



Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante

June 7, 1930 - May 26, 2021

Joan Evelyn Gallas Passanante, 90, passed away on May the 26th, 2021 in Los Angeles, California. She was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 7, 1930, the oldest of five children to Edward Anthony and Helen Alice Gallas.

The Gallas family moved to Hillside, Illinois, where Joan graduated from Proviso High school in 1948. Later that year, Joseph Anthony Passanante skated into her life at the Villa Park roller rink, and the rest is history. On December 2, 1950, Joan and Joe married, and the industrious young couple began building their own home in Bensenville, Ill. Joan was always a great sport--working right alongside her husband in their ambitious endeavor, even when she learned they were expecting. Her stint as Joe's assistant carpenter ended the day she got stuck in the attic in her 7th month because she couldn't turn around and climb down the ladder. By the time they welcomed Jeffrey Joseph in 1953, the attic was finished. Jeff was followed by James Joseph in 1956, Janice Joan in 1957 and John Joseph in 1959. While Joan was first and foremost a mother to her four children, she managed the home and still found time to serve as the office manager for Joe's company, Courtesy Plastering.

In 1965, the family moved to the San Fernando Valley in California when Joe began working as a plasterer at Paramount and Universal Studios. They bought a home in North Hollywood and later moved to Sunburst Street in North Hills. In Los Angeles, Joan was active in the Parent Teachers

Association and worked for Farmer John, Carnation and SEB cookware from 1971-1973.

Joan began her career at Redken Laboratories, Inc. in 1974. She was especially proud of the time she spent at Redken, and she loved her job. In her almost 20-year tenure, she worked her way up from a clerk typist in the Hair Research Division to the Coordinator of Product Evaluation and Executive Secretary. Joan Retired in 1992 so that she and Joe could travel the world, and travel they did, visiting Singapore, Hong Kong, Greece, Jerusalem, Sweden, Norway, Demark, Russia, Great Britain, France, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, and of course, Italy and Sicily. She and Joe were part of the Patrician Travel Club of North Hollywood and travelled with many friends. They were active in the Italian Catholic Federation at St. Jane Francis and the St. Charles Borromeo Parish, where they attended many dinners, dances, and events.

Joan was loving and compassionate, and she found joy and humor everywhere. Among her many talents was her wonderful resourcefulness- a gift that she inherited from her father. When faced with an empty pantry at the Wawona campground in Yosemite Park, she turned the meager canned contents of a nearly empty pantry into what would become a family favorite. She could create magic from the ordinary, and her culinary alchemy ranged from her famous 'Wawona Stew' to all the marvelous meals whipped up at a moment's notice whenever unexpected company dropped by. Everyone was welcome.

Joan was a treasured friend, a beloved wife and mother, and a devoted grandmother. Her family was everything to her, and she made sure they knew it, immensely generous with her affection, time and energy. She was quick with a laugh, even quicker with a hug, and the sparkle in her eye made everyone whose life she touched feel special.

Joan was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 64 years, Joseph Passanante, her siblings Edward A. Gallas Jr, Marlene M. Gallas(Lundborg), Linda L. Gallas (Glover), and Judith A. Gallas (Oeffling), and her parents Edward Anthony and Helen Gallas.

Joan is survived by her sister Phyllis G. Pugh (George), sister-in-law Anna Parker, son Jeffrey J. Passanante (Patty) and granddaughter Nicolina Booth (James); son James J. Passanante (Susanna) and grandson Dr. Giovanni Passanante, granddaughters Jessica Lowe (Garrett), Melissa Misurelli (DJ), Vanessa Barton (Caden), Krissta Norman (Sumner); daughter Janice Lynn (Gary) grandson Robert Lynn and granddaughter Kelsey Lynn; son John J. Passanante, grandson Jeramiah Houghton-Passanante (Jessica); 17 Great Grandchildren : Brayden Passanante (Amanda), Italia Passanante; Bella, Jade and Jerrick Houghton-Passanante; Gabriel, James, Vivienne and Gemma Lowe; Alayna, Adalynn and Alexis Booth; Kiera and Lily Savage, Roman, Ezra and Hazel Misurelli, and 2 great-great grandchildren: Cedar Jean and Donatello Passanante.

In Lieu of Flowers, please send donations to the Motion Picture Fund or the Diabetes Foundation

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Utter McKinley San Fernando Mission Mortuary
11071 Columbus Avenue
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-4751
<https://www.uttermckinley.com/>

Funeral Service

JUN 29. 10:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside Service

JUN 29 (PT)

San Fernando Mission Catholic Cemetery
11160 Stranwood Ave
Mission Hills, CA 91345
(818) 361-7387

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.*



June 30, 2021 at 11:26 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.*



June 28, 2021 at 01:19 PM



“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.



June 28, 2021 at 01:05 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.



June 27, 2021 at 01:44 PM

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“ *Remember Me by Anthony Dowson*

*Speak of me as you have always done.
Remember the good time, laughter, and fun.*

*Share the happy memories we've made.
Do not let them wither or fade.*

*I'll be with you in the summer's sun
And when the winter's chill has come.*

*I'll be the voice that whispers in the breeze.
I'm peaceful now, put your mind at ease.*

*I've rested by eyes and gone to sleep,
But memories we've shared are yours to keep.*

*Sometimes our final days may be a test,
But remember me when I was at my best.*

*Although things may noat be the same,
Don't be afraid to use my name.*

*Let your sorrow last for just a while.
Comfort each other and try to smile.*

*I've lived a life filled with joy and fun.
Live on now, make me proud of what you'll become.*

Karen Benson - June 26, 2021 at 01:28 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.*



June 25, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Not only was she my sister's wonderful Mother-In-Law, I got to enjoy working with Joan at Redken Laboratories for many years. I was always jealous of her energy!! Her and Joe were like bonus grandparents for our sons John & Mike. They both will always hold a very special place in our hearts. Lots of love, Lisa Elder*

Lisa Elder - June 23, 2021 at 09:49 PM



“ *With Love Teri Jo Passanante purchased the Flo or Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Joan Evelyn Passanante.*



With Love Teri Jo Passanante - June 23, 2021 at 09:14 PM



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Utter McKinley Mortuaries - June 23, 2021 at 07:50 PM



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Utter McKinley Mortuaries - June 22, 2021 at 06:41 PM