



## Janice Ann Faustino

October 18, 2023

Janice Ann Faustino of Clifton, mother and caregiver to children, died Wednesday October 18, 2023, just one day shy of her 76th birthday, she was surrounded by her three sons and extended family at Villa Marie Claire in Saddle River, NJ.

She was born to Rose and John Valvo Sr. in the Bronx, where she grew up and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School. She was married in Mt. Carmel Church on 187th street and moved to Tenafly, NJ where she raised her family.

Janice's love and care for others could not be contained, which was why she chose to work in schools with children as a paraprofessional; first at the Malcolm S. Mackay Elementary School, then the Tenafly Recreation Department and later at The Englewood on the Palisades Charter School. She was a notary public, proficient typist, prolific xerox copier, and outstanding cook. Her connection seeking and laughter were gifts she shared with everyone.

Baking was her true joy in life. And anyone who was lucky to know her has tasted one of her desserts including her famous cheesecake. Parallel to her passion in the kitchen was her love for her extended family. Janice had a way of collecting people and making them all sisters, brothers, cousins, aunts, and uncles.

She belonged to St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Cresskill, NJ attending mass and befriending parishioners and the clergy alike. She was faithful to the end of her life, making frequent donations to the religious organizations that provided her strength in prayer. Janice was often referred to as an "Angel on Earth."

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, John and Bee Valvo of Flagstaff, AZ; three sons, Peter Faustino of Rye Brook, NY, Christopher Faustino of Paterson, and Nicholas Faustino of Clifton; her cousin Robert Donadio of Clifton; her daughters-in-law and seven grandchildren.

While Janice's family grieves her brief battle with an aggressive cancer, they are choosing to remember her spirit and celebrate her love of life.

Arrangements by Barrett Leber Funeral Home in Tenafly, NJ with a private ceremony at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, NY where she joins her parents, younger brother, and Bill Smoltino in a family plot.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

OCT **21**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church  
120 Monroe Ave  
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405  
(201) 567-2528

## Interment

OCT **21** (ET)

Gate of Heaven Cemetery  
10 W Stevens Ave  
Hawthorne, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 20, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Ann Faustino.

October 20, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 20, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Ann Faustino.

October 20, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 20, 2023 at 06:20 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 20, 2023 at 12:48 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 19, 2023 at 04:22 PM

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“ *Frank LeRose And Family lit a candle in memory of Janice Ann Faustino*



**Frank LeRose and family** - October 19, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice Ann Faustino.*

October 19, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Thank you all for your kind words and donations on Janice's behalf.*

*In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Lewin Fund <https://thelewinfund.org/>*

**Emily Faustino** - October 19, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 19, 2023 at 10:59 AM

LB

“ *Love, Rose Ann Bordino purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



**Love, Rose Ann Bordino** - October 19, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Janice Ann Faustino.*



October 19, 2023 at 09:49 AM



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RB

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Faustino family.

*I am so heartbroken over losing the strongest, most compassionate, loving, caring, giving and understanding person I ever met. We spent a lot of time together, laughing so hard and talking about everything, and I mean everything.*

*Janice shared her friends and family with me. I didn't know Janice for as long as many of her other friends, but we talked about things from when we were kids, so I know Janice and I made up for lost time.*

*Janice made me a part of her family, sharing birthdays, holidays, and she even shared her grandchildren with me.*

*Janice was a great friend, and mother to everyone she met. And her stories were so entertaining, especially with her little accent.. She was proud of where she came from, and told me so much about the old days.*

*Words cannot express how much I will miss Janice. We joked and said that we were, "sisters from another mother". Janice, we will be sisters forever.*

*Love, Rose Ann*

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**Rose Ann Bordino** - October 19, 2023 at 09:21 AM

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“ Myself and everyone at EPCS are saddened with this news. Janice was a mom to everyone she knew and we were lucky to have known her. Her desserts were amazing!! I always told her to start her own business of making desserts for people to love as I did. Cheesecake and pound cake in the teacher's room was the best and a great start to the teaching day!!! The world was a kinder place with her in it. My condolences to your family. Janice rest easy and love to Bill!! ~  
*Arlene Stephens*

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**Arlene** - October 19, 2023 at 07:59 AM

“ Grandma was the most generous and kindhearted person I knew. She was a special light in my life and for everyone she met. I loved to bake with her, especially making her Cheesecake and Poundcake. I have fond memories visiting her at Newcomb road always playing with her dogs, Duke and Dutchess, or finding some sort of vintage treasure like an old boombox radio. We loved to laugh, tell stories, and most of all eat. I miss you Grandma and know you are looking out for me always.



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Emily Faustino - October 19, 2023 at 07:58 AM