



Jean "Jeana" Simone

October 10, 1955 - October 1, 2023

Jean "Jeana" Marie (Elmer) Simone went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on October 1, 2023 at her home surrounded by her family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Jeana was born on October 10, 1955 in Würzburg, Germany while her father was enlisted in the Army. Jeana was a lifelong resident of the Iron Mountain area and graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1973 where she was a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduation, she attended Marquette University and obtained a 4-year Dental Hygiene Degree in 3 years. Her first job out of college was in Norway, MI where she was a hygienist for Dr. Tom Carlson. While she thoroughly enjoyed hygiene work, her passion lied with her family business, Perina's Clothing Store. Jeana added a breast prosthesis fitting service which, at the time, was the only fitting service in the UP. Eventually Jeana, along with her sister Julie, would become owners of the store until the business sold in 2000. At that time, she joined her husband, Nick, at the Simone Insurance Agency. Jeana retired in 2019 to spend time with her family whom she loved dearly.

Jeana loved to be around people and enjoyed volunteering her time as a member and president of the Zonta Club where she spearheaded the Tall Ships program and was a Pink Ribbon Chairperson. She also donated and volunteered at the Cancer Loan Closet, was secretary/treasurer of the

Paisano Club as well as a member of a book study club. Amongst all of her volunteering, serving her Lord was how she best liked to spend her time. Jeana was as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, faith formation teacher and a lector at Immaculate Conception Parish. She was a lifelong learner and always helped others by putting their needs above her own. Jeana was an excellent cook with an emphasis on Italian cuisine. Many times, Jeana would receive a request for a large batch of her red sauce for a graduation party, reunion, anniversary, etc. Most of the time these requests came from close friends and family, but occasionally from people she hardly knew, but she never refused. Other than cooking and a love for the outdoors – even enjoying weeding to the minute detail in her beautiful flower gardens – she was a natural at being a wonderful wife, mother and Nona. Jeana’s Christian values never wavered. She accepted difficult health news with a shrug of her shoulders and never complained. She would simply place her faith in God’s hands and say “It is God’s will.”

In addition to her husband of 43 years, Nick Simone Sr., Jeana is survived by her son, Nick (Christina) Simone Jr.; daughters, Christina (Scott) Caliebe, Elissa (Randall) Howe, and Abbie (Logan) Simone; her mother, Betty Elmer; sister, Julie Mainville; brothers, Tim (Linda) Elmer and John (Tina) Elmer; sisters-in-law, Candy (Mykle) Jacobs and Cathy (Bruce) Main; brother-in-law, Paul (Sheri) Simone; grandchildren, Nora, Vincent, & Ada Caliebe, Nick III, Giada, and Luca Simone, Gabriella, Angelo, Giuliana and Antonio Howe. She is also survived by her cousins, Jerry, Karen, Sally, Lena, Daniel, Lisa, Richard, Dwight, Sally, Christine, the Budny and Nardi Families, friends and neighbors, Dan & Lisa, Rich & Andre, Duane, Simone Agency staff, Susie & Rick, Jon & Paula, Steve, John & Linette, Rob & Debbie, Mary & Bob, Gene & Debbie, Pete & Patty, Pam & Bill, Cheryl & Larry, Bonnie & Milt, Deb J, “The Raisins” as well as many nieces and nephews; Jeana truly loved you all. “Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter; whoever finds one, finds a treasure.” – Sirach 6:14-17

Jeana was preceded in death by her father, John “Tim” Elmer, grandmothers Perina Pastori & Eva Elmer, uncle Monsignor Charles Elmer, and her in-laws Nick & Norma Simone.

Jeana’s family would like to thank the oncology departments at Dickinson-Marshfield, especially Jim Campbell, and the University of Michigan for their exceptional care. We would also like to thank Father Mike and Father Mark, Deacon Jerry & Karen Nardi, as well as the many people who prayed for a longer, healthier life for Jeana. God had a different plan, and no matter how much time we had together, it wouldn’t have been enough. The time we spent together was a wonderful blessing.

Since Jeana, along with many others in our family are Yankee fans, we feel compelled to close with a famous statement from Lou Gehrig; our time with Jeana makes us feel as though “we are the luckiest people on the face of the earth.”

Visitation will be held on Friday, October 6 from 9AM- 11:30AM at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. The Mass of Christian Burial will follow at Immaculate Conception Parish at 12:00PM with Father Mike Chenier presiding. Pallbearers will be Jeana’s brothers, Tim and John Elmer, nephew, Matt Mainville, brother-in-law, Paul Simone, sons-in-law, Randall Howe and Scott Caliebe, special friends, Jon Pryor and Rob Barkle and honorary pallbearer, Dwight Romagnoli. A reception will be held at Pine Grove Country Club following burial at Iron Mountain Cemetery Park.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Jeana Simone online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home with the arrangements

Cemetery Details

Cemetery Park

Cedar Ave
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 6. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 6. 12:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
500 Blaine St.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

PJ

“ We were so sorry to hear of Jeana’s passing. We know she leaves you with many fond remembrances. Pease know we will keep all of you in our prayers. Colin & Paulette Jacobetti.

Paulette Jacobetti - October 07, 2023 at 01:49 PM

AH

“ There is a bond between family that transcends generations. Traditions are passed down, memories are made and strengths shared. The Nardi Family has been beyond blessed with amazing, strong, determined and self-less women, albeit many taken from us much too soon, but where roots are strong, there is no need to fear the wind. May you rest easy dear Jeana knowing that your legacy will live on.

*Nick and Family,
Keeping you all in thought and prayer. May your memories bring you peace and healing, as you prepare to celebrate the life of your amazing wife & mother.
With much love and deepest sympathy,*

*Anne Marie Worthington-Hancock
Shannan Worthington-Knapp*

Anne Marie Hancock - October 05, 2023 at 11:15 PM

AM

“ Anne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

Anne M. - October 05, 2023 at 10:40 PM

DB

“ Don and Lisa Barr purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



Don and Lisa Barr - October 05, 2023 at 04:44 PM

DB

“ Don and Lisa Barr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

Don and Lisa Barr - October 05, 2023 at 04:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 05, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

October 05, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 05, 2023 at 02:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 05, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*

October 05, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 05, 2023 at 08:04 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 04, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

October 04, 2023 at 11:26 PM



“ *Nick and Family - our prayers are with you. May her Memory be Eternal! Fr. Mark, Laura, and Lexi Hagan*



Laura Hagan - October 04, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to Jeana's family. Everyone is in our thoughts and prayers.*
Lana Stevens

Lana Stevens - October 04, 2023 at 07:22 PM



“ *My sincerest heartfelt condolences to Jeana's family during this difficult time*

Kristen Lindholm - October 04, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean "Jeana" Simone.

October 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 04, 2023 at 05:11 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 04, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ My prayers are with your family. Condolences, Laurie Dicken

Laurie Dicken - October 04, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ My condolences, Nick, Elissa and Abby and all her family. So sorry to hear of Jeanes passing. She was a wonderful woman ! My prayers are with your family.
Susan Schaut



Susan Schaut - October 04, 2023 at 01:36 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 04, 2023 at 01:13 PM



“ *My most treasured memories with my Aunt Jeana include those times we shared at Grams' & Gramps' pool, sun-soaked days at the cottage on Lake Ellwood, a special 4th of July at Sunny Shores, and enjoying some of the most delicious pizza on earth – these will forever make me smile and remain in my heart. As we remember her vibrant spirit, my deepest condolences go out to my cousins Nick, Christina, Abbie, Elissa, and my Uncle Nick. Know that I love you, miss you, and hold you close in thought and prayer.*



Jeff Main - October 04, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Keith Moore - Grand River Insurance purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



Keith Moore - Grand River Insurance - October 04, 2023 at 12:59 PM

KC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Jeana's passing. My mom, Noreen Gussert, worked at Simone's for years and spoke so highly of her. My deepest condolences to the whole family ❤️ Kris (Gussert) Czerwan

Kris Czerwan - October 04, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 04, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 04, 2023 at 09:53 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 04, 2023 at 09:16 AM

SP

“ *OMG My Deepest Sympathies to Nick Jr and family for loss of wife Jeana. RIP 🙏🙏🙏*

Susan Piatti - October 04, 2023 at 06:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 03, 2023 at 10:37 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 03, 2023 at 08:55 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.*



October 03, 2023 at 07:09 PM

DD

“ There are so many wonderful memories of all the cousins gathering together with Jeana for the holidays and special events. It began with early memories of swimming at Lake Elwood from the time the sun came up until it went down. We were in our swimsuits for at least 14 hours a day! We usually finished off the day with several rounds of “Hearts” and we couldn’t wait to dump the queen of spades to one another. Special times were also collected at Auntie Per’s Shop trying on new clothes and looking at the lingerie. So many laughs.

I will never forget your beautiful smile, Jeana, and your sense of humor. It was

Infectious. You were an inspiration to all of the Italian Nona’s in our family.

You will missed. ❤️

Rest In Peace Cuz,

Dee Dee Nardi

DEE DEE - October 03, 2023 at 06:45 PM

DD

“ 1 file added to the album Cousins gathering



DEE DEE - October 03, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Jean "Jeana" Simone.



October 03, 2023 at 04:43 PM