rome. Always close to her heart was the memory of her brother, Joseph Rocco "Joe" Panetta who passed away on January 7, 2017. She also will be remembered by her brother's husband, Ron Gwiazda of Manhattan; her nieces and nephews, Carissa Hinman, Cara and Rusty Rainer, Christopher and Jenn Brillante, Michael and Jennifer Hinman, Amanda and Jose Balseca; and her great-nieces and great-nephews. Additionally, her uncles and aunts, Robert and Sina Panetta, Martin and Martha Panetta, Flora and Joseph Scialdo, and Helen Talerico; cousins, especially her cherished cousin, Terri Sojda; and her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Michael and Marie Talerico. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Albert and Olga Talerico.

In keeping with Jo-Ann's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jo-Ann's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. In honor of the outstanding care Jo-Ann and her family received, in lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the American Cancer Society Golisano Hope Lodge, 1120 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620; envelopes will be available at the service. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall

JW

“ *JoAnn Whitaker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jo-Ann (Panetta) Talerico*



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**JoAnn Whitaker** - August 02, 2017 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ *Robbie, Travis, Marie, and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Jo-Ann was my godmother, and seeing her was always one of the highlights of my childhood. Although we lost contact as I grew older and moved away from NY, she will always hold a special place in my heart. I wish you all peace and comfort in this very difficult time. My deepest condolences,*

*James Moulton (Jimmy)*

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**James Moulton** - August 02, 2017 at 12:08 PM

GM

“ *I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Jo-Ann. She was the sweetest, kindest and best friend anyone could ask for. I will always cherish the many memories of growing up in Oriskany with Jo-Ann and her family. My sincerest condolences to her family.*

*Gary Miller*

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**Gary Miller** - August 02, 2017 at 05:12 AM

LB

“ I am very sorry for your family's loss. I worked with Joann and always remember her caring smile. We shared many good memories together and she has made a difference in many lives. She was a very special person and will be missed. My prayers are with your family at this sad time.



Sincerely,

Lynda a. Briggs

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**Lynda A. Briggs** - August 01, 2017 at 09:14 PM

BI

“ Travis & family,  
I am so so sorry to hear of this devastating loss. Although I never knew Jo-Ann very well, I always remember her as the sweetest and most caring person. I know how much she loved you Travis, and I can't imagine the grief you must be feeling. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Bonnie & Newt Ingalls

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**Bonnie Ingalls** - July 31, 2017 at 11:46 AM

AF

“ I can't express the sadness I feel in hearing about Jo-Ann. I worked with Jo-Ann for many years and she was always a ray of sunshine in every day that I worked with her. She always spoke about her family and I know she loved you all very much. Even though we had lost touch over the years, I will miss her dearly.

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**Anna Fuller** - July 31, 2017 at 10:19 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Jo-Ann's passing. I worked with her years ago and really enjoyed our time together. My deepest sympathy.

*Andrea Barbato*

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**Andrea Barbato** - July 31, 2017 at 08:40 AM