



## Joanne Ferrara Moran

February 28, 2025

MORAN, Joanne (Ferrara) of West Hartford, returned to her Heavenly Father during the early hours of February 28th after a brief illness. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Martin J. Moran Jr., whom she adored, and her cherished younger sister, Geraldine Ferrara Cattlin. Together with Marty, Joanne built a home overflowing with love and raised five sons: Martin J. Moran III of West Hartford; Bernard Moran (Bobbi Daugherty Moran) of Boston, MA; John Moran (Beth Ann Johnson) of Hampstead, NC; Christopher Moran of Rocky Hill; and David Moran (Stephanie Murray Moran) of West Hartford. Born in St. Louis, MO to Dr. Bernard and Anne Thorpe Ferrara, Joanne was raised in Providence, RI alongside her cousin, and dearest friend, Marilyn Thorpe Carroll. Marilyn and her husband Bill Carroll introduced Joanne to Marty. She graduated from Convent of the Sacred Heart, Elmhurst in Providence, attended Newton College of the Sacred Heart in Newton Centre, MA and earned her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Central Connecticut State University with summa cum laude distinction. Joanne was a parishioner at St. Timothy's Parish for 35 years, and later, St. Peter Claver. While she was a brilliant thinker and accomplished theologian, Joanne did not approach faith as an intellectual exercise, but rather, a practice of trust in God. It was this firm belief that guided her work as a spiritual director, founding member of The Voice of the Faithful, religious educator, and eucharistic minister. Through this work, she made many friends in the community, who will dearly miss her kindness, wisdom, and generosity of spirit. Joanne's

favorite title was that of “Gram” and “Gigi,” monikers bestowed upon her by her fourteen grandchildren (Christopher, Jr., Conor, Samantha, Joe, Caroline, Jack, Julia, Drew, Olivia, Roan, Mateo, Martin, Quinn and Luke) and three great-grandsons (Mickey, Finn and Vigo). She is also survived by many cherished nieces and nephews. Joanne’s family would like to thank the dedicated staff at UConn John Dempsey Hospital, who took wonderful care of her during the last weeks of her life. Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Celebration of Joanne's Life and Faith on Thursday, March 20th at 10 am. at the Church of Saint Timothy, 1116 North Main St., West Hartford. The family will hold a private burial. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAR **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy  
1116 North Main St  
West Hartford, CT 06117  
(860) 233-5131

# Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Bernie,  
My condolences to the entire Moran family on the passing of your Mom . She is now reunited with your Dad . Your Mom & Dad raised a great family and I had the pleasure of working with Bernie and Bobbi and got to meet some of this great family . You are in my thoughts. May She Rest In Peace .*



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**Rod Webber** - April 11, 2025 at 12:39 PM

BM

*Rod,  
Thank you so much for your kind words of support. We are so grateful for Joanne's presence in our lives and the gift of faith she shared with us. Thank you for your friendship- we love you! Bobbi & Bernie*

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**Bobbi Moran** - July 09, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JP

“ *Just a note to add my condolences. I think that our paths may have passed at one of the West Hartford area churches before I met her at the Court of St James. I enjoyed knowing her for a short time. She was such a nice person and I enjoyed talking to her and seeing her smile.  
May she rest in peace.*

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**joan peck** - March 23, 2025 at 07:25 PM

RZ

“ We are truly sorry for your loss. Your mother must have been an incredible person to raise such wonderful children. Her warmth and kindness will live on through her amazing family. Our thoughts are with you now and in the days to come. Rick, Janey and the Zoltun crew.

Rick Zoltun - March 21, 2025 at 03:34 PM

BC

“ We are so very sorry for your loss ! She sounds like an incredible woman . God Bless all of you ! Tim and Barbara Clemens

barbara clemens - March 19, 2025 at 04:10 PM



“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of Joanne Ferrara Moran.



March 18, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Joanne Ferrara Moran.

March 18, 2025 at 05:43 PM

RM

“ Ron Luneau and Cathy Morelli purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Joanne Ferrara Moran.



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Ron Luneau and Cathy Morelli - March 18, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ Ron Luneau and Cathy Morelli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joanne Ferrara Moran.

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Ron Luneau and Cathy Morelli - March 18, 2025 at 09:26 AM

DE

“ Joanne was a Morley School parent and a PTA colleague. She was involved in so many town and school activities with her boys, sports, music, church. A wonderful parent and friend.

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devora epstein - March 11, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Joanne Ferrara Moran.



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March 11, 2025 at 08:10 AM



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SG

“ I remember fondly Joanne’s involvement and support as we worked to establish the Spiritual Life Center in its early years. I was grateful for her contribution, as well as her husband’s. My deepest condolences and prayer.

*Sister Carmela Garofalo*

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**Sister Carmela Garofalo** - March 11, 2025 at 07:05 AM

CK

“ What can you say about a woman who took you at the lowest point of your life and not only saved your sanity but also saved your soul? Joanne was my spiritual director at the Spiritual Life Center for a number of years. Joanne was wise, warm, patient and funny. She was true to who she was, and with grace and deep listening, helped me remember and grow into who I was meant to be. She embodied what living a life of faith was all about – she will be missed.

*My deepest condolences and sympathies for her wonderful family.*

*Clare Kindall*

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**Clare Kindall** - March 10, 2025 at 07:44 PM

RF

“ I knew Joanne primarily through her dear husband, Marty, who was a good friend of mine and with whom I worked for several years at Heublein. The amazing life of Joanne’s faith is an ideal example for all of us to pattern our lives. I know how deeply you and all her many friends will miss her.

*My sincere condolences.*

*Richard “Dick” Farr*

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**Richard "Dick" Farr** - March 10, 2025 at 01:45 PM