



Mary (Joanne) J. Languell

March 19, 1942 - October 3, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Mary Josephine (Joanne) Languell, announces her unexpected passing on Oct. 3, 2020 at her home in Richardson, TX.

Joanne will be lovingly remembered by her children; Mary Elizabeth (Gene) Pilkington, Chris (Ann), and Jon (Florenca). She will never be forgotten as Gramma Jo by her seven grandchildren; Gene Jr, Ross, and Brooklin, Christopher and Cole, and Nico and Maximo. Joanne was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Jimmy Dale Languell; her parents, Gurdon and Josephine Williams; and her beloved sister, Julie Williams Ward. Joanne also leaves behind remarkable friends whom she considered family.

Joanne was born on March 19, 1942 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She attended Dunbarton College of Holy Cross and graduated with a degree in Education from Southern Connecticut State University. After teaching for several years, Joanne stayed home to raise her three children. She later went on to be a consultant in educational sales. During retirement, Joanne volunteered as an usher at ATT Performing Arts Center in Dallas, a mentor with Reading Partners, Dallas ISD, and most recently, shared her time with Scottish Rite for Children Hospital in both, Dallas and Frisco, TX. Joanne was strong in her faith and a long time member of St. Mark the Evangelist in Plano, TX and later, St. Joseph Catholic Church in Richardson, TX. She enjoyed yoga, Jazzercise, and attending and hosting Sunday Night Supper Club. Joanne will always be remembered for her vivacious personality that couldn't be missed. She had no greater love than spending time with her grandchildren, children, and dear friends. Her family will treasure her unconditional love as well as every moment spent with her. Joanne was never afraid to join in and go down that slide at the playground with her grandchildren, dig in the sand at the beach, or play board games for hours with them. She supported them at sporting events and activities, and beamed with pride when she spoke of her grandchildren's accomplishments. It is an understatement to say that Joanne will be deeply missed. May we all try to live with a little more spirit in her honor.

The funeral mass will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 7th at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church (3990 W University Drive Prosper, Tx 75078).

A burial service will also be held at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery at a later date

due to current conditions. Her family hopes to plan a Celebration of Life for Joanne at that time as well.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at <http://www.jdrf.org>

Comments



“ There are so many wonderful memories of Joanne, I don't know where to begin. We had met through friends about 17 years ago and I liked her very much, the moment I met her. Her sweet smile, her wonderful laugh and her joy for life still make me smile. Joanne and I had traveled to Florida and New Jersey and New York last year, and I couldn't have asked for a more fun travel companion. Every day was an adventure. Joanne was so beloved by so many, especially everyone in our Sunday Night Group. She lit up the room.

Instead of focusing on the devastation of her loss, I will try to focus on the memories of the joy she brought to everyone. She lived and loved fully and she was loved in return.

Her beautiful family and her dear friends meant the world to her. My prayers are with each one of you and I know that Joanne is dancing with the Angels in Heaven.

Jackie Ritter - October 24, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words about Mom!

Mary Pilkington - October 31, 2020 at 09:20 AM



“ Joanne was always an inspiration to me, as we jazzercised together for many years. She always had a great smile and so much zest for life. She will be greatly missed in the Holford Gym by her Jazzercise family.

Vicky Forehand

Vicky Forehand - October 16, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ We have fond memories of Joanne (and Jim) back in our Richardson days when our sons were on the Berkner High School swim team together as well as in the City of Richardson swim team. We also participated in Booster Club events with them....memorable times.

We moved from Richardson in 1998 and lost touch with a Joanne but our sons have remained good friends all these years.

All the Languell family are in our prayer...

Sarah and Bill McCall

Sarah and Bill McCall - October 12, 2020 at 04:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear this ; I lost touch the last few years but have fond memories of Joanne and Jim from the “old days”. She was a terrific person, lots of fun and very kind. Blessings to her children.

Linda Teeple Fairchild - October 26, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ My memories of Joanne are her big smile, her friendliness, and her being so full of life and energy. I feel blessed to have known her and to have shared two sweet grandsons with her. Mary, Chris, John and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.

Martha Long - October 11, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Joanne was a very close and dear dear friend. She spent many many hours with us also traveled with us. Our children and grandchildren also had the privilege of knowing and enjoying spending time with her. Joanne you have left a huge hole in our lives. We love you and pray for you. Jackie and Bob McGrath

Jackie McGrath - October 10, 2020 at 05:47 PM