

Joanna Gertrude Keneally

July 12, 1933 - May 29, 2022

Joanna Gertrude Keneally, age 88 of Lake Mary, Florida, passed away on May 29, 2022. Joanna was born on July 12, 1933, in New York, New York; the daughter of Giovanni Monteverde and Isabella Bertoli.

Joanna was raised in North Arlington, New Jersey where she met her husband Bill, at Our Lady Queen of Peace High School. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Farleigh Dickinson University in 1955. During her college years, she was an inter-collegiate fencing champion earning her a chance to go to the Olympics. Joanna chose her wedding plans over her Olympic chances and married Bill on July 30, 1955.

The newlyweds moved to Dayton Ohio, where Bill was stationed at Wright Patterson Airforce Base. It was there they had their first child, Kathy. Joanna called these years in Ohio the best in her life. Eventually, they moved to Carle Place, on Long Island, where their second daughter, Theresa, was born. Joanna would live in that house for 60 years.

Joanna had a 35-year career in teaching, primarily in Hicksville, NY. She earned her Master's Degree from Hofstra University. Joanna retired from teaching in 1989, and then went on to become an ordained minister. She served as the minister at Unity Church of Christianity in Valley Stream until she retired in 2019.

Joanna spent the last three years in Florida with her daughter, Theresa, and her grandchildren, Billy and Katie.

Joanna was preceded in death by her husband William Keneally (d. 1985) and her parents; and is survived by her daughters Theresa Palmisano and Kathryn (Tom Marshall) Keneally and grandchildren William Palmisano and Caterina Palmisano.

The family of Joanna Gertrude Keneally invites you to leave a message of condolence on the Tribute Wall created in her memory.

Tribute Wall

GH

“ Dear family,
We knew your wonderful Mom for many years thru Shaklee. She was a gentle soul and greatly love by our family. She would visit and share her stories. Miss seeing and visiting with her when she moved to Florida.
Grace Hatton and family.

Grace Hatton - August 10, 2022 at 09:00 PM

VM

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Vivien Mott - June 27, 2022 at 02:31 PM

VM

“ Rev Joanna,

Was an irrepressible spirit. She was a compassionate spiritual leader with an uncanny sense of humor and mischievously fun nature. I truly enjoyed learning from her and working with her on the board of directors. I've missed her since you moved to Florida from NY. Heaven has become even brighter now that Rev is there!!

Vivien Mott - June 27, 2022 at 02:29 PM

AL

“ I went to Unity Valley Stream for the first time with a friend for Maundy Thursday in April of 2007. Rev Joanna's calm, flowing voice was felt and thus began my journey to Unity. May your beautiful spirit live on in all of us. Love and light to your family and the Unity Valley Stream family. -Akwete M Letlow

Akwete M Letlow - June 09, 2022 at 01:12 AM

SW

“ Your lessons have always stayed with me you shared so very much of all aspects of metaphysics you and they will be with me forever Still remember our weekend away with Ram Das upstate and our warm sharing's of our families.
Always your student and friend.
Sonya

Sonya Weinstein - June 06, 2022 at 12:21 PM

PS

“ Rev. Joanna was highly admired and respected here at Unity Valley Stream. Please accept our deepest sympathies.

She will be missed.

Paulette & Tori Samuels

Paulette Samuels - June 03, 2022 at 03:48 PM

CL

Rev Joanna was my mentor for the 30 years I attended Unity of Valley Stream!

*She was my spiritual advisor,
friend & an inspirational leader!*

We spent time laughing with & enjoying all the children of Unity of Valley Stream!

Thank you to her family for taking such good care of her.

Peace & Blessing

Connie Levin

Connie Levin - June 03, 2022 at 06:22 PM

MM

“ *Rev Joanna was always a colorful spirit. I remember being in a rough relationship and she made a joke that made everything "ok" and gave me clarity around how I should approach my situation. I will miss her playful heart and her compassionate nature.*

-Malachi

malachi Mott - June 03, 2022 at 03:17 PM



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Charles Foley - June 03, 2022 at 01:22 PM



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Tkenpalm - June 02, 2022 at 10:49 PM

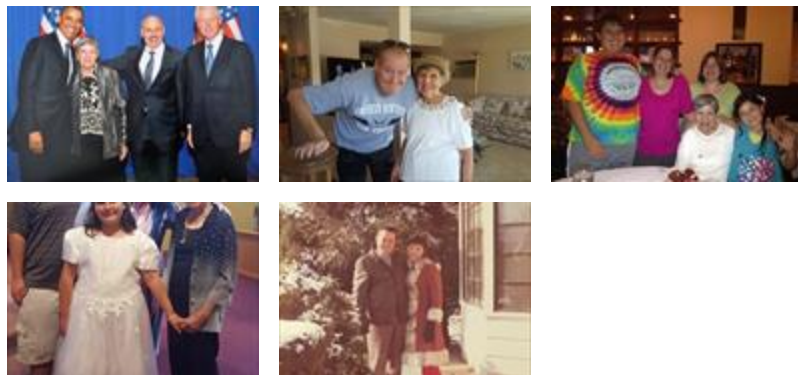


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Tkenpalm - June 02, 2022 at 10:48 PM



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Tkenpalm - June 02, 2022 at 10:41 PM

SC

“ *Mrs. Keneally was truly an amazing and accomplished woman. She was like a second mother to me.*

She was one of the carpool moms, and I loved getting picked up by her and listening to her stories and information she shared about life, politics and current events. She was not only a wealth of knowledge but she was always so positive and uplifting in everything she spoke about. I also admired her for not letting a physical disability stand in the way of doing anything possible.

Suzanne Coppersmith - June 02, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanna Gertrude Keneally.*



June 02, 2022 at 12:08 PM