



Jean A. Saari

January 2, 1939 - March 21, 2019

Beloved wife of the late Carl.

Loving mother of Lisa (William) Moore, Christina (Joseph) Godell, & Timothy (Christina) Saari. Dearest Grandmother of Bradley (Kari), Jeremy, Cameron, Meghan, Kate & Paige. Great grandmother of Carly & Sydney.

Dear sister of Aileen (Tom) Ames, James (Felicia) Healy, Christine Ciesielski, the late Thomas (Carol) Healy, the late John (Jane) Healy, & the late Mary (Joe) Frontera. sister-in-law of Irene Rochwarg. Nieces and nephews also survive.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **25.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

MAR **26.** 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass

MAR **26.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jean A. Saari*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Jean A. Saari*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *i had the pleasure of meeting Ms.Jeannie
she always brought smiles to my face ..im gonna miss you
Ms.Jeannie beneanie
love,Brianna*

Brianna - March 27, 2019 at 11:59 PM



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Nancey Andusky - March 25, 2019 at 10:36 PM



“ *I was also fortunate enough to work with Jeannie for many years at
Parker/Henkel. She was alot of fun and had such an infectious
laugh. You will be missed by many Jeannie Debbie Wilson*

Debbie Wilson - March 25, 2019 at 02:42 PM

“ March 25, 2019

Mom and Dad are together again and for that we are happy. We're happy for her to be reunited with Grandmas and Grandpas, Aunt Mary, Uncles Tom and Hap, Aunt Norma, Uncle Rocky, Uncle Charlie and so many others. But right now, we are sad. We lost our Mom and it started a few years ago.

Mom was tiny but mighty. Her hands were small but busy. She cooked, swept, raked, knitted and wanted to do more. Even to the end, she fussed with keeping her hands busy. She wasn't letting go. She was a hard worker with tireless energy. She seemed to love to clean. In grade school, when I was little, the answer I gave for "Your Mother's favorite thing to do" was "Iron"! I enjoy housekeeping too now.

Her relationships were lifelong and amazing. I envied her outgoing personality and gift of gab. She loved to talk on the phone for hours. Dad would wonder "what could she possibly talk about for so long!" I used to hate the phone and was very shy. She taught me to come out of my shell. Lisa and I are pretty good at marathon phone calls nowadays. Right Bill and Joe?

She became a wife and daughter-in-law at the age of 21. She managed to marry all the families together, but I'm sure it wasn't easy. The Healys and The Saari/Wallis. The Marquardts and The Gentiles. The Ames and The Fronteras and The Ciesielskis. We were always getting together with someone for every occasion. She became a mother-in-law at age 42. Once again, our family grew larger to include The Moores, The Godells and The Romanowskis. Good relationships take time and effort, but I already told you she was a hard worker.

She loved to shop almost every day. Me, not so much. Buying a gift for her wasn't easy. What do you buy the person who has the best taste and shops almost every day? She loved to shop for new purses and new clothes - enough to take up two closets. It was really hard for her when we had to move her and couldn't bring all her clothes. She was still the best dressed anyway.

Mom was a great secretary, and her organizational skills were put to

good use at home. Her filing system was epic and has served me so well as her executor. She was an organizing whiz and saver of memorabilia. She kept her First Communion cards and just kept saving! I don't know how Grandma could allow that with seven children, but somehow Mom held onto all things paper. There are invites, photos (Thanks Dad!), graduation announcements, travel brochures, birthday cards, letters in envelopes, recipes written in family members' handwriting, death cards, lists of who hosted which holiday ... All of it! So I couldn't throw it all away a couple of years ago. Then, after dementia was robbing Mom of her memories, all her memories were still there for us to pull out and bring back. I have grieved the loss of my Mother over the past three years. It was tragic to watch her lose so many skills and freedoms. She wanted to do more and say more and live more.

I became her ally. I tried to protect her as best I could. I tried to maintain her dignity. I tried to keep our standards high. We started out as Mother-Daughter, but I think we ended up being lifelong friends, too. Now it's time to "C'mon" in the words of Jeannie. Time to GO! GO! GO! It's Spring and the yard sure does need a good cleaning! I learned how to garden from Mom. A memorial garden sounds like a good idea and will be a labor of love.

Love You Mom, Christina Lynne

P.S. Have you noticed how chatty the cardinals are lately?

Chris Godell - March 25, 2019 at 08:35 AM

AA

Dear Chris (& Lisa & Tim), You are your mothers garden.

Aileen Ames - March 26, 2019 at 01:16 PM

K(

What a beautiful letter, Christina! I just came across your mom's obituary as your family popped into my mind as it occasionally does. I'm so sorry to hear she passed and that she had dementia, however, she was very loved and will be missed by many. I hope Lisa, Tim and you and your families are doing well/better since it's been a year and a half. Hopefully, time has eased your grief a little. Thinking of all of you!

Karen Taylor (Teshich) - October 23, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 25, 2019 at 08:03 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 24, 2019 at 03:49 PM

JC

“ *James and Felicia - Michelanne John Christine purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



James and Felicia - Michelanne John Christine - March 24, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of
Jean A. Saari.



March 24, 2019 at 03:07 PM

“ Jean Ann Healy was born January 2, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan. She was #5 of 7 children. A close, happy, proud family of Scottish Parents.

Jeannie graduated from Servite high school in 1957. She married Carl W. Saari in 1960. She was a loving mother to 3 children, Lisa, Christina, and Timothy. She was proud of 6 Grandchildren, Bradley, Jeremy, Cameron, Meghan, Kate and Paige. She also has 2 Great Grandchildren, Carly and Sydney. Jeannie loved her brother and sister-in-laws and 29 nieces and nephews. She was a mentor to many. She was always willing to babysit because she loved her grandchildren and all babies. She worked for Parker Chemical as a secretary for 28 years. She had many life long friends from childhood and throughout her working career. She enjoyed the neighborhood couples and families. Taking turns hosting card club with the ladies and New Year's Eve parties with the couples in the basement. Jeannie loved to talk. I used to love to listen to Jeannie talk on the phone and hear the frequent bursts of laughter from Jeannie's side.

She was a strong advocate for education. After I graduated from Detroit Practical Nursing School, mom kept up a frequent gentle nudge to go back to school to be a Registered Nurse. Eventually, when the time was right, I did exactly that. I know she was proud of me. It was absolutely the best thing I could have done for myself and my family. Thanks mom for the push. There dear friends, The Gentiles, introduces them to Ranger Lake in Gaylord. They purchased a cottage. She made the cottage a beautiful home for many summer and fall vacations. They loved spending time with the Gentile family on Ranger Lake. She was a loving and patient caregiver for Carl who suffered with COPD and heart disease among other problems for many years. After his passing in 2016, Jeannie was diagnosed with Dementia. It crept in slowly robbing her of new opportunities and old memories. Despite her small frame she was a strong fighter to the end. She never recognized herself as aging. She kept her beautiful auburn hair and classic, stylish clothes with a bit of lipstick. Even when she was a resident at American House and Memory Care she thought she was part of the staff,

dropping in at the office or gathering with the aides at the nurses station, listening to the business discussions, or willing to help in any way.

I will miss our family holiday gatherings. It won't be the same without you mom.

Love , Your devoted daughter, Lisa

Lisa Moore - March 24, 2019 at 02:48 PM

CG

This is Lovely! She was proud of you, and your impeccable nursing skills kept her going for the past three years. Love, Chris

Chris Godell - March 25, 2019 at 07:28 AM

AA

What a wonderful tribute to your mom. Indeed, she was proud of you,

Aileen Ames - March 26, 2019 at 01:27 PM

K(

Thank you for sharing more about your mom and your memories!

Karen Taylor (Teshich) - October 23, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 24, 2019 at 10:10 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 23, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *I have so many happy memories of our families' visits. My sincere sympathy to all of my cousins for your loss.*

Kathryn Walli Tilson

Kathryn Walli Tilson - March 23, 2019 at 01:52 PM



Thank you Kathryn. So many fond memories! Love, Chris

Chris Godell - March 28, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 23, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ *Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 23, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. A mom is the strongest bond. She will surely remain so in your heart.*

John Budrys - March 23, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ *Lisa, Bill, Brad, Jeremy, and family. Chris and Family and Tim and Family.
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your Mother.*

Colleen Teahan - March 22, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.*



March 22, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ I was a friend to Jeannie throughout our Henkel years. I also had the honor to be with Jeannie twice a week at American House after Carl’s passing. I loved her dearly and will miss her very much. May she now be with our Lord in Heaven.

Jenny Marsden - March 22, 2019 at 11:10 AM

AS

“ A wonderful person to work with during my time at Henkel. Always upbeat, friendly and very cheerful! My thoughts and prayers with all during this difficult time

Alton Stuchlik - March 22, 2019 at 10:31 AM

SS

“ I worked with Jeannie for many years and enjoyed our lunches and shopping together. She will be missed. Prayers and thoughts to her family. She is now home with our Lord and Savior and Carl 🙏❤️🙏

Sue Satow - March 22, 2019 at 08:53 AM

GS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Jeanie for a long time at work, she loved her family so much. Rest in Peace Jeanie.

*In Life and Death, we belong to God
Sincerely, Gloria Stanley*

Gloria J Stanley - March 22, 2019 at 05:59 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean A. Saari.* ”



March 21, 2019 at 06:18 PM