



Josephine Welly

October 31, 1934 - January 18, 2026

Josephine Welly, 91, a longtime Mentor resident, died on January 18, 2026, in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born on October 31, 1934, in Cleveland's Little Italy to Italian immigrants John and Jennie Dabato, the youngest of four sisters. Josephine married Robert Welly in 1962 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Cleveland, and they shared 5 wonderful children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Josephine devoted her life to her family and bettering her community. She was heavily involved with the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Broadmoor School, starting when her daughter, Robin, was a student. Most recently, she enjoyed volunteering with the Christ Child Society at their Clothing Cottage. She loved attending her grandchildren's extracurricular events, and spent many hours at baseball, football, volleyball, and basketball games, cheerleading competitions, and band concerts. A lifelong Cleveland sports fan, you could find Josephine cheering on the Guardians, Browns, and Cavaliers, usually with a beer in hand. Josephine's home was a hub for family gatherings, which were never complete without too much food and games of kick-the-can and pinochle.

Josephine is survived by her children, David (Misty) Welly, Matt (Elizabeth) Welly, and Kathleen (Jamie) Buzzanca; grandchildren, Kaitlynn (Paul) Chiusano, Carrington (Austin) Kroll, Jacob Welly, Madelyn Welly, Stella Welly,

Ashley Buzzanca, Emily (Craig) Neltner, Megan Buzzanca, Christopher Buzzanca, Robert (Kristen) Welly, and Nicholas (fiancée, Jennifer Kovacic) Welly; great-grandchildren, Sebastian Welly and Collins Kroll; and her sister, Lee Peterson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Welly; son, Daniel Welly; daughter, Robin Welly; parents, John and Jennie Dabato; and her sisters, Manny White and Pat Zadd.

The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. Friday, January 23, 2026, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral Mass to honor Josephine's life will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, January 24, 2026, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 8560 Mentor Ave., Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060 (please meet at the church).

Interment will be in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Christ Child Society, 9324 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

All Souls Cemetery

10366 Chardon Rd.
Chardon, OH 44024
(800) 582-6850

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 23. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

JAN 24. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church
8560 Mentor Ave
Mentor, OH 44060-5853
(440) 255-3404

Tribute Wall

JC

“ John and Shelley Callahan purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephine Welly.



John and Shelley Callahan - January 23 at 10:08 AM

MF

“ Mike Olson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Josephine Welly.



Mike Olson and Family - January 23 at 09:37 AM

YD

“ Your Pal, Douglas purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Josephine Welly.



Your Pal, Douglas - January 22 at 04:37 PM

YD

“ Your Pal, Douglas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

Your Pal, Douglas - January 22 at 04:37 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine Welly.*



January 22 at 04:27 PM



“ *The KB Business Development Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.*

The KB Business Development Team - January 22 at 04:27 PM



“ *Jennifer P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.*

Jennifer P. - January 22 at 03:02 PM



“ *Stephanie & Eric Quigley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine Welly.*



Stephanie & Eric Quigley - January 22 at 01:00 PM



“ *Stephanie & Eric Quigley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.*

Stephanie & Eric Quigley - January 22 at 01:00 PM

TF

“ The conforte family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Josephine Welly.



The conforte family - January 22 at 12:00 PM

TF

“ The conforte family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

The conforte family - January 22 at 12:00 PM

LS

“ Love, Dottie & Sonny purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Josephine Welly.



Love, Dottie & Sonny - January 22 at 10:33 AM

AW

“ Annette Welly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Josephine Welly.



Annette Welly - January 22 at 09:06 AM

AW

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

Annette Welly - January 22 at 09:06 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Welly.



January 21 at 09:49 PM



“ Janet & Scot Ceravolo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

Janet & Scot Ceravolo - January 21 at 09:49 PM



“ Mark & Lynn Gleba purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josephine Welly.



Mark & Lynn Gleba - January 21 at 06:24 PM



“ Mark & Lynn Gleba planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

Mark & Lynn Gleba - January 21 at 06:24 PM

TH

“ The Haddad's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Josephine Welly.



The Haddad's - January 21 at 04:19 PM

TH

“ The Haddad's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

The Haddad's - January 21 at 04:19 PM

BF

“ Buzz , Jo-Marie Buzzanca & Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Josephine Welly.



Buzz , Jo-Marie Buzzanca & Family - January 21 at 03:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Welly.



January 21 at 01:31 PM

KF

“ Kathleen and Rob Fiackos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Josephine Welly.



Kathleen and Rob Fiackos - January 21 at 01:14 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Welly.



January 21 at 12:15 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Welly.



January 21 at 11:42 AM

RF

“ Reggie & Laura Stacy & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Welly.

Reggie & Laura Stacy & Family - January 21 at 11:42 AM

LJ

“ Love, Kayla, Jimmy, JJ, and Juniper purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Josephine Welly.



Love, Kayla, Jimmy, JJ, and Juniper - January 21 at 11:35 AM