



## Joan Dolores Ciccarelli

December 19, 1928 - April 19, 2019

On April 19, 2019, Joan Ciccarelli went to join her beloved husband Frank in Heaven. On April 19, 1946, Frank told her he loved her for the very first time.

A devoted mother, wife, Nana, friend and homemaker, Joan was born in Buffalo N.Y. and spent her early years working for the General in the Marine Corps when first married to Frank Ciccarelli. Both vowed in their love to have many children and make family a priority. They had 7 children. Joan was a stay at home mom until the children were grown when she worked with her husband's partner as a highly skilled secretary. She had a compelling command of the English language with a love for reading and writing.

The family moved to Naples in 1978 where Joan worked diligently on charitable causes: with daughter Deborah as co-founder of the Naples Fine Arts Society, known later as the United Arts Council, as a volunteer at NCH Community Hospital and with the Special Olympics program in Collier County. Later, she helped her children as they opened their financial planning business in Naples.

Joan's greatest joy was her family! She enjoyed tennis with her girlfriends, was a competitive fun-loving card player, loved to walk daily and be outdoors, enjoyed boating especially on Lake George and Chautauqua Lake and traveling both abroad and throughout North America. One of her favorite

pleasures was following the fall south in their RV from New England through to their mountain cabin in Georgia every year, and spending time with her children and grandchildren at Chautauqua Institution each summer. Chautauqua was the place that she reveled in learning, enjoying the symphony, opera, ballet, and theatre performances.

Joan is survived by her two sons, Raymond (Annette) and Paul (Neri) Ciccarelli; five daughters, Kathleen Curatolo (Anthony), Deborah Clementi (Louis), Kim Ciccarelli Kantor (Jan), Gaynell Anderson, Jill Ciccarelli Rapps (Pete); further defining the family with 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Frank Ciccarelli in 2016. Joan's siblings include her sister Gail Biehl, and, preceded in death; her sisters, Geraldine and Ruthie and brothers, George and Richard.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue North, Naples, Florida 34108. The Rev. Thomas James Glackin will be officiating.

The Ciccarelli family wishes to extend a special thank you to Avow Hospice, Joan's companions and caregivers Grace, Audrey, Winston, and Christa, Crystal, Carey, Jennifer and Emmanuela of McKenney Home Care.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: US Charitable Gift Trust, reference Ciccarelli Family Foundation in the memo line and mail to Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N., Naples FL 34108.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - Family Owned Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
625 111th Avenue North  
Naples, FL 34108

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Dolores Ciccarelli*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Deborah Ciccarelli Clementi lit a candle in memory of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli*



**Deborah Ciccarelli Clementi** - May 19, 2019 at 01:14 AM



“ *So many great memories of aunt joan and her wonderful smile i will never forget. God Bless family and freinds.*

**Mike davies** - April 25, 2019 at 07:17 AM



“ *All of the memories i have of aunt joan and her smile i will cherish them forever.*

**Mike davies** - April 24, 2019 at 10:24 PM

JE

“ I laugh every time I think of aunt Joan doing the finger pointing thing.love her stories about the kids she's shared with me.one was when she told Noah I think Paul's kids she was gonna lick their butts if they didn't stop whatever they were doing.i did get the finger pointing once I'll admit it.she tapped the table with it and I thought oh no I'm in trouble.she was a fantastic sister and mum.she will be remembered fondly

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**Jacqueline Eckler** - April 24, 2019 at 07:04 PM

DC

Yes she did a lot of finger pointing when we were kids and each memory of those points meant something. What' funny about those memories is that later in my life those "Finger pointing moments" revealed many profound circumstances that taught us so much .....like learning how to love some one unconditionley,Think before reacting. Tell the truth at all times . And, Believe in God.

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**Deborah Ciccarelli Clementi** - May 19, 2019 at 01:14 AM

MD

“ Aunt Joan you will be sadly missed. I can see you smiling with mom, Uncle Frank, her sibilings, parents and friends.

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**Mark Davies** - April 24, 2019 at 12:49 PM

DC

This is so true. Thank You for sharing. Dibi

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**Deborah Ciccarelli Clementi** - May 19, 2019 at 01:06 AM

CI

“ Kathy, Debi, Ray, Paul, Kim, Gaynelle & Jill,

*I have so many happy memories to share, but the most vivid memory of your mom to this day is when she would threaten us with the wooden spoon. I had no clue what a wooden spoon was (my mom never cooked like yours). We were all in one double bed for a sleepover and wouldn't be quiet. That was also the time I learned about the Sandman who comes in the middle of the night (only at your house) and throws sand in your eyes if you're not sleeping. Of course, she never touched us, but we all quickly went to sleep anyways!*

*My parents and your parents stood up in each other's weddings. They were the very best of friends through thick and thin. My dad told me he met your father on the steps of UB when they were both skipping class. It became a lifelong friendship and we all have gained from it.*

*I am truly proud and honored to have known your mother. She was family to the Bolender's and I considered her a dear aunt. We even called each other cousins.*

*I always admired and envied your mother's strong and unwavering faith. She was truly a person of god and he thanked her for it by letting her peacefully pass away on the most holy of day, Good Friday. I am confident she is in heaven already with your father. My love and heartfelt condolences go out to the entire Ciccarelli family. What a legacy she has left behind!!*

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**Candace Bolender Isherwood** - April 24, 2019 at 01:32 AM

DC

*Thank you all for you memories of mom- She lived 90 great years! She is missed more than words can say--Thank you for sharing your memories with us . Debi*

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**Deborah Ciccarelli Clementi** - May 19, 2019 at 01:05 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli.*



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April 23, 2019 at 01:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli.*



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April 23, 2019 at 10:05 AM



“ *Kathy and family,  
Sincere condolences on the passing of your mother.  
Lea Bendes*

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**lea bendes** - April 23, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ *Ray and Family,  
Very sorry to hear of the death of your Mother.  
Sheila Jones  
Amherst, NY*

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**Sheila Jones** - April 23, 2019 at 09:16 AM

EO

“ *Theres no doubt that this extraordinary women will be so missed. She raised a wonderful family and embraced all that life brought her way with grace. Just knowing her children, tells so much about her! May her legacy live on in all of you! Blessings and memories of love be yours!*

Elizabeth Osta - April 22, 2019 at 09:52 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Dolores Cicarelli.*



April 22, 2019 at 03:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Aunt Joan, she lived a good full beautiful life & loved her family so much. Many great childhood memories with all of us. Love & Prayers to all.  
Love  
Lynne Biehl*



Lynne Biehl - April 22, 2019 at 12:05 PM

RB

“ *Aunt Joan will be missed by all. I'm thinking of her smile as I write this. Love, Randy Biehl*

Randy Biehl - April 22, 2019 at 11:54 AM

DT

“ Derek Burke and the FSC team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli.



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**Derek Burke and the FSC team** - April 22, 2019 at 11:37 AM

RB

“ My condolences to all of my Ciccarelli cousins. I will always remember Aunt Joan's great laugh, I can still hear it's ring in the memories of our youth. Also how angry she was with Ray and me when we went through the ice on the lake so long ago. Your Mom and Dad were such great life long friends to my folks who always loved the great times and many laughs they had together.

*With love,  
Ric Biehl*

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**Richard B Biehl** - April 22, 2019 at 11:07 AM

LK

“ Love, Bob and Liz Koplitz purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli.



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**Love, Bob and Liz Koplitz** - April 22, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joan Dolores Ciccarelli.*



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April 21, 2019 at 07:19 PM



“ *Ray, Annette and family, we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You are in our thoughts in this emotionally difficult time and hope you find comfort in the many happy memories you have of your mother. Sincerely, Rick and Bob*

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**richard grybos** - April 21, 2019 at 07:02 PM



*Debbie , so sorry to hear of your mothers passing.....praying*

*Will Dobbin*

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**Will Dobbin** - April 22, 2019 at 06:53 PM



*Jane & I will always fondly remember your Mother. She was a warm and generous person. Our sincere condolences*

*Jane & Warren Geller.*

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**Jane Geller** - April 23, 2019 at 12:09 PM