



Joan Ann (Matti) DeGristina

December 2, 2025

UTICA - With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Joan Ann (Matti) DeGristina, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished friend. Joan was a longtime resident of Utica, New York, and also spent many meaningful years living in Kissimmee, Florida, creating memories and friendships in both places.

Joan dedicated several years of her life to the Utica Public Library, where her warm smile and kind spirit welcomed countless visitors. Her gentle presence made the library feel like a comforting place, and her dedication to serving her community touched many lives.

Family was the heart of Joan's world. She especially treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren, lighting up during the holidays as she cooked and baked the most delicious desserts—treats that became traditions and remain lovingly remembered by all who enjoyed them. Her home was always open, always warm, and always filled with love.

Joan is survived by her former husband, Anthony; daughter, Jamie; son, Anthony; son-in-law, Ralph; adored grandchildren, Jaida, Salvichino, Jalena, Iliano, Rosalys, Alani (who loved to call her "Ba"); the newest family member, her great granddaughter Lilliana; and her godson, Giovanni DeGristina. She was also a mother figure to many surrounding her, way too many to name.

She was a steady presence, a source of endless comfort, and a well of unconditional love for her family.

To many, Joan was more than just a friend—she was a second home, a safe place, and a compassionate soul who welcomed everyone with open arms. Her absence leaves an irreplaceable void, and she will be truly and deeply missed.

May Joan's legacy of warmth, kindness, and generosity continue to forever live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 12, 2025, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Joan's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 5:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

This obituary was lovingly written by Joan's family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

DEC 12. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Jamie, AJ, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Love, Aunt Margaret & Family

MARGARET TREEN - December 12, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ Tony bonanza purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joan Ann (Matti) DeGristina.



Tony bonanza - December 12, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Ann (Matti) DeGristina.



December 11, 2025 at 04:45 PM

JP

“ So very sorry to learn of Joan Ann's passing. We met at the Utica Public Library and always had a pleasant conversation about our Grandchildren, our Church and our Church festivals. Always a pleasure seeing you at the Library. Rest in peace Joan Ann - Blessings to your family.

Jeanette Penge

Jeanette M Penge - December 09, 2025 at 05:49 PM

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I will miss her so very much. Joan had a wonderful spirit and always full of laughter when we came around. Her special Italian sauce was the best I've ever had. It was made by the best. I will truly miss you always and love you dearly ❤️

Alicia Ramos - December 10, 2025 at 06:18 AM

TT

To my cousins, Anthony and Jamie de Cristina, I am grateful for my aunt Joni. She was a a great person. I remember a lot of times coming over to aunt Jones's and her making me feel more at home. She was always very positive person even through the rough times! Aunt Joan you are now home with your loved one's family is very important and she was all about her family! Love you Always!

Tim Treen - December 10, 2025 at 07:36 AM

PM

The massucci send are love and condolences she was a great women enjoy living across for her and getting to know her sending love from Tennessee

Patricia massucci - December 10, 2025 at 10:21 PM

KL

Dear Joni, may you rest in peace forever with mom and dad, Uncle Brownie and Aunt Muffy and the Aunts! I'm sorry our adult years weren't at all what we expected but learned to grow and love the hand we were dealt with. Rest in Peace cuz, we will one day be together again. Love Always!

Karen Fluty Laport - December 11, 2025 at 08:38 AM