



Josephine Frasca

March 21, 1934 - November 9, 2019

Josephine (Joan) Frasca, a longtime resident of Jupiter, passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 9, 2019. She was born March 21, 1934, in the Bronx, NY, and she insisted her mother made a mistake on the birth certificate. She married in 1955 to Charles Smoker and had two children, Steven Smoker (deceased) and Debbie Smoker Dragone. She divorced and married Jim Frasca, the love of her life in 1990. They moved from the Bronx to Indian Creek in Jupiter, where she worked in Publix on Indiantown Road, shopped thrift stores, dollar stores and any place where there was a good bargain. She also volunteered at the Jupiter Thrift store where she was like a kid in a candy store.

Joanie was the life of the party. Whenever she showed up, you knew she was in the room. She was naturally funny, and always telling jokes and making people laugh. She loved to sing and was not shy about belting out a tune in the middle of Publix. The world was her stage. She dressed to the nines, always color coordinated and had matching earrings, necklace, and shoes. She insisted on always having false eyelashes, lipstick and her hair done just right. Her favorite saying was, "Make Up and Paint makes you what you Ain't!"

After several family tragedies, Joanie went to live with her daughter, Debbie, in West Palm Beach, where she began to decline in health. She didn't want for anything, kept shopping on QVC and HSN, when she couldn't get out of the house. She loved to listen to Legends Radio (100.3) for Vic Damone, Dean Martin, and Frank Sinatra.

Joanie is in heaven with her husband, Jim Frasca, her son Steven Smoker, and her favorite son-in-law Ernie Dragone. She is survived by her daughter Debbie Dragone, her sister Norma Romano, her brother Vinny Capozzi, her nieces Cheri Jones and Michelle Capozzi, and several grandchildren. She had a very small family but had LOTS of love.

Services will be held on Friday November 15, 2019 at 6pm – 8pm at Palms West Funeral Home.

Cemetery

Events

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line
Road

Jupiter, FL, 33469

NOV

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Visitation

06:00PM - 08:00PM

Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory

110 Business Park Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL, US,
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Service

07:00PM

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Comments



“ What can I say, Joanie we have been family for over 50yrs we have had highs & lows,sorrow & happiness (mostly happiness) in our relationship. I will miss you, your smile & sense of humor. Sing with the angels Joanie RIP
Camille

Camille Romano - November 14, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ Hello. I wish to offer my condolence to all who pause here today for my friend, Mrs. Josephine Frasca. Joanie is a person who needs people. She had a "black belt in shopping." What she collected, however was relationships. A relationship with Joanie proved nourishment for the soul. I am Stephanie Rosati. We met many years ago fostering our relationship. Salt of the earth. Well seasoned. Delectable. She listened to the CD Eh Paisano! Italian-American Classics in her car (!), exclaiming, "STEPHANIE! Even Pepino the Italian mouse is on here! I LOVE THIS!" And, oh, how I love my girl, Josephine Frasca. Joanie esteemed her Jim, her children, her world. To me, she's a Steel Magnolia. Yeah, a fixture in Dolly Parton's character, Truvy Jones' beauty shop. Her love pulses through Debbie in her obituary here. How exceedingly blessed am I to be a part of Joanie's life? My sister in Christ lives with the Savior in total happiness until we meet again. Would you like to believe with us? "Because God the Father so loved the world (your name here) that He gave His uniquely begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not be lost but rather have eternal life." John 3:16 "This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us." 1 John 3:16 a. So, right where you sit, you can pray in the privacy of your own soul, 'Father, I am believing in Your Son' and you will be saved. Be seeing you, Joanie. I love you. As ever, Stephanie

Mrs. Stephanie Rosati - November 14, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ Joanie was a life force, one of a kind, who would light up a room when she came in. We always laughed and sometimes cried when we got together, she was a good friend and she loved her daughter Debbie with all she had. She was not the best driver who would never admit it but her tickets told another story. I worked with her at Publix and I will always remember that one day we had a customer who complained about the side of a cake being messed up and she claimed it wasn't her until we pointed to the icing covering the front of her apron. Joanie could convince people to buy more than they had planned to when they came to the Bakery. She always had a story or a joke and I am sure Heaven is a fun place with her there.

Betsy - November 13, 2019 at 04:14 PM