



Joanne M. Souza

May 22, 1953 - December 9, 2021

Joanne Souza was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She left this world suddenly on December 9, 2021 at age 68.

She was born to Philip and Freda Zilliox on May 22, 1953. After graduating from Union High School, Joanne met her husband, Jair Souza. Together, they had 2 children: Christopher and Michael.

Joanne loved spending time in the kitchen, creating delicious meals, reading on her Kindle, spending time with her husband and dog Hoosier and looking forward to visits with her two grandsons, Aiden and Finn. She had an amazing personality, extremely positive outlook on life, and an infectious sense of humor.

Visitation service is scheduled for 2 pm – 4pm, and 7pm – 9pm on Monday, December 13, 2021 at the Laurel Funeral Home in West Keansburg, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Monmouth County SPCA.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
201 Laurel Avenue
West Keansburg, NJ 07734

Visitation

DEC 13. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Funeral Home
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Private Cremation

DEC 14 (ET)

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West Keansburg, NJ 07734

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne will be in my heart forever. We had great times throughout our 50+ years together. Bringing up our kids along with working together, vacations, Wildwood and much more. May she Rest In Peace till we meet again. I will miss you endlessly.* ”

Julie Cunha - December 17, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.* ”



December 13, 2021 at 10:12 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.* ”



December 12, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.* ”



December 11, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.*



December 11, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.*



December 11, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ *Frederick P Zilliox Jr. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joanne M. Souza.*



Frederick P Zilliox Jr. - December 11, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.*



December 11, 2021 at 08:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Souza.*



December 11, 2021 at 06:41 AM



“ *Joanne, although we grew apart in later years it doesn't spoil the memories of the years that we spent as best friends. The events with the kids, taking bike rides together, working together at Saffer Simon. So many good times so much laughter. You are such a good kind person. I know that you are in a wonderful place. My heart goes out to Jerry, Chris and Mike. I am so sorry that you are suffering such a painful loss. Take care of yourselves. See you a little later Joanne. Much love,
Marguerite*

Marguerite Smart - December 11, 2021 at 06:13 AM

BI

“ I can write so many great things about Mrs. Souza, but I'd feel better writing a letter to her.

Dear Mrs Souza,

Growing up two houses away from Michael and Christopher.. as we know them as Mikey and Chubbs, you've been a big part of my life. I've never known you to be anything other than happy and filled with a positive and uplifting heart. I can't express the love and appreciation I have for you for everything that you've done for me in my life. You're a truly remarkable person that touched my life deeply. I already miss you.

Also, I will never forget your most amazing Chocolate Chip Cake either. Those times you shared loafs of them with me meant a lot to me.

I love you, Mrs. Souza. I already miss you deeply, and I look forward to seeing you again.

Brian

Brian Ilg - December 10, 2021 at 11:54 PM

PD

“ Jerry, Michael & Chris, my deepest sympathy and condolences. I have wonderful memories of Joanne on motorcycle trips, spending time at the house, dinners and more. I'll also miss the buttered rolls at breakfast. May her soul Rest In Peace in heaven with Kathy

Pat

Patrick Deo - December 10, 2021 at 12:21 PM

TO

My mom worked with joanne in solidated Schaefer & Simon in maplewood what a amazing lady her niece angel Zilliox-Stichter is my bestie and cuz my heart goes out to the family may you always rest in peace in heaven fly high

Tammi Orengo - December 12, 2021 at 11:15 AM