



## Joyce Ann Zanio

December 12, 1954 - December 7, 2018

FORT MILL, SC / FRANKFORT, NY - Joyce Ann Zanio, age 63, passed away on Friday, December 7, 2018 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on December 12, 1954, Joyce was the daughter of Kenneth P. Zanio and the late Celeste J. (Marks) Giudice. She was raised and educated in Deerfield and was a graduate of Whitesboro Senior High School/Class of 1973. She also attended CCBI, MVCC, and SUNY Morrisville. At one time she was married to the late Robert Sweet, Jr. and to that relationship came the blessing of her first daughter, Jaime. She entered into a second marriage with William Kennett, a union that graced her with her second daughter, Korie Joy. Joyce relocated to the Oneida-Verona area where she worked at Stearns & Wheler in Cazenovia for 10 years in the Accounting Department. In 1993 she accepted a position with the Oneida Indian Nation and Turning Stone Casino Resort holding various positions important to the early stages of the business. Her last and most enjoyable position with Turning Stone was that of Golf Coordinator, where she coordinated membership, course traffic and tournament bookings for five golf courses. Joyce especially enjoyed meeting and assisting the professional athletes and celebrities that would visit the resort's golf club. In 2005 she relocated to Fort Mill, South Carolina with McGrann Paper Corporation. In 2007 Joyce joined the Shaw Group, a company which underwent a change of ownership, now known as Westinghouse Electric Company, her most recent position being Accountant. Joyce was a perfectionist in everything that she did. She was selfless, and it

was her nature to please others. Her relationships were sincere and we know she took them with her. She achieved many successes on her own, because whatever she set her mind to, she accomplished. She was motivated and incredibly reliable in following through with her plans. As a mom, she taught her girls to be independent, and as a result, she was proud to have two strong, self-sufficient daughters. Joyce loved music and dancing. She acquired an impressive vinyl collection over the years. Always a “wild flower” she frequently attended concerts, and music moved her to dance at any gathering. She also loved the outdoors and gardening. She transplanted wildflowers into her gardens, collected stones, wood and any other jewels of nature free for the taking, which adorned her home and gardens. She was energized by the earth, and when she walked in the woods, she felt rejuvenated. It was a small measure of peace that restored her balance and rendered a sense of solace. During winter she enjoyed snowshoeing and cross-country skiing and her summers were filled with camping and hiking. Back at home, Joyce was a great cook, especially known for her sauce, and she also perfected multiple recipes that became family favorites. She was unique, stylish, playful, and blessed with a warm smile, and striking eyes that could speak to your soul. She loved her girls and she will forever be in their hearts. Her siblings adored her; she was their big sister, protector and best friend. They shared an inseparable bond. Since her sons-in-law were like sons, they loved her just as she loved them, and their mutual love and admiration kept them closely connected.

When we reflect on Joyce’s life we think of her deep love of family, her intelligence, compassion, humor, great laugh, and fearlessness in speaking her mind. She was practical, sensitive, sociable, and hospitable. She did not understand jealousy, and she was truly happy for the accomplishments of others.

Joyce believed in her Catholic creed and appreciated positive energy. She was a member of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church when residing in South Carolina. She gave of herself when she sang as a member of their choir.

Joyce is survived by her father, Ken and her step-mother Ellen; step-father, Frank Giudice; her daughters and their loves, Jaime Sweet Migliaccio and her husband Anthony, and Korie Joy Kennett and fiancé Scott Gaumer; her grandchildren, Cory Michael Miller, and Jaxton Gaumer; sister and brother-in-law, Deborah J. and John Sullivan; and brother, Kenneth P. Zanio. She also leaves her nephews and nieces, Christopher and Jessica Bussonias, and Morgan and Michael Hogue; great-nephew, Christopher II; and great-niece, Aurora; cousins; and the friends who blessed her life, especially Leslie Blaney, and Marianne Kennedy.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Bashar Omarbasha, Dr. Scott Brehaut, Dr. Manzurul Sikder, Dr. Joanne Joseph, Debra Iselo, FNP for their compassionate care, guidance, and concern. A special thank you to Fr. Richard Dellos for his anointing and blessing.

A Memorial Gathering will be held Tuesday, December 18th from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Joyce's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning, December 19th at 10:30 at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church where her Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Richard Dellos.

Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Joyce's memory may make a contribution to the Abraham House online at <http://www.theabrahamhouse.org>; in honor of the good works they provide to the community; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church  
702 Columbia Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ So sorry to hear about Joyce, such a sweet Lady, my thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

*Sincerely, Anita Zando Dudley*

**Anita Dudley** - December 19, 2018 at 08:02 PM

LA

“ Love, Morgan, Rusty, and Aurora purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



**Love, Morgan, Rusty, and Aurora** - December 18, 2018 at 02:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



December 17, 2018 at 11:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



December 17, 2018 at 10:59 PM

SH

“ So sorry to hear this. Joyce was a very helpful co-worker at Shaw/CB&I. She always assisted me whenever her expertise was needed. May she rest in heavenly peace.



S Hargrove - December 16, 2018 at 10:40 PM

TM

“ I was sorry to read about Joyce's passing; I remember what a beautiful girl she was, growing up in Deerfield. She was always sweet. I haven't seen her since high school, and was touched by the wonderful tribute in the Utica OD. She had quite a life!

Terry Kwiat Marshall - December 16, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



December 15, 2018 at 10:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



December 14, 2018 at 09:08 AM

LJ

“ Love, Shari and Don Jordan purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



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**Love, Shari and Don Jordan** - December 14, 2018 at 07:50 AM

LU

“ Joyce was such a bright shining light, and I always looked forward to our visits at work every day. Lunches and chats, swapping fitness advice, she was always a great friend to me. Someone who never failed to lift my spirits every day. Rest in Peace with our Father Joyce.



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**Lucia** - December 14, 2018 at 04:35 AM

FR

“ RIP Joyce. You were a wonderful coworker and bus riding companion, but mostly a great friend.

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**Frank** - December 13, 2018 at 06:11 PM

SJ

“ Joyce was a wonderful coworker, not only because she was a good teammate and hard worker, but also because she was so kind and always asked about your life outside work. She always asked me about my kids and to see updated photos. We had many chats at work either at our desks or in the break room that I will always cherish. She loved her girls and her grandsons so much. My heart breaks for them. Her whole family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

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**Sara Johnson** - December 13, 2018 at 07:42 AM

AM

*My heart breaks hearing this news. Joyce was one of the nicest people I have ever worked with. We worked together at CB&I and later Westinghouse. She always asked about my little girl and never hesitated to ask how I was doing. She was a hard worker and such a sweet little lady. Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the family.*

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**Ashley Wolf Mitchell** - December 13, 2018 at 09:49 PM

JP

“ *So sorry to hear of Joyce's passing. Many prayers to her friends and family.*

*Jeff Paquette*

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**Jeff Paquette** - December 13, 2018 at 06:55 AM

DZ

“ *Joyce was a real Sweetheart; a Truly Great Lady who will always hold a special place in my heart. We shared many good times together .... she did love to dance. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of her family. Rest in Peace Joyce with all of the other angels, they will love you as we did.*



*David Zando*

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**david zando** - December 13, 2018 at 12:12 AM

GS

“ *I worked with Joyce at Shaw, she truly was an angel already on earth. Sorry for your loss girls.*

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**Gary Straub** - December 12, 2018 at 09:48 PM

KK

“Joyce was always full of life and she loved being active. I got to meet her in St. Philip Neri Choir. We enjoyed singing together for many years. I will miss her smiling face. I know that she is at peace now. Until we meet again in heaven. My thoughts and prayers to her family.”

Karen Kocher - December 12, 2018 at 04:50 PM



“Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.”



December 11, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.”



December 11, 2018 at 08:00 PM

JS

“Joyce is always so special - - - she will always have a big part of my heart. In the things I treasure most are memories of time spent with her. She was always SO alive! Never a dull moment, she could fill the room with life just by walking in it. The best pictures I have are the memories of those times - - - They will never fade, they will always be as vibrant; vibrant as she was! Godspeed



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**Jim Slater** - December 11, 2018 at 07:51 PM

NR

“NIKKI AND SIMON RIVERS purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.



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**NIKKI AND SIMON RIVERS** - December 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM

DO

“Donna lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Zanio



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**Donna** - December 11, 2018 at 03:33 PM

SJ

“ *Susan Januszewski lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Zanio*



Susan Januszewski - December 11, 2018 at 11:11 AM

SJ

*Debbie, I was honored to have met your sister Joyce. May she rest with the heavenly angels and saints.*

Susan Januszewski - December 11, 2018 at 11:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.*



December 11, 2018 at 09:30 AM

FF

“ *From Sylvia and Joseph Schepisi and family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Joyce Ann Zanio.*



From Sylvia and Joseph Schepisi and family - December 11, 2018 at 08:54 AM

AF

“ We'll never forget the time we spent with Joyce in what she called the “commune” in Oneida. What a sense of humor and beautiful smile. We lit a memorial candle at our church Sunday. Peace and blessings of fond memories to comfort Joyce's family.



*Ann Marie & Paul Finch*

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**Ann Marie Finch** - December 10, 2018 at 05:36 PM

AN

“ Oh Lord, Joyce will truly be missed by many folks. I hired Joyce years ago when the company was Shaw. She had such a tremendous heart, extremely thoughtful, caring and let's not forget how hard she worked. Joyce was one of the few that had taken pride in her work and her accomplishments were unwavering. This is truly a sad time, but our Joyce will always be in the hearts of those who had the privilege of knowing her.

*Dear Lord, if you're hoping for an angel whom will "get the job done", here she is.*

*Joyce's family.....I'm so, so sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,  
Audrey Nightrose*

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**Audrey Nightrose** - December 10, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sending love and hugs to all.* ❤️



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**Jess Bussonnais** - December 09, 2018 at 06:50 PM



“ *Tricia Tomaino lit a candle in memory of Joyce Ann Zanio*



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**Tricia Tomaino** - December 09, 2018 at 03:54 PM