



## Jeannie A. Serpa

April 30, 2021

Jeannie A. Serpa was the mother of nine, grandmother of nineteen, and great grandmother of one. While her family was her lifelong pride and joy, Jeannie was also a school teacher, professional artist, magazine columnist, book author, inventor, gardener, and business owner.

The oldest of four children, Jeannie worked her way through college earning her degree at Rhode Island College of Education (now RIC). Ever productive, Jeannie left teaching and bore nine children in ten and a half years (no twins). An avid gardener, she taught her children to farm their own vegetables and founded the Narragansett Garden Club. She was the owner of The Mistletoe Christmas Shop and The Hamilton Art Studio in Wickford, RI. Her interests in the art world led to cross country teaching of her innovative new art techniques in decoupage, toll painting, stenciling and faux finishings for national art supply corporations.. She invented a proprietary paint glaze marketed by the Illinois Bronze Company. She authored six art design books and was a featured guest on the PBS program, "This Old House". In December 2009, she published "Eating Your Way to LOW Cholesterol", an autobiographical account of her battle overcoming extremely high cholesterol without the aid of prescription drugs. The book includes nutritional guidelines along with 225 recipes she created in her own kitchen.

Jeannie continued her professional writing career with monthly columns in the South County Independent and Northeast Independent magazines. She also published lifestyle features for South County Living Magazine.

Jeannie was the wife of the late Mathew J. Serpa. She was the daughter of the late Mary and Joseph Carroll and sister to the late Nancy Cole, Julie-Ann Carroll, and Robert Carroll.

She is survived by her nine children: Steven Serpa, Mary Jane Gray, Christine Morrison, Mathew J. Serpa III, Joanne Morrissey, Jack Serpa, Ann Marie Serpa, Thomas Serpa, and David Serpa.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Hope Hospice Rhode Island. <https://www.hopehealthco.org/ways-to-give/donatenow/>

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I am so deeply sad to hear this news. What a very talented, interesting, and lovely person she was, and such a truly original thinker.*

*Sending my heartfelt condolences to all who loved her. May she rest in peace.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Cheryl McEnaney*

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**Cheryl** - May 06, 2021 at 04:20 PM

PB

“ *Matt & Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss and I'm sending my most heartfelt condolences to you all at this most difficult time. Your mom sounded like such a wonderful woman with a beautiful & full life!*

*May you hold the precious memories with her close to your heart.*

*With sympathy,  
Tom & Pam Bruno*

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**Pam Bruno** - May 06, 2021 at 10:46 AM



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“ Auntie Jeannie was a truly amazing, beautiful and kind woman who had the ability to brighten everyone's day. She will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her. My deepest condolences to all my cousins and their families.



Dianne Carroll Bertrand - May 06, 2021 at 08:25 AM

SO

“ On behalf of the O'Donnell family, please accept our heartfelt sympathies and condolences!!

Steven G O'Donnell - May 05, 2021 at 09:13 PM

SS

“ Shalon Marie Serpa lit a candle in memory of Jeannie A. Serpa



Shalon Marie Serpa - May 05, 2021 at 08:39 PM

KC

“ My Aunt Jeannie was also my godmother. She agreed to this even though she had nine kids of her own. Needless to say I didn't see her much until my father passed away, and at that point I enjoyed several visits with her at her beautiful home. Once I brought my popular pasta salad and Jeannie loved it so much that she published the recipe in one of her columns. She was a joy to know. One of the smartest, kindest and charismatic people I have ever known and she will never be forgotten.

Kate Carroll - May 05, 2021 at 01:33 PM