



## Joan Marilyn DeFerrari

October 17, 1934 - January 21, 2023

Joan M. DeFerrari of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at her home at The Renaissance, part of The Terraces at Bonita Springs. Formerly from North Reading, MA, Moorestown, Mt. Laurel and Ocean City, NJ, West Chester, PA, Dallas TX and Vienna, VA, she had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1991.

Born Joan M. Carr on October 17th 1934 to William H. Carr and Marion A. Atherton in Massachusetts, she went to school in Reading where she met her husband to be Joe. Through 54 years of marriage, they were inseparable, where you saw one, you saw the other. A loving wife and mother, she worked while Joe attended college (Babson) then she concentrated mostly on raising her two children, Paul J. (Ray) DeFerrari of Atlanta, GA and Lisa D. (Eric) Litschi of Bernardsville, NJ and volunteering at Burlington County Hospital in NJ. Grandmother to Melissa Ann (Wen) Litschi, Blair DeFerrari Litschi, and Joseph Patrick Litschi and 'Grammy' to extended family, Allen (Melissa) Weeks and children Kaedin and Riley of Jenkinsburg, GA and Annecia Lewis of Williamston, NC.

Joan enjoyed being with family and friends sharing laughs, song, food, precious times, and cherished memories. Yet a nice quiet evening at home was great too. To know Joan was to love her and she loved all right back.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Marion, her husband Joe, her sister and brother-in-law Elaine and Rod Christian, and her siblings-in-law William and Pat and Ron (Laurel) DeFerrari. Joan is survived by her loving children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, by her sisters-in-law Barbara (the late Dick) Anderson and Pat DeFerrari-Willis, and her lifelong friend Joyce (Dick) Spindler.

The family would like to express their thanks and gratitude for all those who cared for Joan from her doctor, to private caregivers and esp. Vilcia Viler whose loving care helped Joan so much.

Her family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 28300 Beaumont Road, Bonita Springs. Entombment will follow at Palm Royale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family also suggests that memorial contributions be made to The Lewy Body Dementia Association at <https://www.lbda.org/donate/>

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Palm Royale Cemetery**

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road  
Naples, FL 34119

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

MAR 1. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
[bonitafhbill@comcast.net](mailto:bonitafhbill@comcast.net)

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28300 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joan Marilyn DeFerrari*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sheryl Spindler lit a candle in memory of Joan DeFerrari*



**Sheryl Spindler** - March 01, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ *Lori Brooks lit a candle in memory of Joan DeFerrari*



**Lori Spindler Brooks** - February 27, 2023 at 08:06 AM



“ *Paul i am praying for you and Lisa and children that God will comfort and keep all of you through this time of sorrow lots of love*

**Gegog** - February 26, 2023 at 11:22 PM

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“ *Joyce Spindler purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Joan Marilyn DeFerrari.*



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**Joyce Spindler** - February 26, 2023 at 12:12 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joan Marilyn DeFerrari.*



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February 25, 2023 at 10:01 PM

DA

“ *I have so many great memories of my Godmother Auntie Joan. She was truly one of a kind. I remember once when I was out on the pontoon boat with my mom, dad, Auntie Joan and Uncle Joe. My dad told me to put down the Bimini top and when I did Auntie Joans hand got caught in the folding mechanism . I hadn't noticed but Auntie Joan started whispering to me that she thought her hand was stuck. She didn't want to cause a scene she kept saying I'm fine I'm fine but her hand was still stuck. Once I saw what happened I put the top back up and she pulled her hand out. She said no no it's fine I'm fine don't worry about it, although her wedding ring was really bent bad. Uncle Joe on the other hand gave me "the look". She got the ring fixed and her hand healed up and we all laughed about it after (Except Uncle Joe lol). It was so much like Auntie Joan to not to want to cause a scene. She was loved by all and will be missed forever. Have fun with the gang up in heaven!*

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**David Anderson** - February 25, 2023 at 12:49 PM

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*To my sister-in-Joan, I have wonderful memories. Joan, Joe, Ron and I spent every week at Mama Ventura's eating, dancing and singing Karaoke. One night Joan and I cooked Kepler coffee at their house. Joan and I got buzzed (of course I was sworn to secrecy). The boys slept through our great nite. Loved Joan, very loving, pretty, kind and a fantastic hostess. ❤️*

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**pat DeFerrari-Willis** - February 25, 2023 at 10:39 PM