



Joanne Alioto May

March 18, 1951 - May 6, 2020

Joanne lost her battle with Covid-19 on May 6, 2020.

She was born on March 18, 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Joseph and Angeline Alioto; also preceded in death by brother Paul Alioto. She is survived by her husband John (recovering at home from Covid-19), nephews Chris (Tara) Alioto, (Russell, Evan, Anthony and Sonny), Brian and daughter Megan; mother-in-law Virginia May (recovering at home with son John from Covid-19) Special friends Vicki Weske and Mickey Perdue.

She was a 1969 graduate of Messmer High School and a 1974 graduate of The Ohio State University.

Joanne was an elementary teacher in Gahanna Public Schools and then went on to be a mathematics textbook editor at Charles Merrill Publishing. Eventually she went back to her first love of teaching as a middle school teacher with Columbus Public Schools. After her retirement in 2006 she became a Pharmacy Technician.

Joanne met her husband John while performing in a Gahanna Community Theatre production. They fell in love and married in 1989. Joanne was a beautiful singer and enjoyed being a member of the Peace Lutheran Church Choir as well as her involvement in many, many Gahanna Community Theatre productions. Joanne loved her students while teaching and most of all loved her family. Christmas with Chris and Tara and the boys was her passion; her search for just the right Christmas gifts was a months long project.

Many thanks to John's brothers and sisters for their wonderful support while Joanne, John and Virginia were in the hospital, the support of friends and neighbors and the loving care of the doctors and staff at St Ann's Hospital, as well as the continued support after John and Virginia were released.

Due to Covid-19 a celebration of Joanne's life will be sometime when friends and family

are able to gather again.

Contributions may be made to [gofundme.com May Family Devastated by Covid-19](https://www.gofundme.com/May-Family-Devastated-by-Covid-19) to help with the mounting expenses.

Comments



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Joanne Alioto May.



May 22, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ Susan and I send our deepest sympathies to John and family at Joanne's passing. We are currently living in the U.K. and were shocked and saddened to hear the news about Joanne. She was a warm and caring person, and very fun-loving too. We fondly remember John and Joanne dressed as Santa and his elf Bartholomew visiting our daughter at Christmas time. It was magical. And so were they. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, John.
Mark and Susan Meuser

Mark Meuser - May 22, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Can't begin to tell of the sadness both Peggy and I felt learning of Joanne's passing. My dearest memory was sharing the stage with Joanne in the Gahanna Community Theater production of "Fiddler on the Roof," as Golda and Tevye. Our condolences to John and their family and friends. Her passing is a great loss for us all.

Charlie and Peggy Sloin

Charles Sloin - May 21, 2020 at 12:02 PM



“ Joanne was a beautiful light that went out too soon....her memory and soul are eternal. Sending John and the rest of the family our love and hope for comfort.

Laureen Tracht - May 19, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ Sincere sympathy to you, John, and to the entire family. Joanne and I graduated together from Messmer High and I had the good fortune to reconnect with her a few years ago, lunching when she visited Wisconsin and last fall attending our 50th high school reunion. We enjoyed keeping in touch via Facebook, sharing our love for live theater, reading and especially our Italian heritage pride. She was the very definition of a truly good person and I will miss her dearly. She spoke so lovingly of you and it was clear you were and always will be her soulmate. My thoughts are with you at this difficult time and I wish you peace and healing in the days, months and years ahead. Cherish the memories and know that she is with you always. - Cheri Wendorf Michalowski, Messmer High School Class of 1969



Cheri Michalowski - May 18, 2020 at 11:57 PM



“ So sorry, and shocked to find that Joanne has passed away. She was a valued colleague, and dedicated and hard working teacher. She made a big difference in my life and those of her students while at Yorktown Middle School. She was a joy to know! Danise White

Danise White - May 18, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ John, words are not enough to express how sorry we are for what has happened to Joanne. We have fond memories of Joanne from when you first met her through your early married years. Although we have not seen you for awhile, you are still our good friend. Our thoughts are with you and your family as you struggle to make it through this very difficult time. Your Grange family is also thinking of you and sending their prayers. Take care John .

Dorance Hornsby - May 18, 2020 at 11:06 AM