



Victoria A. DeFrancisco

December 27, 1927 - April 22, 2022

Victoria A. DeFrancisco, 94 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away Friday, April 22, 2022 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. Formerly of Newtown Square, PA she had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 1984. Victoria was born December 27, 1927 in Berwick, PA the daughter of Clement and Lydia (Ladonis) West.

Together with her husband, she owned and operated a Dairy Queen in Upper Darby, PA for 39 years until her retirement in 1991. Victoria was a devout catholic and faithful parishioner at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples, where she enjoyed volunteering with many different activities.

Survivors include her loving daughter, Josette L. (William) Gearhart of Cincinnati, OH; brothers, Len (Marie) West of Hobe Sound, FL, Al (Diane) West of Berwick, PA; grandchildren, Lauren (Tarik) Peat, David (Marissa) Gearhart; and great grandchildren, Daniel Gearhart, Isabel Gearhart and Hunter Peat. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph P. DeFrancisco in 2013; and brothers, Henry West, Clem West and Teddy West.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 11:00 AM at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples, FL 34108. Burial will follow in the church memorial garden.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Victoria's name may be made to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

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

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall



“ *Victoria A. DeFrancisco*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Marie Rosato lit a candle in memory of Victoria A. DeFrancisco*



Marie Rosato - April 28, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Aunt Vicky to me was a woman who was like the glue of the West family. She was all about family, keeping in touch and getting together. I remember whenever I would be near her, I would feel so much love. One specific thing I remember about her was when I went to her house in Newton Square, I walked in and all I saw was a feast spread out on the counter. We didn't even get to say hello to everyone and she was telling me to get a plate and eat up. Thank you Aunt Vicky for the memories you have given me in my life and thank you for being one of the many people that have showed me how much family means in life.*

Nicole Siegel (your Colie)

Nicole - April 27, 2022 at 07:13 PM

LW

“ All I can say is that I love you Vickie and I know you felt the same. It's how we ended every conversation. I was fortunate to have moved close to you and shared the past several years. I will miss you. Rest in peace with Uncle Cherry.

Len West - April 26, 2022 at 05:13 PM

JG

I appreciated all you and Hester did for her Lenny. She loved you so much.

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:11 PM

JG

I appreciated how you were always there for her Lenny. She loved you and Hester.

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:22 PM

AF

“ and Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Victoria A. DeFrancisco.



and Families - April 26, 2022 at 11:38 AM

MW

“ While in college I would go to the Dairy Queen just to say hi. I would just show up to talk to Aunt Vic and Uncle Joe. They would bring me in the back of the store, sit me down and we would talk while they were working. Aunt Vic would whip around the store multitasking, but at the same time always talking to me and showing true interest in my life. She was always like that with me, since I was young. She would sit me down, feed me, and talk to me. I loved it!! I felt special in her presence, but we all did. She had that way about her. I will never forget you, or that feeling Aunt Vic! Love Mike

Michael West - April 25, 2022 at 07:39 PM

JG

I love hearing this Michael. Glad you visited.

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:17 PM

TS

“ The West's, Keefer's and Siegel's purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Victoria A. DeFrancisco.



The West's, Keefer's and Siegel's - April 25, 2022 at 07:24 PM

DA

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



dan - April 25, 2022 at 06:18 PM

JG

Thanks Dan. That's a great picture!

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:24 PM

DW

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Dan & Joan West - April 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

LK

“ *Lydia West Keefer lit a candle in memory of Victoria A. DeFrancisco*



Lydia West Keefer - April 25, 2022 at 07:48 AM

JG

Thanks Lydia. ❤️

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:25 PM

LK

“ Aunt Vickie was such a sweet person and Aunt. When I would visit her when younger she would always let me me feed the fish in their big pond. I remember her Collie Lady would fetch her leash when she wanted to go outside. Visits with her were always so much fun and she was such a loving person. She is in Heaven now having a good time with my Dad and Peachie! Sincerest sympathies to Josie, Bill and family.

Lydia West Keefer

Lydia West Keefer - April 25, 2022 at 07:48 AM

JG

I remember how much you enjoyed the visits and the pool. She enjoyed them too. ❤️ Thank you.

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:27 PM

LK

She was such a great lady!

Lydia West Keefer - April 27, 2022 at 01:40 PM

LW

“ VICKY WAS A GREAT OLDER SISTER WHO WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING ME GET STARTED WHEN I LEFT HIGH SCHOOL ON MY WAY TO COLLEGE WHICH WAS A BIG HELP AT THAT TIME OF MY LIFE. MARIE AND I REMAINED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH VIC AND CHERRY OVER THE YEARS AND HAVE MANY HAPPY MEMORIES.

LEONARD WEST - April 24, 2022 at 06:20 PM

JG

Yes you do! Wonderful memories. You've been very supportive and have helped in more ways than you know. She loved you two. ❤️

Josie Gearhart - April 26, 2022 at 10:29 PM

MR

Vicki was a loving, caring friend. I met her in Florida and I was blessed to have her and Joe become our dear friends for more than 20 years. I know they are both in heaven with Angelo having a great time. I'll miss her. Love you Vicki. Marie

Marie Rosato - April 28, 2022 at 11:19 AM