



## Josephine Scipione Gimondo

October 3, 1930 - July 23, 2024

ALBANY, NY – Josephine Scipione Gimondo, 93, entered into eternal life on Tuesday, July 23rd at Albany Medical Center. Born in Albany, she was the second daughter born to John and Philomena (Berghella) Memmo. Josephine graduated from Philip Schuyler High School in 1950.

In September of 1950, Josephine married her first husband, Joseph Scipione. Their loving relationship produced two beautiful daughters, Jo-Ann and Judith. Both daughters, at some point, worked at their father's stores in Albany, the Grand Cash Markets. Tragically, her first husband died in 1970 while on a family vacation in the Bahamas. Josephine was only 39, she calmly and bravely navigated the hurdles of assuring she and her daughters returned home safely.

Josie, as she was often called by family and friends, lived for many years on Summit Ave in Albany and attended St. James Church (now St. Francis of Assisi). She later became a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Church (now Mater Christi).

After the passing of her first husband, Josie met James Gimondo in 1973. They married in 1976. Josie and Jim enjoyed 47 years of happiness before his passing in 2023. Josephine often said that she was truly blessed to have had two wonderful husbands in her lifetime.

In her younger days, Josie enjoyed bowling. She bowled weekly at the Playdium for many years and once bowled a 609 triple of which she was very proud. Josie belonged to the Pat Aiezza Women's Auxiliary and later the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society (WAIBS) Women's Auxiliary. She and Jim enjoyed playing bocce and attending many parties and functions at "The Club" over the years.

Josie and Jim's house was the family hub. A beehive of activity with the comings and goings of children, grandchildren, friends, and other relatives. The most popular event was "Pizza Night at Gimondo's" every Friday night. You never knew who might come walking thru the door. Other great times at Josephine's were Halloween (the grave yard), Christmas Eve (7 fishes), Christmas breakfast, Yankees Opening Day cookout (she loved Jorge Posada), everyone's birthday dinners, playing cards (UNO), and Scrabble.

Josephine was predeceased by her first husband Joseph Scipione, her second husband James Gimondo, and by her sister Rose Maddalla.

She is survived by her beloved daughters, Jo-Ann Strube and her husband, Ken; and Judith Smaldone and her husband, Phil; and her sister, Gloria Pacella. She will be forever missed by her grandchildren, Josey Lawson and her husband, Ryan; Joseph Strube and his wife, Ashley; Franklin Strube and his partner, Cristina; and Samantha Smaldone and her boyfriend, Mitch; and four loving great-grandchildren, Beatrice Lawson, Freya Shepherd-Strube, Everett Strube, and Leo Lawson.

The family would like to thank Dr. Carmen Giuliano for his dedication and care of Josephine over the years.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Josephine's family on Tuesday,

July 30th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Her funeral service will follow at 1:00 p.m. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember Josephine in a special way may send a contribution to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, #2 Pine West Plaza, #202, Albany NY 12205.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 30. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com  
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## Service

JUL 30. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JB

“ Josephine was a lovely neighbor and will be greatly missed. We will recall many happy times chatting and talking about our kids then a few years later, our grandkids. And The Haunted yard was an event we looked forward to every Halloween.

*The Bouchard Family*

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**Joyce Bouchard** - August 14, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SG

“ Jo-Ann and family- I would like to express my deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. She was such a beautiful woman and, her and Jimmy shared that quality. They were the nicest people in the world.

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**Sal Gimondo** - August 05, 2024 at 11:59 AM

KD

“ Dear Jo-Ann- I was so sorry to read of your mom's passing. I remember her as such a beautiful woman who was full of life! I will be keeping you and your family in my prayers.

*Kimberly Denton*

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**Kimberly Denton** - July 30, 2024 at 07:29 AM

KL

“ *Jo-Ann and Judy and families,  
Adrian and I send our deepest condolences for the loss of your  
mom. She was a beautiful person, an angel. I have fond memories  
of her at your many parties and family get togethers on Summit Ave  
and when you lived on Irving St. Sorry we are not able to be there in  
person with you at this time, but You are in our thoughts and  
prayers.  
Love, Kristin and Adrian*

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**Kristin and Adrian Land** - July 29, 2024 at 05:46 PM

MD

“ *Dear Jo-Ann and Judy, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a  
lovely lady. Mary Ellen (Nicolla) Dassatti*

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**Mary Ellen Dassatti** - July 29, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
Josephine Scipione Gimondo.*



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July 29, 2024 at 11:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Josephine Scipione Gimondo.*



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July 26, 2024 at 11:05 PM

DC

“ Many people come and go through out our life, but there is always one that is significant. Besides my mother and family, that person is my godmother (My Gomad). She did for my mother and me what not many people would have done. She treated my mother like a sister and me like a son. You couldn't have had a more loyal friend, confidant, or a better person to lean on. When times were dark, she never stepped back. She gave us encouragement and the support we needed without any hesitation. She was just a special person. During good times or bad. But most were great memories. Though she could be tough at times. It was only to benefit someone she cared about. I was the recipient of that love a couple of times. Especially the time I asked her to make me oatmeal. It took me probably 2 hours to eat and she made sure I ENJOYED every last ounce. I still hate oatmeal. It's funny how an impromptu conversation on a stairwell can turn into a wonderful relationship. A friendship that most people couldn't imagine, nor understand. But, it just worked. It truly was special. “Thank you, Gomad for being such an amazing friend to my mother and me. You'll always be a huge part of my thoughts”. Because it happens to be Friday, you and her are probably up there bickering about what to put on The Pizza. Hopefully singing. ‘Happy days are here again’! With Much Love and Admiration You'll be missed Your Godson, Donny

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Donny Cirillo - July 26, 2024 at 05:25 PM

JM

“ *Judy, Gloria and Family:  
Josie was my buddy at Bocce and I thought  
the world of her and Jimmy. She was a kind,  
loving and caring lady and I am going to miss  
her. No one knows what you and your family  
are going through at this difficult time. Hope there is comfort in  
knowing others share your sadness and care about you. It is with  
heartfelt sympathy, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Joyce  
Micare*



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**Joyce Micare** - July 26, 2024 at 01:40 PM

JM

“ *Joey topino & rita muniz purchased the Sweet Te  
nderness for the family of Josephine Scipione  
Gimondo.*



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**Joey topino & rita muniz** - July 26, 2024 at 09:57 AM