



Janice E. DiOrrio

September 2, 1945 - February 3, 2025

In Loving Memory of Janice E. Giancola DiOrrio

A life Well-Lived and Cherished

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Janice E. DiOrrio, age 79, who left us on February 3, 2025, after fighting a long illness with ALS. Janice was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and cherished member of our community.

Janice was born on September 2, 1945, in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. From a young age she exhibited a passion for creativity, which later influenced her life and career. She graduated from Kennett Square High School class of "63".

Janice had a distinguished career in Interior Design. After finishing classes on Interior Design, she started and owned her own business (Bear Windows, Inc.) in Kennett Square for 20 years. Her dedication and expertise earned her numerous accolades and awards.

In 1965, Janice married Walter Giancola, and together they shared 33 years of marriage. They were blessed with Shelly, Jackie and Michael, who brought immense joy to their lives. Janice was also a proud grandparent to: Ashley,

Allison, Abigail, Nicholas, Gregory, Olivia, Benjamin and Katelyn and a proud great-grandparent to Miles.

In 2000, Janice met a Marine Corp Veteran Thomas DiOrrio and in 2004 they were married. They were together 25 years and married for 20 years. Which gave him plenty of time to corrupt her. Together they enjoyed traveling and volunteering at the VFW.

Outside of her professional life, Janice was an active member of General W.W. Atterbury Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She volunteered her time there doing fund raising projects, running monthly bingo at the Veterans Hospital in Elsmere and teaching flag etiquette to our young children in grade schools here in Delaware and in Kennett Square, PA.

Over the years she also helped the General Thomas Holcomb Detachment of the Marine Corp League do Christmas decorations in the Nursing home at the VA Hospital. Janice also loved to sew and do quilting with her lifelong school friends. Janice did stockings for soldiers for several years and was also involved in the "Quilts for Valor" program.

Janice is preceded in death by her mother, Ruth Herman; father, Ronald Herman; and brother, Larry Herman. Janice is survived by her loving husband, Thomas DiOrrio; children: Shelly Emsley (Todd), Jackie Brison (Robert) and Michael Giancola (Jamie); grandchildren: Ashley Zell, Allison Zell, Abigail Emsley, Nicholas Brison, Gregory Brison, Olivia Brison, Benjamin Giancola and Katelyn Giancola; great-grandchild, Miles Byrd; sister, Judy Sheirich (John); and two nieces.

Her legacy of kindness, dedication, love and her smile will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE, 19720, from 9:30-11 AM. A celebration of life will begin at 11 AM. Burial will follow at Delaware Veterans Cemetery. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Celebration of Life

FEB 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
info@stranofeeley.com

Burial

FEB 18. 1:00 PM - 1:20 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Bear
2465 Chesapeake City Rd.
Bear, DE 19701

Tribute Wall

GC

“ Tom and family I wanted to express my deepest condolences to you 🙏 I just learned of the sad loss recently and I know there are no words 😞 please know you are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 heaven definitely has gained an angel, Peace and love being sent your way, Gwen Collins/ Sarge and Nancys youngest daughter



Gwen Collins - February 28, 2025 at 11:36 PM

KO

“ Janice was such a kind and loving person. She was the absolute best neighbor we could have ever asked for and we have so many cherished memories with her. We loved her very much and will miss her terribly. -Katherine & Adam Olson

Katherine Olson - February 19, 2025 at 06:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Janice E. DiOrrio.

February 17, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



February 17, 2025 at 02:26 PM

MP

“ To All of Janice's Family,
I was very sorry to hear of Janice's passing but she's no longer suffering and at peace. My sincere condolences and prayers to all of you.
May the many memories you have of her help to get you through this very sad difficult time. She was such a sweet caring person and always had a smile. She will be missed by all that knew her. May she rest in peace.

Margaret Pennington

Margaret Pennington - February 15, 2025 at 10:36 PM

JL

“ John and Lisa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



John and Lisa - February 15, 2025 at 12:08 PM

VM

“ VFW Post 6984 Post Officers and Members planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice E. DiOrrio.

VFW Post 6984 Post Officers and Members - February 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

VM

“ VFW Post 6984 Post Officers and Members purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



VFW Post 6984 Post Officers and Members - February 14, 2025 at 05:27 PM

JD

“ She was such a lovely lady and I loved her sense of humor! She will be missed. My heart goes out to Tom and family. Jo Dougherty



Jowain Dougherty - February 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM

LF

“ Love Richard & Antoinette Filiaggi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice E. DiOrrio.

Love Richard & Antoinette Filiaggi - February 14, 2025 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ Love Richard & Antoinette Filiaggi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



Love Richard & Antoinette Filiaggi - February 14, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



February 14, 2025 at 07:52 AM



“ John Mitchell and Mary Anne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



John Mitchell and Mary Anne - February 13, 2025 at 02:53 PM



“ Craig Neff USMC planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Janice E. DiOrrio.

Craig Neff USMC - February 11, 2025 at 04:13 PM



“ Craig Neff USMC purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



Craig Neff USMC - February 11, 2025 at 04:13 PM

CB

“ *The Family have our condolences 🌸 on the passing of my Auxiliary sister Janice forever Loved forever missed Rest In Paradise love Crystal and Raymond Brown 🙏❤️*



Crystal Brown - February 08, 2025 at 02:37 PM

MH

“ *Matt and Connie Hoopes purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.*



Matt and Connie Hoopes - February 08, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.*



February 07, 2025 at 04:11 PM

JS

“ *Tom Sorry to of Janice's passing*

John S - February 07, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JD

“ Sincere sympathies to Janice's husband and extended families. We(class of "63") all have fond memories of Janice. Janice and I have recently been playing an on line game(Words with Friends), every day without skipping a day. She was still playing 3 days before she passed. She will be missed by everyone who ever knew her, but especially her loved ones. May she rest in peace.
Joe Donohoe

joe donohoe - February 07, 2025 at 02:32 PM

JA

“ John Morrow & Alice purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Janice E. DiOrrio.



John Morrow & Alice - February 07, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ I'm so saddened to hear this. I met Janice when she was with Bear windows and helped me with myself and so many clients and we became pretty friendly right away it was just her contagious laughter and kindness that you couldn't deny. Her dear friend Ann and I also hung out, fun times hugs to all of you 🤍🙏

Maria Zanfrisco - February 07, 2025 at 01:13 PM

SP

“ Shelly & Family:
So sorry for your loss. Thoughts & prayers to you & your family.



Sandra Petrucci - February 07, 2025 at 12:51 PM

NC

“ *Janice was a classmate, friend, and role model. As a classmate, she prepared and led our class through many reunions. She kept us connected as friends with emails, texts, phone calls, luncheons, and even a get-together in a backyard during Covid. As we watched Janice face the last two years with ALS, she went forward with Grace; continually finding ways to communicate with her family and friends. Rest in peace, Janice!*

Norma Johnson Cole - February 07, 2025 at 12:29 PM

BS

“ *May my beautiful friend rest in peace. We shared so many good times and so many laughs together. She will be truly missed. I love you my Key West momma. Heartbroken but now she can rest easy. No more pain. I love you my girlfriend. Until we meet again. Prayers go out to Tom and the rest of the family. She loved all of you with every inch of her heart*

Bonnie Smetanka - February 07, 2025 at 11:32 AM