



Joanne Silbermann

November 30, 1966 - March 10, 2022

Joanne Silbermann, a longtime resident of Lorton, Virginia, passed away peacefully with her husband, children, and sister by her side on Thursday March 10, 2022 at the age of 55 from colon cancer. She was born on November 30, 1966 in Scranton, Pennsylvania to Grace Luciani and Joseph Bonifanti.

Joanne is survived by her loving husband of 28 years, James Silbermann, and her cherished children Matthew and Katie. Joanne is also survived by her sister, Maria Paone, and her parents.

Joanne attended Bucknell University obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1989. Joanne worked her entire career as a patent examiner at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A dedicated wife, mother and volunteer - she touched so many lives.

Some of her greatest loves were spending time with her husband, children, friends, and her beloved cats. She loved music, especially getting out to see live concerts—of which she attended many. As a mechanical engineer she had a special connection to cars and loved to drive. She was a great baker and also took pride in her garden, growing everything from tomatoes and zucchini (for the flowers) to the accidental watermelon. Her fall Sundays wouldn't be complete without seeing her Steelers play on television. She also found peace in quieter activities like doing the crossword puzzle or reading books on a wide variety of topics. She will be deeply missed, but her presence will remain with us all. A Memorial Gathering will be held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 3:00-7:00pm. The family wants to encourage everyone to stay safe and is requesting that everyone wear a mask at the gathering, regardless of vaccination status, to protect Joanne's friends from her cancer support group.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Life With Cancer – www.lifewithcancer.org

Previous Events

Gathering

MAR 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel

5755 Castlewellan Drive

Alexandria, VA 22315

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joanne Silbermann*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

FT

“ *RIP Joanne.*



Frank Titus - July 02, 2022 at 10:48 AM

JC

“ *I was her guitar teacher. Probably one of the happiest people I ever taught.*

Jody Chalk - July 01, 2022 at 03:41 PM

JO

“ *Grace, Joe, Maria,*

So sorry about the loss of Joanne. I have nothing but positive memories of her. My heart is filled with sadness for the loss of your daughter and sister. May your memories of her help you through this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Jerry Ostir

Jerry Ostir - March 23, 2022 at 06:43 PM

KO

“ *I played volleyball with Joanne when we were single and working at the PTO. She was an amazing setter with very quick hands. I had so much fun playing on the same teams with her. Her soft laugh and those big smiling eyes are so memorable to me. We both stayed at the PTO throughout the years and also got busy with our lives as wife and mother. In the past years, coincidentally we were placed in the same art unit and reconnected. Even though brief, I am so so grateful for that. I will miss you...until we meet my dear friend.*

Korie Chan

Korie - March 21, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ I met Joanne in college and she was an instant friend. Smart fun occasionally mischievous always optimistic and outgoing. I remember many weeks at Deep Creek Lake (thanks to the generous Nill and Barowich families). A loving wife, mother and a fighter..We all grew up but we did not grow apart. And that memory will stay with me for a long time. We will miss you.



Kurt Lehmann - March 19, 2022 at 06:25 PM

LM

“ Joanne was such a loving and helpful person. When I became her SPE she was so willing to help train the new examiners that I had to hire into her subject matter area. She helped me learn that art as well since I had no background in signs and displays. I will always remember sitting in the comfy green armchair she had in her office and chatting about life in general as well as work. Numerous discussions occurred in that setting and included several others that were drawn to her: Kristina, Tashiana, Cassandra.

Lesley Morris

Lesley Morris - March 19, 2022 at 10:58 AM

KJ

“ Joanne was the best mentor I could have ever asked for. She was always there to help, to answer a question, to just sit and chat. I have such fond memories of mornings in her office with her and Cassandra and Lesley and Tashiana. My heart goes out to her family and friends, she will be missed.

Kristina Junge - March 17, 2022 at 10:53 AM

KE

“ Joanne was always so sweet and happy. Keeping all of her family in my thoughts and prayers 🙏

Kelli - March 17, 2022 at 08:52 AM

PB

“ I have very fond memories of going to concerts with Joanne, and hanging out at applebees before bowling. She will truly be missed. My thoughts are with you and your family.

Phil Bonzell

Philip Bonzell - March 15, 2022 at 09:47 AM

SC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family.

Sue and Jose Chen - March 15, 2022 at 06:06 AM

BR

“ Our heartfelt sorrows go out to a very special sister, Maria who spent hours and days caring for Joanne and her family. You clearly made their lives a bit easier. We are so sorry for your loss.

Bob and Pam

Bob and Pam (Nystrand) Russell - March 14, 2022 at 07:17 PM

BR

“ We don't have the words that explain how deeply we feel and the sorrow that hurts Jim, Katie, Mathew, Grandparents Grace, Joe and Lucrezia It's unlikely anyone could prepare for the loss of a young wife, mother and daughter. Our love and prayers go to family and friends and those who have passed, specifically her grandparents Joe and Bell.

Bob and Pam Russell

Bob and Pam (Nystrand) Russell - March 14, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Our sincerest and deepest condolences to all who loved her. It's been decades since I've seen Joanne. We lift all of you up in prayers to our most gracious Lord.

Jen Landis-Giannone - March 14, 2022 at 12:53 PM