



## Joan Francis DeMaso

February 21, 1929 - February 28, 2011

Joan Francis DeMaso, a long term resident of Queen Anne's County died on February 28, 2011 from congestive heart failure at the age of 82.

Joan was born in New York City on February 21, 1929 to the late Maurice Steindl and Hortense Ellinger. She attended Hunter College in New York and Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. She worked as a sales person for several major department stores in New York City when she was younger, and worked for the Bay Times in the late 1960's. She was shared owner and operator of WAQA, the first radio station on the Eastern Shore, which was founded in 1978 in Grasonville, MD.

She married Edward Mason DeMaso on March 25, 1951. They were married for 50 years until his passing in 2001. They moved to Kent Island in 1965 and later to Ruthsburg on a small farm in 1981, where she lived until her passing. Joan was an active member of the Diocese of Easton, Episcopal Church and attended several churches within the diocese including Christ Church on Kent Island and St. Paul's Church in Centreville. She became a Eucharistic Minister, as well as organized and taught Sunday school. Joan loved to learn and attended college late in life, as well as taught herself how to paint, and use the computer. She was skilled at knitting, crochet, and cooking, as well as had a keen sense of humor, and loved to use her knowledge to help other people.

She is survived by four children, Pam Anderson of Stevensville, MD., Lauri Schwartz, of Herndon, VA, Nick DeMaso of Stevensville, MD. and Dana L. DeMaso of Chestertown, MD.; six grandchildren: Travis Anderson, Jenna, Callie and Zachary Swartz, and Lou and Audrey DeMaso and her sister, Helene Brier of Fairfield, CT.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday March 7, 2011 at 11:30AM at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock Road, Chester, MD where friends and family may call from 10:00-11:30AM. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 163, Salisbury, MD 21803, as Joan was ever so grateful for being a 22 year breast cancer survivor.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Francis DeMaso*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Joan Francis DeMaso*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joan Francis DeMaso*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joan Francis DeMaso*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Just heard about it today. So sorry Pam. Thinking of you. Maybe I'll see you for Preakness at Annies.##imported-begin##Julie Schaeffer (Robinson)##imported-end##*

March 15, 2011 at 04:58 PM



“ I love you Joannie and miss you so much already. I hope you and Big Ed are dancing and singing, or driving in a big ol'van with your feet propped up on the dash, or eating cannoli's in Little Italy, or seeing a Broadway show, or better yet... looking down on your grand/children admiring how you both touched their lives.  
xoxo###imported-begin###Robin DeMaso###imported-end##

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March 10, 2011 at 01:41 PM



“ Dear Pam, Lauri, Nick, Dana and your families,  
It is with a sad heart that I just read about the passing of your wonderful mother. Your mother was like a sister to my mother and I know she valued Joan's friendship so very much. I cannot tell you how much she meant to my mom. Joan was truly a kind and gracious person and she will be missed by all who knew her. Maybe Joan and Frances are up in heaven now having the same great time they had together on earth.  
You all have my greatest sympathy,  
Julia Austin Walters###imported-begin###Julia Walters###imported-end##

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March 09, 2011 at 06:48 PM



“ Pam and Travis -  
Just got to Friday's paper and saw the news of Joan's passing. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Even though we only saw Joan on several occasions we know how special she was to you. Please know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Becky, Mark, Eric, Brian, Kane and Brad###imported-begin###Becky and Mark Dennis###imported-end##

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March 08, 2011 at 05:17 PM



“ Dear Pam, Laure, Nick and Dana,  
I was so sorry to hear about your mothers passing. I hope and pray that you are surrounded by family and friends and are sharing all those loving stories-that on this page are but a tip of the iceberg! Your mom was always so loving and welcoming to all your friends. I'm sure you must take great comfort knowing she is forever in your dads arms . May you find comfort in each other.  
My mom Jane sends her love! Vanessa##imported-begin##Vanessa Pease Ziembroski##imported-end##

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March 07, 2011 at 10:37 PM



“ Dana, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love,  
Susie##imported-begin##Susie Orme##imported-end##

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March 07, 2011 at 07:43 AM



“ Dana, Pam and families, So sorry to read of your Mom's passing. Please find comfort in her fond memories and peace in the assurance of her Peace in God's arms.##imported-begin##Claudia Jewell##imported-end##

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March 06, 2011 at 07:58 PM



“ I did not know Joan, but knowing Dana, I am sure that Joan must have been a wonderful person. Peace to you and your family, Dana.##imported-begin##Cathy Smithmyer##imported-end##

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March 06, 2011 at 06:16 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear about your mothers passing. I remember so many things about her growing up with Pam. My fondest memory was her cooking and how she made us grape jelly crepes. I ate so many of them! Everyone laughed and your mom said she couldn't believe I wanted more! I remember her floating in the pool with her book and taking us to Rehoboth Beach. She was a beautiful woman.##imported-begin##Jackie Benton##imported-end##

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March 06, 2011 at 01:28 PM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your mom,Joan, Joan and Ed were always larger than life (Ed both figuratively and literally!)characters to me in my then, young life. It's hard for me to put into words the impact the Demaso family had on me during my early teen years. Their open home provided a haven for me and the family always made me feel welcome even though I am sure at times I overstayed. Thank you for so many fond memories. My best wishes to you all. Phil Wimbish##imported-begin##Philip Wimbish##imported-end##

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March 06, 2011 at 08:23 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences go out to the DeMaso family. I was fortunate to have met Joan several times when she visited her daughter Dana in Seattle. I always enjoyed sharing a meal with her and the lively conversation that ensued. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Mark Rowan##imported-end##

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March 05, 2011 at 05:36 PM



“ My thought's and prayer's are with the DeMaso Family. Alot of old memories came to me when I sadly read such a nice Obituary. Rest In Peace Miss Joan.##imported-begin##SORDY PIPPIN##imported-end##

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March 05, 2011 at 01:52 PM



“ Thank you, DeMaso family, for taking my family into your loving fold more than 40 years ago. My happiest childhood memories are of times spent together in Bay City, growing-up surrounded by unconditional love and guidance provided by 3 of the most amazing people ever to have graced this earth: My Mom, "Miss" Joan (my 2nd Mom), and Mr. Ed (the only real father I ever had). Each of them holds a special place in my heart forever. ❤️❤️❤️ Pam, Lauri, Nick, and Dana, my love is with you.##imported-begin##Jane Austin LaBrie##imported-end##

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March 05, 2011 at 11:53 AM



“ To the DeMaso Family: I want to extend my deepest smpathy and prayers to your family in your loss. I met your mother when your father served on the Queen Anne's County Planning Commission and I was Clerk to the County Commissioners. It was always a pleasure to talk with her and she loved her family so much. Your memories will live on forever and she will be by your side in every step. God Bless you at this time. Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road, Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-end##

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March 03, 2011 at 06:35 PM



“ The entire DeMaso clan was a cornerstone of my high school family experience, and having Jon and Ed move just around the corner in little Ruthsburg was an incredible treat for us all. But my fondest memories were of the Bay City enclave, knoshing on some treat from the overflowing kitchen of good food, watching old movies, long conversations with Joan, lots of spirited "loud" DeMaso discussions in the background, but great family ties - a great love that was welcoming, complicated, spirited and constant! Each member of this family, and especially its wise and caring mother, will stay in my heart forever.##imported-begin##Sue Caporin Simmons##imported-end##

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March 03, 2011 at 05:11 PM



“ So many fond memories of being at the house when I was a girl. I am so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Leslie Fox##imported-end##

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March 03, 2011 at 03:46 PM



“ Dana we are so sorry for your lost. I will be thinking of you and sending positive energy to help you though this and your mom as well.

*Peace & Blessings,*

*Bonnie and Zac##imported-begin##Bonnie Larrimore & Zac##imported-end##*

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March 03, 2011 at 10:01 AM



“ Dana, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that I pray on behalf of your family, particularly at a time when it is difficult to pray. I trust in a God who brings comfort & compassion to those who are hurting. Your mom may be gone from your presence, but you hold a heart & mind full of treasured memories that will, in time, bring peace to your heart and a smile to your face. Allow the people around you to express the love & comfort of God.  
Libby###imported-begin###Libby Brown###imported-end##

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March 03, 2011 at 06:35 AM



“ So srry to hear about Joan. I will be in touch with you.  
Elaine###imported-begin###Elaine Grollman###imported-end##

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March 02, 2011 at 04:52 PM