



Joanne M. Ginestre

February 6, 1947 - October 31, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Joanne M. Ginestre, cherished wife, mother, grandmother, and sister, on October 31, 2024 at the age of 77. Joanne was surrounded by her loving family, who will forever hold her memory in their hearts.

Joanne was the beloved wife of Vincent R. Ginestre, her devoted partner in life for 55 years. Born in Duryea, PA to the late John and Marjorie Orkwis, Joanne was raised in the City of Tonawanda where family became the cornerstone of her life. Joanne's legacy continues through her three children, who were the lights of her life: Michael (Melissa) Ginestre, Christopher (Karen) Ginestre, and Anne Cook (Josh). She was the proud grandmother of four: Natalie, Christopher, Vincent, and Bryce, each of whom brought her great joy.

Joanne is also survived by her two loving brothers, John (Roxanne), and Paul (Kathy) Orkwis, whose relationships she treasured deeply. She is also remembered fondly by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Joanne was renowned for her love of family gatherings, where her generous spirit shined as she cooked delicious meals and shared stories that filled rooms and created lasting memories. A master of card games, especially scat and poker, she found joy in engaging in friendly competition with her husband, kids, and grandkids.

The family is inviting all who knew Joanne for calling hours at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda on Thursday,

November 7 from 4 – 7 p.m. A celebration of Joanne's life and Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in North Tonawanda on Friday, November 8 at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Joanne's memory to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute, reflecting her generosity to causes that were important to her and her family.

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave
Kenmore, NY 14217

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

St Jude the Apostle Parish
800 Niagara Falls Blvd.
North Tonawanda, NY

Tribute Wall



“ 109 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - November 07, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of *Joanne M. Ginestre*.



November 05, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Joanne M. Ginestre*.

November 05, 2024 at 09:45 AM



“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. My prayers go out to you Vince and your family.*

Debbie Wasieczko - November 05, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne M. Ginestre.

November 04, 2024 at 10:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Ginestre.



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“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Ginestre.

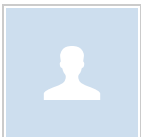


November 04, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ My sympathy to Vince and his family. Joanne was a lovely woman, wife and mother. Joanne is now in a better place joining my wife. I'm sure they are keeping an eye on Vince and me.

Ed Harmon - November 03, 2024 at 04:22 PM



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November 02, 2024 at 11:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joanne M. Ginestre.*



November 02, 2024 at 11:48 PM



“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. 🙏❤️ Barbara A. kulju*

Barbara A. Kulju - November 02, 2024 at 01:31 PM



Such a nice lady! I am so deeply sorry for your loss. May your memories bring you peace.

Joanne Gilman - November 02, 2024 at 09:52 PM



Dear Vince, I am so sorry to hear that Joanne died, and hope that wonderful memories of your many years together in some way comfort you and your family during this time of heartbreak.

Eddie Jesella - November 02, 2024 at 11:56 PM



*Vince,
Helen and I are deeply saddened by your loss. Joanne was a wonderful lady. Our prayers are with you and your family my dear friend.
David McGuire*

David McGuire - November 03, 2024 at 05:27 PM



Vince and family. So sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers. Rose Freddoso Craine

Rose Freddoso Craine - November 04, 2024 at 02:49 PM