



## Josephine Mary Morello

August 7, 1940 - January 17, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Josephine (Jo) Morello on January 17th 2025, at the age of 84. Josephine was born on August 7, 1940 in Norristown, PA, to Nino and Rose Morello. Jo attended Villanova University and graduated with a BA in nursing. She married a fellow student, John Carmosky, a physics major and US Navy Lieutenant, in 1962. Jo earned an MA in Communications from Temple University in 1968, and began a career in technical writing and public relations, working for ETS in Princeton, The Franklin Research Center in Philadelphia, and NCR in Cambridge, Ohio. In Cambridge Ohio. She took up a volunteer position with Cambridge Barn Theater, a summer stock theater, and as her engagement with theater grew, she took over as Development Director and Producer.

In 1986 Jo left the northeast to settle in Sarasota Florida, continuing her career in PR with clients such as Lee Wetherington Homes and the Sarasota Jazz Club. She met and married playwright Jack Gilhooley, and went on to write plays of her own, best known among them The Fabulous Mrs. Palmer, Lil & Louis, and shorts for a dinner theater she founded in Sarasota, the Starlite Players. Jo will be remembered for her endless energy and wit, ambition, and for her courage to challenge social norms of what women are expected and permitted to do.

She is survived by daughters Donna Carmosky and Janet Carmosky, and

grandchildren Dylan Zhang and Katherine Zhang; sister Rosann Marabella and brother Nino Morello Jr.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Jo touched are invited to the Gendron Funeral Home at 135 N. Lime Ave, Sarasota, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday January 25, 2025 to pay their respects. A funeral service will follow from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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*Viewing and visitation 9:00 am - 11:00 am*

# Tribute Wall

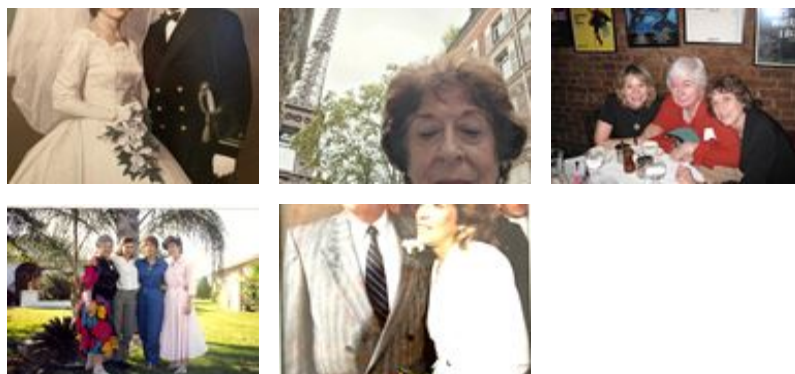
JR

“ After some efforts to reach Jo, I only learned today of her passing. The last time I saw her was for lunch at the UTC mall in December and knew of her illness. We were such good friends I was even in her wedding and had the privilege of seeing some of her plays. We both graduated from Villanova with degrees in Nursing. I will miss her deeply and so fondly cherish our many memories. My love to your family.  
Love  
Judy Ralston

Judy Ralston - May 18, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ 68 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc. - January 25, 2025 at 10:29 AM

JC

“ Janet C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Mary Morello.

Janet C. - January 25, 2025 at 07:39 AM

MJ

“ *Jo was one of my best friends in Florida and a favorite writer. I talked to her only last week and was sorry for her depressed state. I had her in my prayers and will offer more for her asap. Marie J. Kilker*

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**Marie J** - January 23, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Mary Morello.*



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January 22, 2025 at 03:59 PM