



Giovanna Coppola Gunn

October 14, 1936 - June 7, 2024

Giovanna “Joann or Jenny” Coppola Gunn age 87 of Shelby Township, MI went home to be with her Lord and Savior on June 7, 2024. She was born on October 14, 1936 at St Francis Hospital, in Hamtramck, MI, to Santo (Sam) and Marion (Maria) Coppola.

Giovanna was known to her friends as Joann or Jenny and to her grandchildren as Mana Jenny (given to her by her first born grandchild Peter). Jenny was the central figure of her large, loving family. A devoted mother to her children Ray (Lisa) Gunn, Janine (Jim) Hatfield, Annmarie (Joe) Iacona and her grandchildren Peter (Megan) Gunn, Grace Gunn, Vito Iacona, Joey Iacona, and Olivia Iacona. Through her children’s marriages other granddaughters Rachael (Phil) Monolo, Allison Hatfield Edge, and grandson Duncan (Jennifer) Hatfield and was predeceased by Melissa “Emma” Eklund.

She had great grandchildren including Rocco Gunn, Vienna and Antonio Monolo, Autumn (Logan) Ulm, Emily Edge, Forrest and Sadie “Claire”. And great-great grandchildren, Carson Edge, Reyna Ulm and Mayven Ulm. Her one thing in life was her family. Her second one thing was cooking. She brought it all together by always cooking for the entire family for every occasion.

Beyond her family she had a special fondness for animals, she loved her dogs

Misty, Mitsy, and Sonny and her children's dogs Simba and Coco. Her home was always filled with love and the laughter of everyone enjoying her amazing Italian cooking. Jenny is also survived by her sister Anna Basilico and predeceased by her sister Katherine MacDonald.

Jenny will be remembered for always being generous and inclusive to everyone she met. Along with her incredible smile, warm genuine heart, caring and loving nature, great sense of humor and a legacy of loving her children, their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren!

She brought joy to all who knew her. Her memory will live on in the hearts of her family and friends forever.

Funeral Wednesday Instate 9:30am at St. Lawrence Catholic Church 44633 Utica Rd. (S. of M-59 & West of Van Dyke) until time of Mass at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers donations are welcome to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories and stories of Jenny with her family at her "On Line GuestBook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com. These memories will be compiled for the family as a tribute to her enduring legacy.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Instate / Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Church
44633 Utica
Utica, MI 48314

Tribute Wall

FC

“ Dear Ann Marie,

I was deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. Please accept our heartfelt condolences. During this difficult time, please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

With sympathy and love,

Frank & Dana Caradonna

Frank Caradonna - June 14, 2024 at 12:19 PM

CP

“ Dear Ray, Janine and Annmarie, I was saddened to hear about your loss. So many fond memories to count of the time spend with your family. Wishing you comfort and remembering the kind spirit that was your Mom.

Cindy (Hirsch) Polisuk

C. Polisuk - June 12, 2024 at 08:43 AM

PF

“ Pete Hatfield, & The Hatfield family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Giovanna Coppola Gunn.



Pete Hatfield, & The Hatfield family - June 11, 2024 at 11:43 AM

DF

“ Dearest Janine. Ray and Annmarie,
Thank you for sharing all the sincere
comments from people your mom touched
during her lifetime. She was a gift from God to
us. A woman of many talents who was truly
blessed and grateful. Many times over coffee, she shared her love
for God, her children, family and friends. Rest in peace Jenny you
deserve it especially because you finally completed God's plan.
Please continue to keep all of us in prayer. Much love and prayers
for the time you'll be missed ,
Trine, Tim and Paul



DeMan family - June 10, 2024 at 07:44 PM

DS

“ David and Cheryl Scott purchased the Enchanted
Cottage for the family of Giovanna Coppola
Gunn.



David and Cheryl Scott - June 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

TF

“ The Patrick Sterling Family purchased the Countr
y Basket Blooms for the family of Giovanna
Coppola Gunn.



The Patrick Sterling Family - June 10, 2024 at 01:30 PM

HC

“ Like a second mom to me when Janine and I were in high school. So many great memories. I will always remember her infective laugh and beautiful smile. She will be greatly missed.

Heidi Cazal - June 10, 2024 at 01:19 PM

LW

“ I am so sorry. I never got to meet the mother of my very best friend. Not having met her. I know one thing about her... She had to have been a good mother to raise Janine, Ray, and Annmarie they are her successful legacy and a good one that honors her. . We will continue to hold this family in our hearts and prayers during this Difficult time. Saying goodbye is so hard, but the reunions are going to be so sweet in heaven..

linda and Doug Walker - June 10, 2024 at 06:48 AM

TJ

“ My sweet sweet Auntie Jenny. Loved her so and have known her all my life. I'm Blessed she was in my life. Jenny was my Moms best friend since they were in HS and even introduced my Dad to my Mom! They eventually became neighbors in Roseville. They stayed close for many years. My memories of vacations, parties, and family gatherings will be forever treasured. May she rest in peace and continue the wonderful friendship with my beautiful Mom in heaven. xo. Love and prayers to her family.

Tammy (DeBano) Joyce - June 09, 2024 at 10:49 PM

LM

“ I have known Jenny for many years. We lost track after we both married. We were just kids and I was always excited when we would go to visit her family. Years later we reconnected and it was as though we never missed a day. I loved her so much and it was reciprocal. She was sweet and generous and one of a kind. I shall always miss her. She was part of my family tree. Rest in Peace my Jennie 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

Lee Martines - June 09, 2024 at 06:36 PM

JK

I was so blessed to have such a wonderful lady Mrs. Gunn as our neighbor growing up on Susilane. She was always so kind ,sweet and loved trying her Italian cooking!!! My thoughts and prayers our with the family 🙏❤️🙏

judi kowal - June 09, 2024 at 09:04 PM

LK

“ Love to you all Anita , Mike and Katie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Giovanna Coppola Gunn.

Love to you all Anita , Mike and Katie - June 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Giovanna Coppola Gunn.



June 09, 2024 at 04:31 PM

AP

“ We came to visit , my grandparents just after Christmas maybe 1969 because Katie was a baby. We stayed at Aunt Jenny and uncle Bill house . We had a wonderful visit and loved the visit.

Anita Pierce - June 09, 2024 at 04:28 PM

TF

“ The DiCiuccio Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Giovanna Coppola Gunn.



The DiCiuccio Family - June 09, 2024 at 03:59 PM