



Josephine Giocastro Melton

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Josephine Giocastro Melton was born on September 1, 1929, to Sebastian and Grace (Musco) Giocastro in Providence, Rhode Island. She was the middle child with three older sisters and a younger brother and sister.

Josephine, known to family and friends as “Josie”, grew up in Providence. After high school graduation, she began working and taking correspondence courses toward her college degree. At a local dance, she met the love of her life, Charles P. Melton, who was a Navy sailor stationed in Newport, Rhode Island. Josephine and Charles married in Providence, on May 4, 1954, and then moved to Nashville, Tennessee, to begin their life together. During their 47 years of marriage, they welcomed 3 children, 9 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Josie was employed by the State of Tennessee. She became a supervisor and retired from the Employment Security Department after a 40-year career of dedicated service. Josie enjoyed traveling the world with Charles, his sisters, and their husbands. From Alaska to the Caribbean to Italy and Greece, the couples maximized fun in their retirement years!

Josie and Charles attended Grace Avenue Church of Christ until it was dissolved and then placed membership at Jackson Park Church of Christ for the remainder of their lives. She was an active member there until she suffered a stroke in 2015. After recovering, Josie moved to an assisted living community in Franklin, Tennessee, where she soon became the “social butterfly”. She loved to play cards and board games! She welcomed opportunities to meet new residents and was the leader of the hospitality committee.

Josie had a zest for learning and truly personified her Italian heritage in the spirit and passion that she demonstrated all her life! Even to the end of her journey, she lived life to the fullest! Josie is survived by her three children, Charles S. “Steve” Melton (Vivian), Grace Melton Tantillo (Patrick) and Kimberly Melton Grisham, nine grandchildren, Austin Melton (Natalie), Courtney Melton Zahn (Kevin), Ryan Tantillo, Megan Tantillo Swain (Derek), Devon Grisham, Darin Grisham (Amanda), Joseph Grisham, Hailey Grisham and Lidia Grisham, and four great-



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grandchildren, Maverick Melton, Willow Rose Melton, Kynlee Zahn and Baby Boy Swain (due Dec 2022).

The family will receive relatives and friends on Thursday, September 8, 2022 from 12:00 pm until the time of the funeral service at 2:00 pm held at Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road in Nashville.

Click the link below to view the webcasted funeral service:

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/78100/hash:A6EC523FC86ED428>

Memorial contributions can be made to Alive Hospice in honor of Josephine G. Melton.



Events

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Visitation

- 📅 **Thursday**, September 8, 2022
- 🕒 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
- 📍 **Spring Hill Funeral Home**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216



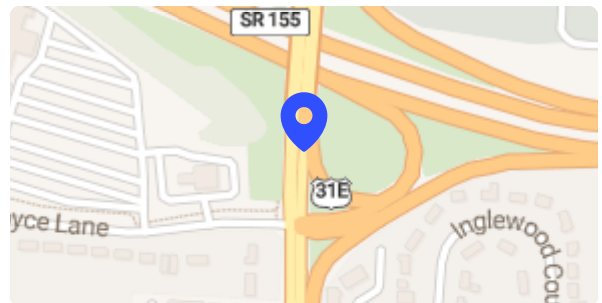
Funeral Service

- 📅 **Thursday**, September 8, 2022
- 🕒 2:00 PM CT
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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Historic Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville TN 37216





Tribute Wall

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Daron Grisham shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Here's a memory of us Rest in Peace Grandma. Save a spot for me.

September 7 at 5:28 PM



Daron Grisham posted:

Grandma I remember you calling me every morning making sure I was up for school, taking me if I had missed the bus and picking me up when I was sick. Going out your way to make sure I had everything I needed plus more.

September 7 at 3:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Melton family.

September 7 at 11:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melton family.

September 7 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Melton family.

September 5 at 3:55 PM



Anonymous sent an Enduring Grace to the Melton family.

September 4 at 8:35 AM





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Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Melton family.



September 3 at 8:13 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Melton family.



September 2 at 7:34 AM



Mo Anderson posted:

My hearts break for Grace and her family! I met Josie several years ago at NHC and we hit it off instantly. We became Rummikub, Friday night, buddies. I will miss her spunky and full of life attitude. Hugs to the family!!!! Mo and Ray Ligon

September 1 at 10:29 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Josephine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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