



JOAN CASTRIGNANO

January 5, 1961 - December 17, 2025

MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN JOAN'S NAME TO:
A CHARITY OF YOUR CHOICE

VISITATION:

MONDAY: DECEMBER 29, 2025

3PM TO 7PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 30, 2025

11AM

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

454 GERMANTOWN ROAD

WEST MILFORD, NEW JERSEY 07480

973-697-6100

INTERMENT:

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 30, 2025

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

OAK RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07438

Joan Castrignano, 64 years, of Oak Ridge, NJ, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at Holy Name Medical Center in Teaneck, NJ.

She was born on January 5, 1961 in Newark, NJ, to the late Catherine (nee Flynn) and the late Edward Aslund.

Joan was a lifelong resident of Oak Ridge, a community she dearly loved and served throughout her life.

Her greatest joy was being surrounded by her family and friends. She cherished hosting gatherings, opening her home and heart to others, giving back to her community, and faithfully serving as a parishioner and CCD teacher at St. Joseph's Parish in West Milford. Her faith was not only something she believed in, it was something she lived every day.

It goes without saying that Joan possessed a rare and genuine kindness, one that made others feel truly seen, loved, and cared for. Those fortunate enough to know her often spoke of the warmth, comfort, and peace she brought into their lives simply by being present. Her laughter was contagious; you always knew when Joan was in the room, because her joy filled the space around her.

One of Joan's greatest passions was dance, a love that began in childhood and stayed with her throughout her life. She pursued this passion by dancing in renowned shows that toured around the world. In the early 2000's, Joan fulfilled another dream by owning and operating her own dance studio in Oak Ridge, where she inspired countless local students through her love of movement, creativity, and self-expression.

Never one to stop learning or giving, Joan later returned to school to earn her bachelor's degree in education and became an elementary school teacher. She devoted herself wholeheartedly to nurturing young minds, teaching with patience, creativity, and compassion; qualities that defined every part of her life.

Joan's faith and love for others was a guiding light throughout her life. She now rests peacefully in the loving arms of the Lord.

She was predeceased by her beloved parents, Edward Aslund in 1985 and Catherine Aslund in 2007.

Joan is survived by her beloved husband, John E. Castrignano; her cherished children, Vienna Castrignano, John A. Castrignano, and Matthew Castrignano, and her future son-in-law Edward Goldmann; her loving siblings Edward Aslund and Janice Correia; her dear mother-in-law Anita Castrignano; her dear in-laws, Anthony and Lisa Castrignano, Debbie and Louis Benaquista, and Paul and Rosanna Castrignano; and her beloved nieces and nephews—Sara Castrignano, Louis Benaquista, Anthony Benaquista, Mike Benaquista, Adrienne Benaquista, Christina Correia, Jessica Alder, David Castrignano, Antonio Correia, and Paul Castrignano—along with many extended family members and dear friends who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, December 29, 2025 from 3pm to 7pm at the Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 La Rue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435.

The funeral mass will take place on Tuesday, December 30, 2025 at 11am at

St. Joseph's Church, 454 Germantown Road, West Milford, NJ 07480.

The interment will follow at St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438, adjacent to the church.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Joseph RC Church
454 Germantown Road
West Milford, NJ 07480
(973) 697-6100

Interment

DEC **30**. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall

SE

“ *Samantha Emery-Allen lit a candle in memory of JOAN CASTRIGNANO*

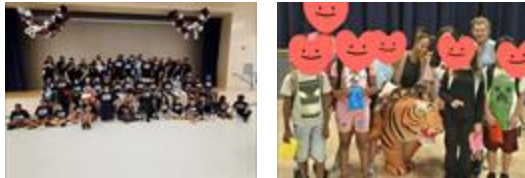


Samantha Emery-Allen - December 29, 2025 at 12:25 PM

SE

“ *To The Castrignano Family, I've worked with Joan for a number of summers. She was always sweet, kind, and a wonderful person to be around. May God rest her soul, and may God continue to be with your family.*

Samantha Emery-Allen



Samantha Emery-Allen - December 29, 2025 at 12:14 PM

TF

“ *The Castrignano and Adler Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



The Castrignano and Adler Family - December 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ *The Castrignano and Adler Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*

The Castrignano and Adler Family - December 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ *The Goldmann and Herrighty Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



The Goldmann and Herrighty Family - December 27, 2025 at 09:58 AM



“ *I have known Joan for more than 50 years. She was the most genuine person I have ever met. She was always, just Joan. A great friend, a loving spirit and gift to all who knew her. I have sent this Emerald Garden Basket because it has the beautiful "tradescantia" vine that Joan and John gave as a wedding favor to friends at their wedding. That plant thrived in my home for 33 years, always reminding me of the love they shared and the beautiful heart of my friend. My hope is that it lives in your heart for even longer. Sending all our love and prayers to your family. Robyn (Sweeney) & Henry Glickel.*

Robyn Sweeney-Glickel - December 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LG

“ *Love, Robyn & Henry Glickel purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



Love, Robyn & Henry Glickel - December 26, 2025 at 08:54 PM

RW

“ We’ve known John and Joan and then their beautiful family for over 35 years. Geralyn (my wife) made a comment when we heard of Joan’s passing. She said “Joan’s eyes always smiled”. When Joan saw you she would smile, but even when she wasn’t smiling, you saw that “smile”, that joy in her eyes. It was not something phony that some people “put on”, it was just her nature and a gift from God. I truly believe this “gift” she has was “the joy of the Lord” within her. Shining the light of Christ into the hearts of not just her family and friends, but also to those both young and old who were fortunate enough to cross her path...

It is comforting to know that death is not the end for those who believe in Christ.

1 Peter 1:8–9: “Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

...so we who believe can confidently say:

“We all grieve with your family & we miss you and love you Joan - but we will see you later!”

Ron & Geralyn Weiss and family (Jaclyn, Daniel & Jacob)



Ronald Weiss - December 25, 2025 at 05:01 PM

RW

“ Ronald W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.

Ronald W. - December 25, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TF

“ Thompson's Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Thompson's Family - December 24, 2025 at 04:29 PM

MF

“ Mustafaraj Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Mustafaraj Family - December 24, 2025 at 01:53 PM

MF

“ Mustafaraj Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.

Mustafaraj Family - December 24, 2025 at 01:53 PM

AB

“ Anna Brice & Jennifer Buckley purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Anna Brice & Jennifer Buckley - December 24, 2025 at 02:04 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



December 23, 2025 at 03:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



December 22, 2025 at 01:22 PM

HL

“ Helen, Frank and Lauren purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Helen, Frank and Lauren - December 22, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



December 22, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *Anne, Jason, Rebecca, Laura, Neil planted a Memorial Tree in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*

Anne, Jason, Rebecca, Laura, Neil - December 22, 2025 at 08:41 AM



“ *The Storey Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



The Storey Family - December 22, 2025 at 08:25 AM



“ *The Storey Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*

The Storey Family - December 22, 2025 at 08:25 AM

HG

“ After decades of friendship, and memories, saying goodbye is incredibly difficult. Joan we will forever cherish your beautiful spirit and kindness. Thinking of you all and holding you close in our thoughts and prayers. Deepest condolences to Joan's beloved family. All our love Helen, Frank and Lauren

Helen Gutowski - December 21, 2025 at 04:46 PM

CN

“ Carl N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.

Carl N. - December 21, 2025 at 11:16 AM

KA

“ I was so sad to hear about the passing of Joan. Joan was such a sweet and kind soul, that impacted my life as my dance teacher for many years. She made the dance studio a safe place to enjoy and express yourself, and I am forever grateful for her role in my life. Rest in the sweetest peace, Joan. Sending love to your family and friends.

Kait - December 21, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



December 21, 2025 at 08:47 AM

LF

“ Love The Stamer Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Love The Stamer Family - December 20, 2025 at 06:06 PM

FC

“ Francesca Caravillo purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Francesca Caravillo - December 20, 2025 at 11:43 AM

MJ

“ Meridith Johnson purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Meridith Johnson - December 20, 2025 at 10:38 AM

RL

“ Richard Elizabeth Jocelyn and Logan purchased the Heartfelt Comfort & Remembrance Gift Box for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Richard Elizabeth Jocelyn and Logan - December 20, 2025 at 08:44 AM

RL

“ *Richard Elizabeth Jocelyn and Logan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*

Richard Elizabeth Jocelyn and Logan - December 20, 2025 at 08:44 AM

LS

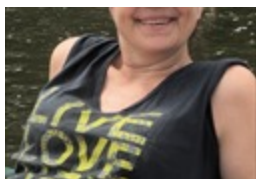
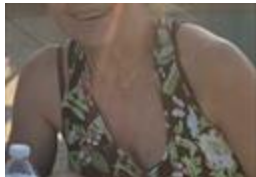
“ From the moment you met Joan, you could feel her kindness, shown through her beautiful, warm smile. Kindness, patience, and joy were at the heart of who she was, and she shared those gifts so freely with others.

Her family meant everything to her, and she loved them deeply. She cherished life and lived with a strong faith in God.

I was blessed to call her my friend, and her friendship was a gift I will always cherish. I will forever treasure the many wonderful moments we shared, filled with meaningful conversations and so much laughter. Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to resonate in the hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her.

May the Lord continue to hold your family up and bless them always.

*Love you, miss you,
Your forever friends, Lara & Gary*



Lara Stamer - December 19, 2025 at 11:58 PM

GF

“ Gerry Fernandez & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



Gerry Fernandez & Family - December 19, 2025 at 11:00 PM

GF

“ Gerry Fernandez & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.

Gerry Fernandez & Family - December 19, 2025 at 11:00 PM

DF

“ My condolences to the family may God be with you and then sorry for times my prayers are with you 🎉🙏

Daisy Flood - December 19, 2025 at 10:59 PM

TD

“ The DeStefano's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.



The DeStefano's - December 19, 2025 at 09:43 PM

KH

“ *Sweet Sweet Joan. We love you and you will forever be in our hearts*

-Katie and Kyle

Katie Healy - December 19, 2025 at 07:12 PM

SF

“ *Susan, Andrew & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of JOAN CASTRIGNANO.*



Susan, Andrew & Family - December 19, 2025 at 01:29 PM