



Joyce E. Casella

January 15, 1930 - March 25, 2023

Schenectady, NY-Joyce Elaine Casella, age 93, of Schenectady, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on March 25, 2023.

Joyce was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, the daughter of the late Marinus and Jessie Thomas Krom. Her humorous stories of growing up during the depression in a family of eleven children will always be remembered and cherished.

She was an amazing homemaker, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who found joy in being surrounded by those she loved the most, hosting holiday and birthday gatherings, which included her famous meatballs, playing LRC games to early morning hours, and listening to CD's and dancing in the kitchen. Her strength, spirit, and love were an inspiration to her family and friends. Her energy and enthusiasm for life was amazing, reminding her family "to always keep moving," the secret to her longevity. She enjoyed trips to Atlantic City with her late husband, Ernest, vacationing with her family in Las Vegas, taking bus trips and vacations with her daughters, son-in-law, Joe, and life-long friend, Mary Cole, and spending summers at her daughter's camp. In more recent years, she found enjoyment in her many trips to Newport with her family sailing, sightseeing, antiquing, and always ready for new "first-time" adventures, even into her eighties and nineties.

Joyce is predeceased by her loving husband of 52 years, Ernesto Concetta Casella; sisters Jane, June, Judy, and Jill; brothers Rene, Calvin, Peter, David and Rocky.

She is survived by her beloved daughters, Rosanne Nastke (Joseph) of Valatie, Susan Thorpe (Robert) of Averill Park, Joanne Garrison (Paul LaMalfa) of Schenectady, and Diane Casella of Albany. She is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who always kept her young at heart, Jason Nastke (Dennis Brown) of Valatie, Christopher Nastke of Valatie, Jade Casella of Rensselaer, and Sage VandeBogart of Albany, and great-grandchildren, Jivonte Banks and Remington Nastke; sister Jacquelyn Aragona (Joseph) of Scotia; and sister-in-laws, Kathy, Marie and Mary Jane Krom. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Joyce created a beautiful family filled with much love and laughter. She was our matriarch and inspiration and now she is our angel. She will be forever loved and remembered.

The family would like to thank Home Medical Associates and The Community Hospice for their compassion, care and support.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joyce's family Wednesday, April 12, 2023 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only. Joyce's funeral service will follow at 1:00 pm.

Interment will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the funeral service.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.co

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Community Hospice Foundation, 310 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, New York 12208.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 12. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ Michele Ann Ricchiuti lit a candle in memory of Joyce E. Casella



Michele Ann Ricchiuti - August 06, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ Joyce E. Casella

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

TR

“ We are very sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a lovely lady who was always cheerful and full of life. We will keep all of you in our prayers.

Teresa & Regan - April 09, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Joyce E. Casella.



April 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM

SB

“ I'll always remember our chats in the swing at camp and funny stories around the campfires. Loved our iced coffees in the cool shade under the trees on those hot days too. I'm sure you're heavenly family have welcomed you with open arms. Say hi to my Larry for me.

Sandy Bloomer - April 02, 2023 at 04:18 PM

FW

“ Rosanne, so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was a sweetheart. Frank & Judy Wood

Frank Wood - April 02, 2023 at 09:54 AM