



## Donna J. Tama

January 19, 1948 - May 21, 2024

Donna Graham Tama, aged 76, passed away surrounded by her family, on May 21, 2024, at Ocean University Medical Center, Brick NJ.

Donna was born in New York City to her parents Russell and Helen Graham. Donna is survived by her husband Joe Tama, her 2 sons Joe and his wife Lynda and Michael and his wife Geraldine, and her grandchildren Alexandra, Madelynn, Reagan and Finn and her sister Kathy Byrne. She lived in New York City, Hoboken, Keansburg and recently in Lakewood Township. She is pre-deceased by her parents, her brother Joseph, sister Veronica, and many cousins, Aunts and Uncles.

Donna was a very hard worker since a little girl, working for a number places, including IT&T (the original phone company), the St. Ann's school system, Dental clinics, and most recently at IFF Corporation as a MSDS technician. Donna was extremely devoted to her family, especially to her husband, sons and grandchildren. She was equally steadfast in her Catholic Faith, which she passed on to her sons and grandchildren. Donna routinely put her faith into practice by the time, empathy and care she provided to those around her who needed help, even strangers. Donna balanced all of this with a wonderful sense of humor she shared with her family and friends.

Donna enjoyed reading prayer devotionals, watching movie classics, knitting, cooking, spending time with her family on the Jersey Shore, and listening to music, especially Johnny Mathis.

Services will be held Monday, May 27, from 1-5pm at Laurel Funeral Home,

201 Laurel Ave, Keansburg, NJ 07734. A funeral will be held on Tuesday May 28, at 10am, at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, 311 Carr Ave, Keansburg, NJ

Donna's husbands and sons are very grateful for the endless kindness, selflessness, wisdom and warmth she provided. They will miss her now in this life and look forward to seeing her again in the next.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Donna's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet

Chaple Hill Rd  
Middletown, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 27.** 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Ave  
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734  
(732) 787-0258

## Funeral gathering

**MAY 28.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home  
201 Laurel Ave  
Hazlet Township, NJ 07734  
(732) 787-0258

## Funeral Mass

**MAY 28.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann's RC Church  
311 Carr Avenue  
Keansburg, NJ



# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Joe, Kathy, Joseph and Michael, I just found out yesterday. I'm so sorry I didn't get to be with you. I have so many wonderful memories. My condolences to you. Love, Carol Sheehan

Carol Sheehan - June 27, 2024 at 09:32 AM

ML

“ Mike L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

Mike L. - May 28, 2024 at 08:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.



May 27, 2024 at 06:34 PM

FL

“ When Donna and Joe moved in next door it was a God send. They immediately became family. My oldest grandchild became very very fond of them. They treated her like their own. Such a wonderful GIVING person. We love her and will miss her very much.

Flip & Anne Landolfi - May 25, 2024 at 06:44 PM

PF

“ Patricia Murphy Lorusso & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donna J. Tama.



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Patricia Murphy Lorusso & Family - May 25, 2024 at 10:30 AM

PF

“ Patricia Murphy Lorusso & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

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Patricia Murphy Lorusso & Family - May 25, 2024 at 10:30 AM

LF

“ Lynn Martin and family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donna J. Tama.



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Lynn Martin and family - May 24, 2024 at 10:20 PM

LF

“ Lynn Martin and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

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Lynn Martin and family - May 24, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



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May 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *Roger, Mark, Dave, and Theresa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

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**Roger, Mark, Dave, and Theresa** - May 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM



“ *The Sprengel Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



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**The Sprengel Family** - May 24, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *The Sprengel Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

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**The Sprengel Family** - May 24, 2024 at 10:03 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



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May 24, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ *Pete and Jacki Brady planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

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**Pete and Jacki Brady** - May 24, 2024 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



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May 23, 2024 at 08:15 PM



“ *Jeanne Ryan, Joe, Sue & Ryan LaMalfa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

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**Jeanne Ryan, Joe, Sue & Ryan LaMalfa** - May 23, 2024 at 08:15 PM

LS

“ Donna was like a second mother to our late son John. Donna’s son Michael & John were like brothers & best friends since first grade in St Ann’s. When there was mischief happening, Michael & John could be found in the middle of it. Donna had a knack for always getting to the bottom of it. More than once we heard her say “Those little bastards!” John loved her!

There were many meetings between Donna and Patty, (John’s mom) concerning their mischievous sons. Out of love & respect the boys grew into men that Donna could be proud of.



Larry & Patty Sherwood - May 23, 2024 at 07:35 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.



May 23, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MC

“ Mark, Austin and Trevor Colm purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donna J. Tama.



Mark, Austin and Trevor Colm - May 23, 2024 at 03:58 PM

MC

“ *Mark, Austin and Trevor Colm planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

Mark, Austin and Trevor Colm - May 23, 2024 at 03:58 PM

RR

“ *Richard R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

Richard R. - May 23, 2024 at 03:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



May 23, 2024 at 03:36 PM

BC

“ *Baird ~ Pat, Stephanie, Bob, Ross, Chris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.*

Baird ~ Pat, Stephanie, Bob, Ross, Chris - May 23, 2024 at 03:36 PM

FF

“ *From the Swope Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



From the Swope Family - May 23, 2024 at 03:11 PM

FF

“ From the Swope Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

From the Swope Family - May 23, 2024 at 03:11 PM

MA

“ Marc purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donna J. Tama.



Marc - May 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

MA

“ Marc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

Marc - May 23, 2024 at 02:40 PM

TF

“ Troy Broughman + family. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donna J. Tama.



Troy Broughman + family. - May 23, 2024 at 01:57 PM

TF

“ Troy Broughman + family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna J. Tama.

Troy Broughman + family. - May 23, 2024 at 01:57 PM

LF

“ *Love Tenebruso Miceli & Savino families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donna J. Tama.*



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**Love Tenebruso Miceli & Savino families** - May 23, 2024 at  
12:05 PM