



JoAnn Giacona

February 8, 1949 - November 5, 2019

UTICA - JoAnn Giacona, age 70, passed away on Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Born in Utica on February 8, 1949, JoAnn was the daughter of the late John, Sr. and Laura L. (Borgia) Giacona. She attended Utica Catholic schools. At one time, she was married to the late John Welch, and to that relationship came the blessing of her daughter. She later entered into a second marriage with the late George Nicholas.

During her working years, JoAnn was employed by the United States Postal Service as a Mail Sorter at the Utica Post Office. She had a heart of gold, which was a hallmark of her personality. She could be a little stubborn at times, but it only added to her charm and vibrant character. One of her favorite pastimes was shopping, especially for jewelry and apparel. She was very proud of her independence and self-sufficiency during her life. Above all else, JoAnn loved her grandchildren, and they were always foremost in her heart and thoughts.

JoAnn is survived by her daughter, Cheryl Zammiello and Richard Goodman; her grandchildren, David Zammiello and fiancée Bre Contrabone, Ashley Goodman and Ray Kellogg/UPD, and Ryan Goodman and Liz Reilly; sisters, Elaine Joseph, and Gloria Schremmer; and brother, David Giacona, Sr. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sisters-in-law, Cathy Giacona, and Melody Giacona. She was predeceased by her brothers, John Giacona Jr., and Joseph J. Giacona Sr.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff at the Utica Rehabilitation & Nursing Center who were compassionate in caring for JoAnn during her stay. The family honored and commemorated JoAnn's life at a private time.