



Janet A. Smith

August 18, 1953 - August 26, 2025

Janet A. Smith (nee Sferlazza), of Staten Island, NY passed away on August 26, 2025 at Richmond University Medical Center. She was born August 18, 1953 in Brooklyn, NY to Joseph and Catherine (Romano) Sferlazza. Her parents moved from Brooklyn and built their home in Great Kills in 1957 across from P.S. 8.

Janet graduate from Tottenville High School in 1971. She worked as a secretary in NYC at her first job with The International Nickel Company and the law firm of Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton. She ended her career at AT&T, located at the Teleport in Staten Island.

Janet loved bird watching, the Adirondack Mountains, water lillies, Atlantic City, Hallmark Christmas movies, reading, cooking and baking for her family and friends. She was also a devout catholic who loved worshipping at St. Clare Church. Simply said, she enjoyed being a homemaker and felt that getting old was a real privilege and a bonus in life. As she always used to say "enjoy it as much as you can and appreciate all and everyone around you". To make a long story short, she has left this world gracefully and thankful to her loving son, Matt, and many wonderful cousins and friends who made her life so special and enjoyable.

I'm in the shining stars in the night sky - I'm on a floral scented breeze - I'm on

the sparkling light dancing upon the lake - I'm in the pine scented forest of upstate - when you laugh and smile I'll be there, and most of all, you are in my heart and I yours.

To my son Matt - I am forever so grateful to you. You were more than any mother could have asked for or even hoped for in a son. You were truly my "wingman", always there, so kind, so patient. You made my life worth living. I want to thank you, Matt, for always being my "wingman". You were there every step of the way - hospitals, doctors and trying so hard to keep me going. The best thing that ever happened to me was the day you were born. God truly blessed me with you. I gave life to you, BUT YOU gave me the true gift of love.

Matt told me to do a recording so I can thank you all for being here now that my time is done. So thank you for remembering me.

Janet was the beloved wife to the late Alfred Smith. Loving mother to Matthew Smith, who made her life so worthwhile and was a real blessing. She was the dear sister to the late Annette Greco. Devoted aunt to Dominick Greco and cherished great aunt to Lucas Greco

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The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 30, 2025 at St Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Ave Staten Island, New York 10308. Cremation will be private.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
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Staten Island, NY 10312

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AUG 29. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

AUG 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Clare Church
110 Nelson Ave
Staten Island, NY 10308

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Matt, Dom and family, I am so sad to hear of Janet's passing. She was an amazing and beautiful woman, full of love and kindness. May you be at peace with her passing and always feel her love. Love, Cousin Cyndi

Cynthia Benno - August 29, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CM

“ Cyndi, David & Morris Moskowitz purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janet A. Smith.



Cyndi, David & Morris Moskowitz - August 29, 2025 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ Cyndi, David & Morris Moskowitz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet A. Smith.

Cyndi, David & Morris Moskowitz - August 29, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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“ From Clint, Tiffany and the Egnor Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janet A. Smith.

From Clint, Tiffany and the Egnor Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM

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“ From Clint, Tiffany and the Egnor Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Janet A. Smith.



From Clint, Tiffany and the Egnor Family - August 28, 2025 at 06:27 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Janet A. Smith.



August 28, 2025 at 04:34 PM

LB

“ Leslie Baran lit a candle in memory of Janet A. Smith



Leslie Baran - August 28, 2025 at 04:30 PM

LB

*Matt, we were so saddened to hear about your mom's passing. She was so seet and full of life. We will miss seeing her at family get togethers. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.
Love Leslie & John Molluso*

Leslie Baran - August 28, 2025 at 04:34 PM

MA

“ Marilyn lit a candle in memory of Janet A. Smith



Marilyn - August 28, 2025 at 03:11 PM

MA

“ Janet was one of my first friends in Kindergarten PS 8. She was the sweetest, kind and a truest if friends that we all are lucky to have in our life. She loved nature and for sure the birds..i will always remember "Freddy" we did laugh about that recently. Matt my heart breaks for you now...she loved you more then life itself you were her savior. Rest in God's heavenly peace my dear friend. You will be missed.

Marilyn - August 28, 2025 at 03:10 PM