



Joanne A. Sousa

June 17, 1932 - January 15, 2024

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Chili: June 17, 1932 - January 15, 2024. Survived by her loving and devoted husband of 72 years, Richard; children, Richard J., Thomas, John (Margaret), Catherine DiMarco and Margaret (Hans) Hegedorn; 8 grandchildren, Diane (Adam) Cummings, Carolyn (Christopher) Keenan, Joseph (Christi) Sousa, Michael (Alysa) DiMarco, Daniel (Stefania) DiMarco, Marisa DiMarco, Benjamin Sousa and Jonathan Sousa; 8 great-grandchildren, Nathan and Emmalee Cummings, Michael, Blair, Molly and Matteo DiMarco and Harrison and Lily Keenan; daughter-in-law, Aileen Sousa; sister-in-law, Winifred Delehanty; and several loving nieces, nephews and family members who are dear to her heart.

Joanne attended St. Monica's School and Nazareth Academy in Rochester, NY. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She loved to host large family gatherings and organized an annual family reunion for many years. She loved to bake and there was always dessert for anyone who stopped by. She was especially skilled at creating beautiful cakes for every family occasion. She rarely missed a school concert or sporting event if there was a grandchild involved.

Joanne was proud of her Irish heritage and spent endless hours researching and creating a beautiful scrapbook of her family tree.

Having an amazing talent for sewing, she used her skills to make beautiful quiet books for her grandchildren. She also used her gift to sew hundreds of

stuffed animals for the Country Fair for St. Pius Tenth Church where she was an avid volunteer for 65 years. She was also involved in the school, sewing school and cheerleading uniforms, teaching sewing to the students and working as a teacher's aide in the classroom for 13 years. In more recent years she spent countless hours volunteering at the St. Pius Flea Market. She will be missed dearly by her family.

Family and friends may call Friday 3-5pm at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home. Funeral Mass Saturday 10am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624. Interment, St. Pius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the School of the Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Pkwy, Rochester, NY 14623.

Cemetery Details

St. Pius Cemetery

295 Chestnut Ridge Road
Rochester, NY 14624

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
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<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What a beautiful, patient lady she was. I still remember the first "smock-top" that Mrs. Sousa taught me how to sew, while attending St. Pius! I kept those sewing skills throughout my life, and passed on to my daughter! Condolences to Cathy and family, after just finding this out.*

Meg Schickler-LeBeau - January 21, 2024 at 05:45 PM

RK

“ *Rich I'm so sorry to hear about your mothers passing. I know you two were close, and you shared many stories with me concerning her. Hopefully you can come out and see the band sometime. Haven't seen you for a while once again, my condolences on your mother's passing. rocky*

rocky kaler - January 20, 2024 at 10:04 AM

JC

“ *What a rich and full life Aunt Joanne lived. With a strong work ethic, kindness, patience, and organizational skills, she raised a family of five while maintaining an impeccable household, donating countless hours to her parish, and hosting large family events. As kids, all the relatives would be invited to the Sousa’s for Easter and Thanksgiving. Everything was beautifully decorated with long tables full of food and banter galore. Parties for 30 seem daunting but Aunt Joanne and Uncle Dick handled the work with aplomb. Add to that, summer pool parties then as the family grew and space diminished, large family reunions were organized at Mendon Ponds.*

Growing up, I had the good fortune of a large supportive family and there was no greater role model than Aunt Joanne. Rest in peace and our condolences to Uncle Richard and my cousins.

Love, Jim and Christine Craft

jim craft - January 19, 2024 at 11:33 AM

JR

I will miss Joanne. Enjoyed working the SPX flea market with her. Fun Friday night card games. Unable to attend service. I am away until 26th.

Joyce roncone - January 19, 2024 at 10:20 PM



“ It's been a joy being with Joanne at St. John's Home where I am one of the Chaplains. She came faithfully to Mass and Communion Series in the Chapel weekly, where we talked about times at St. Pius Tenth, with my Mom, Lois DeRycke, teaching some of her children, and all the fun times with Fr. Murphy. Thank you for sharing your wife and Mother and Grandmother with us and with so many--a kind, gentle, positive woman. We will miss her beautiful face and presence!!!
 God bless you all as you weave her death into Life....
 Nancy DeRycke

Nancy DeRycke - January 19, 2024 at 11:16 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Joanne A. Sousa.



January 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - January 18, 2024 at 10:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joanne A. Sousa.*



January 18, 2024 at 09:29 AM



“ *Uncle Dick, cousins, and family...Our hearts are broken but Aunt Joanne is with her God and so deserves peace with no pain...thank you Aunt Joanne for all the sacrifice, time, and love you have given...a very grateful niece...*

Patty Ann and Gary

Pat & Gary Grover - January 17, 2024 at 08:53 PM



“ *Sousa and DiMarco Families, we were so sorry to hear of Joanne's passing this week. She was always a favorite person to run into and catch up with at Church, Flea Market and Summer Fairs. Her caring and love for her family was always happily shared. She will be missed and in our prayers as she starts her EternalLife.*

Susan Stephen Max Fish - January 17, 2024 at 02:13 PM