



## Josephine A. Drapala

July 24, 1922 - November 19, 2021

Josephine A. Drapala, of Mount Holly, passed away at her residence on November 19, 2021. She was surrounded by her loved ones.

Josie, as she was known to her friends and family, was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY by the late Giuseppe and Caterina Bianco along with her siblings. A consummate story-teller, regaling all who would listen with tales of Depression-era Brooklyn life, hungry basement lions, sneaky prohibition trades, and ten-cent cinemas, she was sure to entertain all. After marrying her husband Joe, Josie moved to NJ where she was quickly a favorite among the small town of Roosevelt. She was a great cook who specialized in her family's favorites: aracinis, zucchini bread, sauce (not gravy), and the best meatballs south of the Brooklyn Bridge. In her spare time, she enjoyed sewing, making dresses, and working with ceramics – a giant Santa head is her best work to date. She was best known for her sense of humor, her life lessons, and the way she would make sure you knew she loved you.

Josie loved to read and kept a running, alphabetical list (with notes!) of every book she'd ever read. She liked to take time to watch her programs and grieved when "The Chew" ended. Most recently, however, she was attempting to earn her law degree from the famed Judge Judy. She enjoyed the company of animals and most recently made friends with a tubby squirrel who visited her porch regularly for his daily ration of peanuts. Of course, above all, she loved her family fiercely and was proud of each and every one lucky enough to be part of it. She was a wonderful mom, the absolute best Super-G Nana Banana, and the luckiest great-grandma. Pay attention, I love you.

Josie is predeceased by her beloved husband Joe and her siblings, Frank and Mae. She is survived by her son Bobby Drapala and his wife Christy, her daughter Trina Torres, her grandchildren Christine Hughes and her husband James, Holly Stoyanowski and her husband Josh, Michael Drapala and his wife Julia, Tim Belsches and his wife Kayla, Nic Belsches, and Meadow Drapala, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Josie will be held on Tuesday November 23, at 12pm at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street Mount Holly, NJ 08060. Friends and relatives may visit with her family from 10am-12pm and attend her services following. Interment will be held at the East Windsor Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Disabled American

Veterans (dav.org).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 23. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High Street  
Mt. Holly, NJ 08060  
info@perinchief.com  
<http://www.perinchief.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine A. Drapala.*



November 21, 2021 at 06:27 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine A. Drapala.*



November 21, 2021 at 10:59 AM

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“ *I remember the first time I spoke to Nana, I was trying to make Michael's favorite home town meal. He called Nana, and with a smile I can hear over the phone, she then went step by step on her famous Arancina al burro. I can tell just by the first time I spoke with Nana I knew I would want more lessons of her style of cooking from her. Evertime we would call her I can hear that smile I recognized from our first conversation. That smile! That is something I will always remember and share. Her face is welcoming her words are loving and non-judgmental. Even thou you are not here Nana, we will always remember your smile. We love you so much! You have raised your family up phenomenally. We will always keep you in our hearts and prayers.*

**Julia Drapala** - November 21, 2021 at 10:41 AM

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“ *From Ascent Aeronautical Academy purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Josephine A. Drapala.*



**From Ascent Aeronautical Academy** - November 20, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ *Warmest Remembrance Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine A. Drapala.*



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November 20, 2021 at 07:37 PM



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**kathy kiewlich** - November 19, 2021 at 08:17 PM



*What a beautiful memory. Beautiful people*

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**HollyNoel** - November 20, 2021 at 06:09 AM