



Jane Susan Colapietro

April 17, 1950 - June 7, 2022

“Things to do before I die: Travel the world, meet incredible people, have insightful conversation, live, love and carry on.” - Germany Kent

Wife, daughter, sibling, friend, volunteer and leader can all be used to describe Jane Susan Colapietro who left this life as she lived it: wrapped in the quiet joy of being one's self. Jane was born in Hartford, CT on April 17, 1950, the youngest child of Pete and Margaret Cusson. She died on June 7, 2022 at Joanne's House in Bonita Springs, FL in the company of her beloved husband, Don Colapietro, as well as friends and family, a testament to a life well lived.

With a myriad of interests, Jane lived a mantra of service to others. Her interests included camping, domestic and international travel, working as a travel agent, corvettes and racing, and community service and volunteering. An animal lover, Jane was well known for her many unique, quirky and personable cats over the years. Several of these cats were known to travel with Don and Jane on their motorhome adventures. Her civic and social memberships included key roles in the old Bonita Springs volunteer fire department ladies' auxiliary, as well as leadership roles in the Corvette Club of Naples and local endeavors on behalf of the American Cancer Society. For many years Jane was instrumental in organizing American Cancer Society Relay for Life fund-raising events especially those on behalf of the Corvette

Club. Blessed with a gift of hospitality, Jane readily opened her home to entertain on behalf of various social and civic endeavors. As recently as last month, Don and Jane hosted at their home a Donkey Dump fundraiser for the Relay for Life.

An avid and literally life-long camper, Jane savored each experience whether it was a trip to the remote Maine woods, a trek across the continental United States, a trip through the Canadian Yukon and Alaska, or just a camping excursion to the Florida Flywheelers or racing events. She would regale friends with stories of her early camping experiences with her beloved Mom and Dad. As a career, Jane and her husband Don would spend 47 years in the recreational vehicle storage and repair business in Bonita Springs.

In a day and age of record divorces and declining marriage rates, Don and Jane stood strong in their 47 plus years together. They were not only spouses but the best of friends and exemplified relationship goals probably for every couple who came in contact with them. Even when faced with the heart-wrenching diagnosis of stage four cancer, Jane stood steadfast, armed with her uncompromising zest and joy for life, and continued to experience life to the fullest, camping and traveling. Medical professionals and friends alike marveled at how she managed to thrive in such compromising conditions.

In life and death, Jane exemplified the practicality of a native New Englander kissed by the Florida sun.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 3 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

To sign Jane's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned and Operated since 1978.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jane Susan Colapietro*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *We sure enjoyed Jane and Don's hospitality every year in April. They rarely missed the Birthday lunches so remembering Jane always positive and full of life brings us happiness. She never complained, she just kept going. She was so admiral and will always keep her in my heart as an example of how we should live our lives and how always putting someone else before herself. An amazing woman. Hang in there Don as you have many years if wonderful memories that you will never forget.*

Our deepest condolences,

Barbara and Charles Lilienthal

Barbara and Charles Lilienthal - June 12, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *Our hearts are broken. Janie was a very special person, always outgoing and fun and with Don by her side she lived life to the fullest. She will be sadly missed.*
Love Holly and Dennis.

Dennis McGuire - June 11, 2022 at 09:57 AM

LF

“ You can shed tears because she is gone, or you can smile because she lived. You can close your eyes and pray she will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she left for you. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember only that she is gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind and feel empty or you can do what she would want for you. Smile, open your heart and go on. Written by Elizabeth Ammons, an author. Love , Bruce and Linnea Fleishour

Linnea Fleishour - June 10, 2022 at 01:10 PM

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“ Over the past few days, I have seen so many Corvettes from old ones to brand new ones.
I know that every time I see one I will think of her and Uncle Don coming from Bonita to Boynton Beach to visit, with a trunk full of booze and stories from their latest adventures.
Always meeting very interesting "Characters" along their way . I know that seeing these cars every where is just a parade of good memories for me to remember Janie. If you see a Corvette no matter the year think of Janie and her big smile and infectious laugh with the top down (on the car not her) lol . I know I will Love you always and forever
Mimi

Maria Taylor (Mimi) - June 10, 2022 at 10:03 AM

JL

“ Don, please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of Jane. She was a warm wonderful person. I met her when she was a customer of Naples Federal and I was a teller. We has some great conversations. She was a beautiful person.

Jane Liles - June 10, 2022 at 09:30 AM

MT

“ To My Aunt Jane, Best Smile, Laugh and Personality. So much light in one person and eager to share it with everyone you met. I feel so blessed to have you in mine and Brooke's life. We will miss you so very much. We love you Aunt Janie!
Maria and Brooke Taylor

Maria Taylor - June 09, 2022 at 01:09 PM

JO

“ In 1968 we traveled to Florida caravan style with your Dads tools and camper to start the family business at that time you didn't stay long but returned with your brother, David. I am sure You, Mom, Dad and David are now watching over us now that your back together.

john - June 09, 2022 at 09:46 AM

JO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



john - June 09, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ I love you more than words and I will miss you always! You always made sure I knew that you loved me. I loved your hugs. Thank you for always being there and for listening to me when I really needed it! I love you Auntie Janie!! ❤️ Forever, Sandy.

Sandy Kanabrocki - June 09, 2022 at 09:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jane Susan Colapietro.



June 08, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Shared fun times!



Joanne & Tony - June 08, 2022 at 09:15 PM

CS

“ I met Jane when we first moved here in 1982 and my husband Roger was on the volunteer fire dept. I was young knew no one and joined the auxiliary. Janey welcomed me with open arms and our memories started there . Many chicken Bar-B-Ques, haunted houses and much more. Janey never had a unkind word and always had a clever something to say to start us laughing .She is what we should all be kind excepting and of course a beautiful smile .You gave cancer a kick in the butt it is hard but you were a strong lady and a fighter .I'm honored that you were my friend .love and miss you .Chris Shelly

Christine Shelly - June 08, 2022 at 07:42 PM

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“ Our hearts break from the loss of this wonderful lady. She was truly one of a kind, what a terrible loss to the family and the world.
Dorothy and ARNOLD FRIEDENREICH

Arnold Friedenreich - June 08, 2022 at 05:34 PM