



Jean E. Rizzuti

September 21, 1927 - December 12, 2022

Jean Elizabeth Rizzuti, 95, passed away on December 11, 2022. She was born September 21, 1927, in Queens, New York to the late Anthony Petrone, Sr. and Jenny (Cicccone) Petrone.

A true beauty, Jean came to Sarasota in 1973. She loved the Lord and was a devout member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church on Siesta Key. Jean was a phenomenally talented artist, dancer, violinist, and acrobat. In her late teens, she was chosen to dance with the legendary Rocketts but never went on the road with them due to her father's insistence that she pursue a trade outside of the arts. She remained creative and attended Marinello College of Cosmetology, and eventually became one of the top hairstylists and colorists in New York City. In her later years, Jean loved to tap dance and swim. Above all, she loved to be with her family.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters Jeanne Sabari and her husband Manuel; and Nancy Miller; sisters Rose Marie Perry; and Gloria Rampolla and her husband Jasper; grandchildren Tiffany Sabari; Adam Sabari and his wife Erin; Sydney Miller and her fiancé Kurt Hildebrandt; and great-granddaughter Gracie Sabari.

In addition to her parents, Jean was predeceased by her husband Joseph Rizzuti; sister Virginia; and brothers Joseph and Anthony Jr.

The interment will be on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 2:30 pm at Sarasota Memorial Park, 5833 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34231.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jean's honor to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Memories and condolences may be left for the family at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota Memorial Park

5833 S. Tamiami Trail
Sarasota, FL 34231

Previous Events

Graveside

DEC 19. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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Ronald G. Perry II - December 20, 2022 at 09:46 AM



...feeling so blessed to be a legacy of this love and this family.

- Ronald

Ronald G. Perry II - December 20, 2022 at 11:19 AM

RI

“ *More than all the phone calls, cards and gifts Auntie Jean sent every year, I was most grateful when she traveled 6 thousand miles for my high school graduation from Florida to Honolulu in 1987.*

In person with a big hug, kiss, a huge lei, maybe even a smack for good luck at my graduation went 6 million miles in my world, and to this day.

She was there for me. She was there for my Mother, Jennifer and Malia always.

She was our Matriarch.

Amongst our many memories,

Mahalo Nui Loa, Aloha Ka Kou Auntie Jean,

(Little) Ronald.

Ronald G. Perry II - December 20, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JE

“ Sending Deepest Condolences, with Prayers + Love to Jeanne, Nancy & all the family, from all my family!
Remembering you Dear Auntie Jean & the visits to FL... Our last, just before Christmas, too many years ago! I loved hearing you laugh & seeing you light-up, over the little "Dancing" Christmas Tree!
What a great laugh you had!! What an Amazing, strong, & talented woman! I always loved your story of making the ranks of the Radio City Rockettes!! Such an inspiration! Even if you didn't pursue it-- You Made It!! While most of the family are music makers-- You were a dancer at heart! (Plus, the 1st of the great Italian cooks, in your generation!)...Always felt a bond over our Love for Dance! Recently got back to it, to add more joy to life- So felt it was only suiting to go to class last week. Felt your presence so strongly & could almost hear you rejoicing- " I Can Dance Again!!!... Free at Last, Lord Almighty- I am Free at Last!!"
I could just imagine you "having a ball" right alongside me in that Ballroom, with all the fam. who went before you!
Enjoy lighting up the grand stage in the sky!
Love You Always- Jennie xo

Jennie - December 19, 2022 at 07:01 PM

JP

“ My deepest sympathy to all my beautiful, loving, kind, caring cousins for the loss of my beautiful, strong, courageous, fun, talented, inspiring, dear Aunt Jean, a shining light in all our lives.

Jennifer Perry - December 19, 2022 at 01:10 AM

JP

“ Jennifer Perry lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Rizzuti



Jennifer Perry - December 19, 2022 at 12:49 AM

RP

“ Rosemarie Perry lit a candle in memory of Jean E. Rizzuti



Rosemarie Perry - December 19, 2022 at 12:48 AM

RP

“ Family celebrations! Dancing-cooking-swimming, with white, buckled, rubber bathing caps-laughing-crying-teaching-learning-playing violin- growing-praying-inspiring-first born sibling- my sister-my friend-my beloved beautiful Jean. Jesus called you home saying, " Welcome Jean, to the Grandest Ballroom. La festa non c'e finuta! May I have the first dance!" God Bless! ~ your li'l sis!

Rosemarie Perry - December 19, 2022 at 12:47 AM

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Rosemarie - December 18, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean E. Rizzuti.* ”



December 16, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Ron - December 15, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Rampolla's - December 15, 2022 at 01:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean E. Rizzuti.* ”



December 15, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ Anything for You was purchased for the family of Jean E. Rizzuti.



December 14, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Jean E. Rizzuti.



December 14, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ Sydney & Kurt purchased the Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray for the family of Jean E. Rizzuti.



Sydney & Kurt - December 14, 2022 at 11:33 AM