



Joan (Wipper) Ferraro

January 4, 1939 - March 7, 2026

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Joan Ferraro, known to all who loved her as Nanny Joan, passed peacefully at home on March 7, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of kindness, creativity, and quiet generosity. Born on January 4, 1939, in Queens, New York, to Joseph and Louise Wipper, she touched the lives of all who knew her.

A devoted homemaker, mother, and friend with a deeply artistic spirit, Joan found joy in her garden and in bringing beauty to everyday life. She cherished her time in Florida with loved ones and, above all, treasured the people around her - always ready to help, always giving freely of herself.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dominick Ferraro; her parents, Joseph and Louise Wipper; and her sister, Norma Ponko. She is lovingly survived by her daughters, Christine Yates and Julie Setera (Paul); her granddaughter, Courtney Thomas (Jeff); her step-grandson, Paul C. Setera; and her great-granddaughter, Mia Thomas.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to all of Joan's devoted caregivers and to the compassionate team at Hudson Valley Hospice, whose kindness and care brought comfort and peace in her final days.

She will be missed beyond measure.

A Funeral Service will be held 7:30 pm, Wednesday, March 9, 2026, at Buono Funeral Service, Inc, Main Street, Saugerties. Friends may call from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on Wednesday at Buono Funeral Service. Please offer your condolences for Joan and her family online at www.BuonoFuneralService.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Buono Funeral Service, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ My condolences to all the ❤️ hearts ❤️ you touched 🌸

Monika Stade - March 10 at 03:13 PM

ML

“ Mark, Sue, Lauren and Liam purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joan (Wipper) Ferraro.



Mark, Sue, Lauren and Liam - March 10 at 01:32 PM

EF

“ Elaine Ferraro lit a candle in memory of Joan (Wipper) Ferraro



Elaine Ferraro - March 10 at 12:06 PM

EF

AJ as we called her, was a loving, caring and fun loving person who thought only of others and never herself. She thought she wasn't important but everyone else was. We tried to encourage her to let her know how terribly important she was to all of us who knew and loved her. We hope she knew how much we loved her, now and forever. We will miss you AJ. I love you, Elaine

Elaine Ferraro - March 10 at 12:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan (Wipper) Ferraro.*



March 10 at 11:53 AM



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

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joan (Wipper) Ferraro.*



March 10 at 11:49 AM



“ *Joan was a great neighbor and a wonderfully warm person. Though her earthly journey has come to an end her life and spirit will live on in our memories. Her family is in our thoughts and prayers. Godspeed.*

Thomas Clapper - March 10 at 05:20 AM

KW

“ Dear Chris and Julie,
My beloved “Aunt Joan” will be missed. She acted as my second mom and as I put her through the paces, we laughed, cried, felt joy, sadness and love. She proceeded to love my husband and our doggies with the same kindness. Forever grateful she was in our lives we hope your broken hearts heal soon.
~Love you, Kellie and Greg Walsh

Kellie Walsh - March 09 at 09:36 PM