



## Josephine Theresa Balletta

October 21, 1934 - December 2, 2017

Josephine Theresa Balletta passed away peacefully on December 2, 2017 at the Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, FL. She was 83 years old.

Born Josephine Mercado in the Bronx in 1934, she met her husband Louis there in the late 1950s, while she was working as an office professional in Manhattan. They were married on April 11, 1959.

Between 1963 and 1999 they lived in New Jersey, first in Lodi and then in Manalapan, raising their two sons, Dominick and Michael. In 1999 they moved to The Villages, where Josephine was very involved in the community, including the creation of a support group for people undergoing dialysis. She was also a supporter of her church, St. Timothy's, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, and The Shriners' Hospital.

Josephine is survived by her beloved husband Louis, her sons Dominick and Michael, her daughter in laws Dr. Ilene Wilets and Debbie Balletta, grandchildren Ethan, Justin, Stephanie, Michael Jr., and Angela, along with great grandchildren Brooke and Anthony. Her family also includes Tina, Ronald and Margaret Bersch, a small army of nieces and nephews, an extensive family network, and a vast circle of friends across The Villages, New York and New Jersey.

A visitation will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 2:00 to 5:00p.m. with a prayer service at 5:00p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 8:30a.m. at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake.



# Tribute Wall

JG

“ *My heart is saddened today as I became aware of the passing of a dear friend and neighbor. I will always remember Josephine as a good hearted person. The neighborhood was never the same once she left. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.*



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**Judy Gnad** - June 22, 2018 at 12:22 PM

DP

“ *Thank you Aunt Joe for all the wonderful memories and for always treating me like one of the Family. I will miss the time we had together and most of all 18 the laughter.*



*Gone but never forgotten always in our hearts*

*Love Dennis*

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**Dennis Peer** - December 16, 2017 at 09:32 AM

DB

“ *Thank you for your thoughts*



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**Dominick Balletta** - December 08, 2017 at 09:36 PM

BM

“ My Aunt Josephine was a kind and loving person. She was always positive and to know her was to love her. I have fond memories of her that I will always cherish. She was also an amazing aunt and proud to say that she is my Godmother. May she find eternal peace and I know that heaven is a better place with her now in it. Keep smiling Aunt Jo. You will be forever missed but never forgotten. I love you ❤️❤️❤️❤️ Your Niece, Barbara



Barbara Marziliano - December 07, 2017 at 01:52 PM

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Barbara Marziliano - December 07, 2017 at 01:51 PM

DW

“ Thoughts & Prayers



Debbie West - December 07, 2017 at 01:12 PM

PF

“ Aunt Jo will be missed by all of us. She was always thinking of our mom and our family. Always asked about how everyone was doing but never complaint on what she was going through. Aunt Jo always remember to send cards to her sister-in-law Mary (our mom) for all special occasions. Mom always looked forward to telephone calls and special cards. When we visited about 5 years ago, she and Uncle Louie hosted a very nice dinner for us. Glad we got see her at that time. Sorry we did not get a chance to go back and visit again. She will be looking down on everyone and will be missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her.

*With all our Love,*

*Nieces Pat, Marie Linda*

*Nephews, Steven Tony Steve and*

*Great Nieces, Great Nephews and their children*

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**Pat Tony Bucolo, and Vera family** - December 06, 2017 at 06:56 PM

TS

“ *Jo was such a dear and caring and loving lady. I met her in 2000 when my parents moved to The Villages & loved her so much!! She wasn't just a friend, she was part of my family! She always took the time to care. She would call or send me get well cards; she never missed sending me birthday cards or buying me a birthday present. Never missed sending Christmas cards or getting me a Christmas present. No matter how SHE was feeling, she always made sure she took time to talk, listen, give advice, but most important of all... Give Her LOVE!*



*I told her:*

*"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who WANT YOU in theirs; the ones who ACCEPT you for who you are. The ones who would do ANYTHING to see you SMILE & who LOVE YOU no matter what...!" This is who was, and who always will be... my dear, sweet wonderful, Jo*

*I love you with all my heart. "Sleep in Heavenly Peace dearest Jo... You're in God's loving arms, now"*

*Love forever, Terri XOXOXO*

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**Terri Simon** - December 05, 2017 at 05:13 PM

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Terri Simon - December 05, 2017 at 04:55 PM

BR

“ Rosanne and I express sincere condolences to Uncle Louie, Dominick, Michael and their families for my dearest Aunt Josephine. I will always remember her sweetness and kindness throughout my life. She always welcomed everyone as family into her home as Rosanne fondly remembers. She is now home in heaven with her beloved sister, my Mom, Rose and her brothers, Dukie and Danny and of course my Dad John, Love Always and Forever



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Bill & Rosanne - December 05, 2017 at 12:26 PM