



MaryAnn Rizzo

November 19, 1941 - September 1, 2023

RIZZO, MARYANN Age 81 September 1, 2023. Beloved wife of Erasmo. Loving mother of Lisa (Jim) VanRyckeghem, Rich (Lisa) Rizzo, & Denise (Andrew Wiegand) Rizzo. Proud grandmother of Michael (Alison Bickford) VanRyckeghem, Marisa (Alex) Kirk, Kaitlyn Rizzo, Aubrey Rizzo & Amelia Wiegand.

MaryAnn grew up in a four family flat in the city of Detroit. She always wanted a dog, but her parents got her a bird instead that she always let out of the cage when her parents weren't home. After graduating from Southeastern High School, she got a job monitoring stock trades at a bank in Detroit. She would take the bus to work and eat lunch in Hart Plaza when the weather was nice. She loved music and frequented places where Duke Ellington played. She met Erasmo Rizzo at a drive in restaurant one night and they exchanged phone numbers. MaryAnn was the first American girl to be a part of the Anna & Rocco Rizzo eight boy family. She would help Erasmo's younger brothers with book reports and welcome in all of their wives as they got married. As an only child, these women became a part of sisterhood that MaryAnn was always a part of.

She was a dedicated stay at home mom, that instilled her love of music in her kids by taking them to concerts: Earth, Wind and Fire, Barry Manilow, George Michael, Janet Jackson to name a few. She instilled dressing up in her kids,

there is never a bad reason to buy a new outfit. She also grew her sisterhood by bowling on leagues and trying new things, like exercise classes, golf leagues and poker clubs. As the most welcoming person, she easily added to her amazing group of friends and family, including lifelong friends through her children's activities.

When she became a grandma, she would take Michael, her first grandchild, to Lakeside and walk the mall with him. She loved to color alongside her grandkids and was very particular about who colored what. She also loved playing games with her grandkids, both board games and taught them about playing card games. She also made sure that everyone had the best coats for each occasion. She taught them about QVC and Dancing with the Stars and they taught her about Amazon, Instagram, FaceTime and Smart TVs. She always made sure each kid had their favorite foods ready and waiting. Her specialty was stuffed cabbage made in "MaryAnn's Kitchen." She was also an amazing doggie grandma, always saving food for them and make sure they were never left out.

Visitation Wednesday 3-9pm with 7:00pm Rosary at 7:30pm Sharing of Memories at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. (SHELBY TOWNSHIP). Funeral Thursday Instate 10:30am at SS. John & Paul Church 7777 28 Mile Rd. (WEST of Campground) until time of Mass at 11:00am. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Rosary

SEP 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Sharing of Memories

SEP 6. 7:30 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Instate / Funeral Mass

SEP 7. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

SS. John & Paul
7777 West 28 Mile
Washington, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of MaryAnn Rizzo*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - September 05, 2023 at 03:17 PM

MS

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Spada lit a candle in memory of MaryAnn Rizzo*



Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Spada - September 07, 2023 at 02:32 PM

MR

What a wonderful lady. May she rest in Peace.

Joseph & Caterina Spada

Mr. - September 07, 2023 at 02:34 PM

“ Today, we gather to remember and celebrate the life of our beloved sister-in-law, Maryann. Her passing leaves a void in our hearts, but her memory will live forever.

Maryann lived a life rich in kindness and generosity. She was not just a sister-in-law but a true sister in every sense of the word. From the moment she entered our home in Roseville, she brought a sense of joy and completeness that we will forever cherish.

One of Maryann's remarkable talents was her lightning fast typing. She tirelessly helped us with schoolwork, often typing essays with such speed and precision that it left us in awe. Her willingness to lend a hand was a testament to her caring nature.

Maryann had an extraordinary ability to see the good in everyone. Her kindness was boundless, and her love was unconditional.

When Maryann and Harry united in marriage, it was a day of profound joy. Celebrating their union, is a memory I will always hold dear. Their love was a beautiful example of partnership and devotion.

As a stay-at-home mother, Maryann poured her heart and soul into her family. She loved her children and grandchildren with a depth that knew no bounds. Her cooking abilities were unmatched, and her stuffed cabbage was a family favorite, a dish that brought comfort and love to every gathering.

The card games at Maryann and Harry's house were always an enjoyable occasion. It was a time of fun and laughter and, of course, her famous stuffed cabbage was always on the menu.

Maryann's legacy is one of love, warmth and generosity. Her spirit touched the lives of everyone she met. As we say our final goodbyes, let us remember the incredible person she was.

Rest in peace Maryann.

You will be dearly missed, but forever remembered in our hearts.

Guy Rizzo - September 07, 2023 at 08:35 AM

MP

“ *Michael P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MaryAnn Rizzo.*

Michael P. - September 06, 2023 at 02:56 PM

LK

“ *So sorry to hear of your mom's passing Lisa. May her memory remain in your heart and allow you some peace. Linda Kulas*

Linda Kulas - September 06, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



September 06, 2023 at 11:08 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



September 06, 2023 at 09:21 AM

PT

“ Paige and Ascanio Terracciano purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



Paige and Ascanio Terracciano - September 05, 2023 at 11:56 AM

JW

“ The first time I met MaryAnn, I was so nervous. Our lives are so different, but she was so warm and welcoming, I felt immediately at home. My son, Andrew Wiegand had the best Mother in law a guy could have as she always made everyone feel so special. We would enjoy many more special events with Mary Ann and Harry as Andrew and Denise became a beautiful family and brought the joy of all our lives, Amelia Anne. We will miss our dear Mary Ann as she was always the " life of the party" and brought joy to all. Our hearts are with the entire Rizzo Family at this sad time.
God Bless You All!
Love,
Mark and Jackie Wiegand

Jacqueline M Wiegand - September 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

LA

We always enjoyed Mary ann
She was always welcoming and I looked forward to visiting with her when we would visit Andrew and Denise. Her family was her world. Kind and loving to everyone always She is with Jesus and we will all meet again one day. Hold tight to precious memories

Lois Assmann - September 05, 2023 at 10:23 PM

AT

“ I had the privilege of knowing Aunt MaryAnn (not my biological aunt but close family friends) since I was about 10 and going to her house in Shelby there was a special place that we called Aunt MaryAnn's corner and there was always delicious food to be found and enjoyed by anyone who visited.

Paige and I will miss you and cherish the memories we had with you. God Bless you always.

Love Ascanio and Paige Terracciano

Ascanio Terracciano - September 05, 2023 at 11:41 AM

RR

"MaryAnn's Corner" was the best... all the leftovers from Holiday meals would end up there and we would enjoy it all throughout the day. Stuffed Cabbage, ham, pasta, breaded cauliflower and eggplant were always staples. Cherish those memories!

Rick Rizzo - September 06, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM



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

September 05, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 05, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 05, 2023 at 08:57 AM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 05, 2023 at 08:45 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 04, 2023 at 08:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



September 04, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



September 04, 2023 at 12:35 PM



“ *Joe & Shirley Salines (Boston, MA) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



Joe & Shirley Salines (Boston, MA) - September 04, 2023 at 08:20 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.*



September 03, 2023 at 06:15 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the album *MaryAnn Rizzo*



Laura Holland - September 03, 2023 at 06:00 PM

TA

I am so saddened to hear of the loss of a great person. Good friend MaryAnn. I've only known her for a short time and her obituary fit her personality and the kind of person she was. I will miss her at Imperial Villa. RIP my good friend MaryAnn.

Tina Annin - September 03, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *MaryAnn Rizzo*.



September 03, 2023 at 04:46 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *MaryAnn Rizzo*.



September 03, 2023 at 04:45 PM



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

September 03, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ My dear sweet cousin. I Love you. We had so many wonderful memories in that coal patch house in Pennsylvania. Coming home to pick up your mom after spending two weeks with her Dad, (grandpa) It was Labor day weekend and you and Harry would visit the mountains and history like fort Necessity and all the beautiful sites that the mountains had to offer. You love to visit the Pilgrimage at Mt Macina in Uniontown that honored the Lady of Perpetual Help. We packed so many people in that little four room house in Pennsylvania, but we did have a nice front porch and yard and many chair to have for everyone to sit. Those were such wonderful memories. Now you are reunited with all the family in heaven. Tell them all hello for me. Give my Mom and Dad (Uncle Augie and Aunt Frances) Kisses and Hug and tell them that I miss them. Watch over us all. Until we meet again my dear sweet cousin Mary Ann. You wings are Beautiful. LOVE YOU, Karen.

Karen Holland - September 03, 2023 at 03:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MaryAnn Rizzo.



September 03, 2023 at 01:25 PM