



Evelyne Margiotta

November 11, 1944 - July 20, 2022

Evelyne Margiotta, age 77, passed away on Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, surrounded in her final moments by her family's tenderness as well as the voice of Frank Sinatra. She was born on November 11, 1944, in Baghdad, Iraq, daughter of the late Elias and Naima and sister to the late Alice.

Evelyne's story begins at the end of the British occupation of Iraq—her childhood marked by an ensuing crescendo of anti-Jewish violence, political uprisings, and martial law. As the rioting and instability increased, Evelyne's parents made the life-saving decision to hastily whittle down their life's possessions into four leather steamer trunks and embark on a journey towards safety.

Beirut, Lebanon served as their first stop, and for a time Evelyne enjoyed relative stability. During these formative years, she studied French and hereby crystallized "la vie" of an unapologetic Francophile. However, when religious and political tensions intensified, Evelyne was forced to pack up her textbooks. Once again, the family was forced to flee—this time in response to the Lebanese coup d'état.

Evelyne's family eventually settled into a small two-bedroom apartment in Rego Park, NY. While her father continued to work on supporting the flight of other Iraqi Jews into the United States, Evelyne completed Forest Hills High

School. Following graduation, Evelyne completed coursework at the New York School of Interior Design.

The trajectory of her life changed the instant her future husband asked her to dance at a singles event in Flushing, Queens. Evelyne, resplendent in a bouffant wig emblematic of that decade, immediately said yes. As Sinatra crooned “Strangers in the Night,” Evelyne and Joe secured their blue diamond eyes on each other.

Evelyne and Joe moved to Long Island, NY with their 2 daughters. Evelyne enjoyed swimming, traveling, and watching network television with her family. It is because of Evelyne’s appreciation of classic television programming that her daughters know firsthand who shot J.R., who was the special guest at Luke and Laura’s wedding, and who can turn the world on with her smile.

During her years as a travel agent, Evelyne organized many family vacations across North America. Whether it was through the giant redwoods of California, across the rocky seas of the Caribbean, or up and down the Disney World monorail, Evelyne cherished her vacation time with family above anything else.

When Evelyne turned 50, she made the brave decision to pursue a college degree. And on May 19, 1996, Evelyne’s family celebrated a hat trick when both daughters and their mother graduated on the same exact day—Patricia from law school, Jenny from college, and most importantly Evelyne from Nassau Community College with an associate degree.

The birth of Evelyne’s two grandchildren, Emma and Leo, served as the next significant inflection point in her life. Evelyne thrived in the role of the doting grandmother showering her grandchildren with gifts and unconditional love. In this role, Evelyne experienced the unadulterated joys of grandparenthood.

Evelyne was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother and is survived by her daughters Patricia and Jennifer, son-in-law Domenic, daughter-in-law Ana, and two grandchildren Emma and Leo.

Family and friends are invited to a small and informal Celebration of Life Service on Thursday, July 28th, 2022, at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA 20110. The service is scheduled for 5pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): www.nami.org.

Cemetery Details

St. John Cemetery

80-01 Metropolitan Ave
Middle Village, NY 11379

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 28. 5:00 PM (ET)

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