



Jean Marie Zappa

January 3, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we share the loss of our beloved Jean, “Jeannie”, Marie Zappa who passed away peacefully in Monroeville, Pennsylvania on January 3rd, 2026. Born on April 10th, 1956, in Pittsburgh, PA, she is the eldest of five siblings and is preceded in death by her parents, Ortenzio “Chick” Jr. and Anna Mae Zappa. She is survived by Godmother Marie Baccaro, sister Donna Ferree, brother D.J. Zappa (Caroline), two other sisters, nephew Nathan Ferree (Amy), niece Nicole Zappa, nephew Dominic Zappa (Rachel Marrow), and great nieces Mya and Ava Ferree. “Aunt” Jeannie will also be missed by all her “nieces and nephews” she has spanning from Pittsburgh, to Denver, to Los Angeles and everywhere in between.

During her childhood, Jeannie and her family moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where she ultimately graduated in 1974 from Overlea High School. She then proceeded to earn an associate’s degree in 1976 as a Paralegal from Robert Morris University. Jeannie then continued to work diligently as a legal secretary for multiple law firms throughout her career and spent the last twenty-six years faithfully working alongside her boss or “work husband”, Bob Behling.

Outside of work, Jeannie was always on the go. She was everyone’s number one fan, and you could find her at sporting events, choir concerts, and homecoming dance pictures - you name it, she was there! Jeannie was always up to catch a show or grab dinner with those she loved. Every year, you could find her in Baltimore at the Class of ’74’s annual reunion where she was the reunion committee’s treasurer, motivator, and organizer.

Not only that, Jeannie was a devoted member of the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church for the past few years as an active Trustee, food pantry volunteer, cemetery board member, and finance volunteer. Plus, she was an active bowler and bocce player! For many years, Jeannie was the President of the CSX bowling league and volunteered as the Wednesday night scorekeeper for the Cross Roads Bocce League; however, Jeannie will forever be remembered as happiest at the beach with her girlfriends while listening to her favorites, Barry Manilow and Justin Timberlake on the radio.

Family and friends will be received on Thursday, January 8th, from 1 to 3 pm and 5 to 8 pm at Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc. and Cremation Services of Monroeville, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). A funeral service will take place on Friday, January 9th, at

2:00 pm at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville, PA 15146. Please join us after the service in Cross Roads Church's fellowship hall for a meal and fellowship. If you would like to make a donation in Jeannie's memory, please donate to Cross Roads Presbyterian Church or your local animal shelter.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
(412) 372-2100
ghcorl@comcast.net
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

Visitation

JAN 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cross Roads Presbyterian Church
2310 Haymaker Rd
Monroeville,, PA 15146

Tribute Wall

SM

“ *OMG! I did not know. She president of NALS of PA and one of the first people I met at a state conference. I loved and admired her. She will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace my NALS pals. Susan*



Susan J. Mano - March 11 at 03:14 PM

JN

“ *I truly loved Jeannie. As did everyone. The photo IS Jeannie. I've known Jeannie for many, many years working with her and work-husband, Bob Behling, as a fellow mediator. I didn't know we were born 30 days apart - always thinking she was much younger than me..... Class of 74'!! God bless her. I will greatly greatly miss her. My deepest sympathies to the family and dear friends.*

John Noble - January 12 at 10:09 AM

KA

“ *I knew Jean many years ago from the Pittsburgh Legal Secretaries Association. Jean was a wonderful lady. I am very sad to learn of her passing. May her memory be eternal!*

kathy reed Andreychek - January 08 at 10:16 PM

KG

“ *How sad this was for me to hear. Jean and I worked together at Pietragallo and then at Dapper Baldasare Benson Behling and Kane. She sat right next to me there and believe me there we were known to be really tough ones probably which is why we became work friends she would show me pictures and swear me to secrecy on some aspects of her family as I am did with mine. And as we both moved in different firms. I remember Bob Behling always calling her Jeannie and she was loyal to him as though she loved. I hope she is looking down and is at peace as she deserves it. My prayers go out to her family as well as anyone who loved her.*

Kimberly J Gall - January 06 at 05:00 PM

TC

“ Caroline, DJ, and family—

I was deeply saddened and truly shocked to hear of Jean’s passing. She was a genuinely kind person and a wonderful neighbor, and I feel grateful to have known her. She will be greatly missed. Please know that my thoughts are with you, and accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. Trish Connor from Spring Run

Trish Connor - January 05 at 06:38 PM

CM

“ Jeannie was a truly wonderful soul whose kindness, strength, and unwavering support touched everyone blessed enough to know her. She never missed sending a card for our anniversaries or birthdays — a small gesture that showed her huge heart and how deeply she cared for the people in her life. Although our hearts ache with the tremendous loss of her presence here on earth, we take comfort in knowing that the angels in heaven are celebrating her beautiful spirit. Jeannie will be missed beyond measure, but her light will continue to shine in all the lives she touched. Christine Mosack-Pitman

Christine Mosack-Pitman - January 05 at 05:13 PM

JE

“ Jean and I worked next to each other for the last five years or so. She called me Little Jess. She was a real spunky and spicy soul who told anyone exactly how she felt, which I admired so much about Jean. She always asked how everyone was doing, checked in on life events, and treated me like I was one of her nieces. I will miss seeing her almost every day and asking if she finally won a bocce match (which I know she did last season! She was so happy LOL)! She felt like family, and I will miss her dearly. Love, Little Jess

Jess - January 05 at 10:44 AM