



JoAnn D. Gerace

November 14, 1935 - August 29, 2025

JoAnn DeBlasi Gerace, 89, longtime resident of Stamford, CT, peacefully entered into eternal rest on August 29, 2025. JoAnn was born on November 14, 1935, in San Mango sul Calore, Italy, to the late Salvatore and Grazia Maria DeBlasi. She immigrated to the United States via Ellis Island in 1951, and settled in Stamford, CT. She proudly devoted her heart and soul to her family, especially when making lasagna, chicken cutlets and her famous cookies. JoAnn loved story-telling to her grandchildren, playing cards, the beach, and sharing memories about her childhood in Italy and how her family endured World War II.

JoAnn is survived by her children, Catherine Dodick (Victor), Grace Baptist, Michael Gerace (Darlene), Joseph Gerace (Rebekah), her grandchildren, David, Robert (Lian), Michael (Emma), Matthew, Jessica, Anthony Joseph and Chloe, and her great-granddaughter, Isabella JoAnn and Tweetie Bird. She is also survived by her sister, Elena Boccuzzi and many nieces and nephews. She is pre-deceased by her former husband, Joseph Gerace, and her brothers, Duilio DeBlasi and Joseph DeBlasi.

The family would like to thank Waveny Visiting Nurse & Hospice and Fairfield County House for their caring and support.

Family and friends may call at Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation, 453

Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT on Friday, September 5th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at St. Mary Church, 566 Elm Street, Stamford, CT at 11:00 am. Burial will be at Spring Grove Cemetery, 41 Hecker Avenue, Darien, CT.

If you wish to make a remembrance for the family, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Spring Grove Cemetery

41 Hecker Avenue
Darien, CT 06820

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Church (Stamford)
566 Elm Street
Stamford, CT 06902

Tribute Wall

IM

“ Dear Joey and Becky,
My Deepest and Sincerest Condolences on
the passing of your Beloved Mother.
May she rest Peacefully in Our Lords arms.
She has received the gift we have all been
promised. She has been reunited with all her Loved ones who have
gone before her and looked upon the face of God. Imagine her Joy.
Again, my condolences. Imperia Guarino



imperia - September 04, 2025 at 03:59 PM

CM

“ Dear Grace,

I'm so sorry to hear that your Mom has
passed away. It's so hard to lose your Mom;
there is no one else in the world like your
mother. I am thinking of you, and sending prayers and love to you
and your family.



With Sympathy,
Cheryl (Sanchioni) Massicotte

Cheryl (Sanchioni) Massicotte - September 03, 2025 at 10:41 AM

RP

“ My memory is a fun and carefree one. Like her daughter Cathy she
looked for the joy in life.
The ocean was one of her joys and I remember her swimming in the
ocean at the Isle of Palms so many years ago. I remember thinking
the water was too cold for me but perfect for her!

Rosemary Pavlisko - September 03, 2025 at 09:40 AM

JT

“ I feel so privileged to have been able to have that delicious peach tea with your dear mom a couple of weeks ago. I Loved hearing about her earlier days raising her kids in Stamford and the jobs she had. Your mom loved hearing stories of our days at Sacred Heart Academy. She was so excited to be able to see Cathy’s sons after the wedding. I am so happy she got to enjoy my potatoes harvested from my vegetable garden along with fresh chives and rose mom is and was a treasure— a real natural mom with a great heart. I feel so fortunate to have had this recent visit. God bless her soul in Heaven My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this hard time. Love
Joan Thorne

Joan Thorne - September 02, 2025 at 04:35 PM