



Josephine Bonasera

October 12, 2021

Josephine Bonasera at the age of 90 passed away peacefully on 10/12/2021 at SECU Hospice House of Johnston Health in Smithfield, NC.

Josephine was born on 8/11/1931 in New York, NY to Charles and Katherine Friscia. She grew up as a tomboy, loving baseball and the Yankees. She recently told her son Joseph that she would cut school if there was a baseball game to play. She had the thrill of her life when as a young woman she went to a dance and got to dance with Whitey Ford! The Yankees ace pitcher! Quite exciting!

Josie, as she was known was married to Joseph Bonasera until his passing in 2006. They together raised 3 children on Long Island, NY in the town of Deer Park. There she'd spend many days taking her children fishing and to the beach. She was also into local politics and even became a republican comity woman for the town of Babylon for over 30 years. To fill her love of baseball she coached a softball team named the Dahlias for many years and enjoyed coaching immensely. She also worked at the middle school cafeteria while her children grew up. All the kids loved "Mrs. B"! She loved her family and friends dearly and spent most weekends playing cards with their closest group of friends. They also enjoyed rolling back the carpets and dancing the night away! Josie and Joe were amazing at dancing the Lindy!

Josie was an amazing cook and shinned during the holidays, family and friend gatherings. Not one person left the house feeling hungry for days. She loved feeding people and entertaining and was so happy and proud that her meals were enjoyed.

Josie was one of those people who made friends with everyone she met. She had made friends from New York to Florida, California to Colorado and even the few short years here in North Carolina. No matter where she went, she would run into someone who she knew her and loved her.

Josie was survived by her 3 children, Joseph Bonasera, Charles Bonasera and Vincenette Bonasera, Charles wife Patricia Bonasera, her brother Anthony Friscia, her 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. We all love her and will miss her more than words can express!

A service will be held via Zoom on October 30th, 5:00 EST

Instead of Flowers, please donate to the Hospice facility that treated our mom with the

grace, dignity and loving compassion in her last days, she so well deserved:

Johnston Health Foundation (if by check designate to Hospice on the For line of the check, if by phone please tell them Hospice). This foundation will provide help to families who do not have the means and need assistance.

Or

Hospice Volunteer Fund- Check only. This provides funding for food, drink and comfort to the families that are utilizing the facility to be with their loved ones 24 hours a day.

Mailing:

426 Hospital Road, Smithfield, NC 27577 Credit card:

Call Johnston Health Foundation @ 919-938-7348

**The Virtual Memorial Service link to join in has been provided for the 5 PM Memorial Service on Saturday, October 30, 2021. On your phone, tablet, iPad, Laptop or Computer the Zoom app needs to be downloaded. **

The Zoom information is provided below:

Meeting ID: 829 5432 9803

Passcode: 9199310430

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 05:00PM - 05:30PM

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Lori's Funeral Home & Cremation Services - Smithfield Selma
711 S. Raiford Street, Smithfield Selma, NC, US, 27576

Comments



“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful Mom. We were able to talk on the phone a few months ago and it was so good to reminisce about all the fun things we did when we were neighbors. She would call and say, "you want to take a ride"? She and I put my dog, Tyler in the golf cart and ride all over Herons Glen. She loved that dog a lot! She spoke of your Dad lovingly and frequently. It was always "My Joe". Now they can spend Eternity together. To quote St. Francis of Assisi, "In dying we are born to Eternal Life". My condolences to the entire Bonasera family.

With Love,
Carole Horne

Carole Horne - October 29, 2021 at 12:36 PM



“ Thank you Carole. She loved you and the dog. Thank you for being such a good friend to her

Vincenette - November 02, 2021 at 12:50 PM



“ Josie was a loving, beautiful woman who always had a smile and a story to share. We were all sad to see her leave Heron's Glen but she was anxious to be with her beautiful family. We shared many laughs at the HG bingo games. My deepest sympathy on the loss of your Mom.
Kathy and Sharon Brown

Kathleen Brown - October 27, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words

Vincenette - October 28, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of this beautiful lady. All her friends in Herons Glen are mourning her loss. She was truly a dear and caring woman. Gayle Kloosterman

Gayle Kloosterman - October 27, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank you! She was missing you all in these past 4 years.

Vincenette - October 28, 2021 at 12:08 PM



“ Mrs. B had a very welcoming and loving personality. Her laugh could light up a room. I remember several holidays back in the day at the Bonasera home. Lots of food, family, laughs and love. She sure was an incredible cook and quite proud of it. I have very fond memories of those Deer Park days! I sure wish we could all celebrate toget just one more time! BTW.... you made the best Cacciatore! RIP Mama B. Till we all meet again

Barbara Doyle Motta - October 26, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ Thank you so much Barbara. I miss those days too!!!

Vincenette - October 28, 2021 at 12:09 PM