



Josephine B. McDermott

October 29, 1947 - April 26, 2026

Montague - Josephine B. McDermott, age 78 passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2026 at her residence with her loving husband by her side. Born in the Jersey City to the late Anthony and Philamenia Ricciuto, Josephine was raised in Long Island and moved to Bayonne before moving to Sussex County in 1997. She had been employed as a director for Maidenform in Bayonne for 39 years before her retirement.

Josephine was a devoted wife, a woman of deep faith, and someone who cherished family above all else. Raised in the Catholic tradition, her faith guided her life and values, shaping the compassion, strength, and kindness she showed everyone around her. She found joy in life's simple and meaningful moments. She loved tending to her garden, where her care and patience brought beauty to life season after season. She especially delighted in the hummingbirds that visited her garden, a small but constant source of happiness that reflected her appreciation for nature's quiet wonders. She was also a wonderful cook who took great pride in preparing meals that brought family together around the table.

She shared a special bond with her beloved husband, whom she loved deeply and cared for with unwavering devotion. Together, they created a lifetime of memories traveling across the country on their motorcycle and their RV, always seeking new places and experiences. Among their favorite

destinations were their cherished trips to Montana, where they found peace, adventure, and lasting happiness.

She was especially proud of her husband's service as a Vietnam veteran and stood by his side with strength and dedication. In honor of that commitment, she was a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Auxiliary, where she offered her support to fellow veterans and their families. Above all, she will be remembered for her love-her love for her husband, her family, her faith, and the life she built with care and grace.

Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her brother, Anthony and her sister, Angie Beagan. Josephine is survived by her devoted husband of 55 years, Larry and her nieces, Janina Presher and Andrea Shay; and her nephew, Edward Beagan, Jr..

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Saturday, May 9, 2026 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Funeral services will immediately follow at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation in Josephine's memory to the Northern New Jersey Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 75 North Church Road, Sparta, NJ 07871. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The day you and Larry walked into the garage on 17th Street was the start of a long lived family friendship.
So many years together. So many good times.
Our ventures to the Bronx, (tickets or no tickets), we made it in to the game. Bobby Mercer, Lou Pinella, and of course, my Ron Guidry, were the stars in our eyes.
Our softball days, camping trips, house parties, and hours and hours of sitting around talking are cherished memories that will stay with us forever.
The years passed too quickly.
You have moved to the next plateau, and it is there where we will meet again.
Soar high Jo.
We love you!
Lou Lou and Mary*

Lou and Mary (Librie) - May 11 at 09:47 AM

CJ

“ *I was so sad the hear that Jo is no longer with us. As her obituary said her love of gardening and cooking were her loves besides her wonderful husband and great dogs!
I met her through her husband as my husband and Larry were Vietnam Vet! We shared a lot of what we also, as wives, had to deal with every day. Will see you again my dear friend. Carole*

Carole Johnson - May 08 at 05:56 PM

CM

“ JoJo - I will forever remember our great times and laughs that we had .. I miss our talks so much! You were such a great friend and a beautiful person in and out! I think of you every day - You have no more pain and your are in a beautiful place - and this is NOT good-bye - you know I will see you around!!
Love you forever and the memories of the fun we had will be with me forever! Til we meet again!
Curt misses you dearly !!!!! Love Chrisy and Curt xoxoxo

Christine Manzo - May 08 at 11:05 AM

CM

“ Carolynn M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine B. McDermott.

Carolynn M. - May 08 at 07:23 AM

TM

“ The family of Anthony Ricciuto, Joy, Jessica & Jason, Derek & Megan purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Josephine B. McDermott.



The family of Anthony Ricciuto, Joy, Jessica & Jason, Derek & Megan - May 03 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ Josephine you will be missed and will always be in our hearts. Love always, the Ricciuto family, Joy, Jessica and Jason, Derek and Megan, and the two grandnieces.

Joy Ricciuto - May 03 at 01:46 PM

JW

“ We met through our Husbands. The memories, the fun and adventures were awesome. Your loyalty and dedication to Gary and I were beyond words. I can not express how much you meant to us. Love you always!!!

Jackie Webber - May 01 at 10:22 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Josephine B. McDermott.



May 01 at 10:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Josephine B. McDermott.

May 01 at 10:09 PM

CO

“ Jo, it chris you were a great Women. The years we spent at the campground, coffee and desserts, the dogs i looked forward to that. The laughs ,” How’s Tootsie “, I will never forget that it will echo forever. Well you earn your wings. The pain is over . Now live love chris

Chris Oconnell - April 30 at 04:01 PM

JZ

Jo we've been friends since we went to school on LI, you were always my best friend. i think of all the fun we had together i will miss forever

Josephine Zack - May 04 at 11:07 AM

LP

Larry & Jo, Although our lives crossed paths for just a few years, the impact of the friendship, immense. With trailers side by side at Roscoe Campground, we shared so many chats, fun, music and snacks with Josh and Jake happily taking part. Celebrating your 75th birthday on our deck is an evening we won't forget. Jo could sure tell a story and her phone calls will be sadly missed. We send our heartfelt condolences and our love at this difficult time, Stephen & Laurie Paciocco

Laurie Paciocco - May 09 at 11:04 AM