



Josephine DeChicchis

September 7, 1944 - September 26, 2025

Josephine (Josie) DeChicchis, age 81, of West Bloomfield, Michigan, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2025, after a courageous 16-year battle with stage IV Lung Cancer. She never accepted that diagnosis and instead chose to live her life with a strong faith and a free spirit.

A devoted mother and grandmother fueled by boundless energy. She was small but mighty. A dancing Queen. Born in Clairton, Pennsylvania, Josie relocated to Michigan in 1966 shortly after getting married. She spent many years as a gifted hairstylist and painter, but her artistry extended far beyond her profession. She was creative in every sense of the word, finding beauty in the world around her and sharing it with others. She loved to keep her home clean and stylishly decorated. She was always humbled by everyone's interest in her paintings. Outgoing and full of life, she could strike up a conversation with anyone, anywhere, and would often offer advice or be concerned if they were hungry. She was very generous and nurturing and her love for cooking was a cherished part of her Italian heritage.

She was also a storyteller at heart. She often began with the words, "Kickass" and "to make a long story short," though her stories were rarely short but always entertaining. Her laughter, energy, and love of life filled every room she entered. Josie's love wrapped around our hearts and made us feel that nothing was missing in our lives when we were with her. Her love was so strong that we will always feel her near us.

She is survived by her loving children Michael Cologie and Melissa (Mike) Lundgren and grandmother to Emma Lundgren, who will forever carry her legacy of resilience, warmth, and joy in their hearts.

She will be laid to rest in a private burial surrounded by love. A memorial luncheon will be held next month by invitation.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to everyone at Hechtman Apartments and to the Accentcare hospice caregivers and friends who surrounded her with compassion and kindness in her final days.

Tribute Wall

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“ I just found out about your passing. Im saddened to hear this You played such an important part in my life growing up. I was always at Aunt Francies house,who I adored. You were like another sister. I have so many memories of you that we shared.. You were always so kind to me even though I most likely was the annoying little cousin. I can see you and Lois and Aunt Francie dancing away in Heaven RIP Josie I love you..Your cousin Francine

Francine - October 22, 2025 at 12:02 PM

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“ Suzanne S. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine DeChicchis.

Suzanne S. - September 30, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ There are just NOT enough words to describe Josie-bella and certainly not enough to express how much she will be missed. I know this because I have been writing about her for days now and am not nearly finished! Fifty years of friendship was simply not enough! Rest in well deserved peace in the arms of Jesus sweet friend and let your little Light shine!!!

Suzanne Skotarczyk - September 30, 2025 at 01:02 PM

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“ Anyone who was fortunate enough to know Josie was met with love and her artistic talents. She loved Jesus and I am sure she is with Jesus now. Blessings to Melissa, Mike, Emma and Michael. Feel her peace.



karen tambornini - September 29, 2025 at 07:22 PM

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“ Karen A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine DeChicchis.

Karen A. - September 29, 2025 at 07:11 PM