



Jo-Ann R. Sensale

August 22, 1952 - January 15, 2017

Jo-Ann R. Sensale, 64, of North Haven passed away on Jan. 15, 2017 at the CT. Hospice Branford. She is survived by her beloved husband Joseph J. Sensale, her loving son Eric Litchfield and his wife Elizabeth of Stratford, cherished grandson Paul Litchfield, a brother Peter Aldino of Voorheesville, NY, a step daughter Michele D. Sensale of E. Berlin, CT and a step son Robert N. Sensale of Wallingford. Jo-Ann was born Aug. 22, 1952 in Oceanside, Long Island, NY a daughter of the late Joseph and Betty Aldino, was a graduate of the University of New Haven and then earned her JD degree from Quinnipiac University School of Law. She practiced law with several different law firms most recently as an associate with Bendett and McHugh of Farmington. Jo-Ann had an indomitable spirit and a huge heart, and loved being a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, lawyer, joke teller and genuine free spirit. She was outspoken, quick-witted and larger-than-life. She loved to laugh and make people laugh, and was always extraordinarily generous with her love, resources and time.

She loved her profession and had a deep respect for the law, always eager to share her expertise and advice with anyone. Every client was her most important client and she fought hard for every one, especially those she felt were underserved or going through hard times.

She made Christmas a wonderland for her grandson, elaborately decorating her tree and house with whatever his latest interest was at the moment. Superheroes one year. Birds another. Fish the next. And her traditional

Christmas Eve dinners were legendary, running seven courses and several hours. It didn't matter if you were full.

She loved her birthday and getting presents, but she was always more generous to others.

She was a voracious reader and had an insatiable curiosity about life and people. She loved history, music and politics, and she loved her bulldogs, first Spencer and now Bentley.

She showed incredible courage and strength and maintained an unerring faith throughout her five-year battle with cancer. Her bravery and resilience will never be forgotten.

We will forever miss her.

The family would like to thank all the staff at the Smilow Cancer Center and CT Hospice in Branford for their extraordinary care and effort on Jo-Ann's behalf. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden, Saturday morning at 9:30. Service will be held in the United Church on the Green, 270 Temple St., New Haven, at 10:00. (Free parking available behind the parish house). Burial will follow in All Saints Cemetery, North Haven. Calling hours at the funeral home will be Friday from 4-8 pm. Should friends desire , memorial contribution may be made to Yale University , c/o Dr. Alessandro Santin, Yale University School of Medicine, 333 Cedar St., PO Box 208063, New Haven, CT 06520. www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

JAN 20. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

United Church on the Green
270 Temple ST.
New Haven, CT

Tribute Wall

RD

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences go out to the families, From the Kiwanis' Family ~*

Reona Dyess - March 03, 2017 at 06:08 AM

AF

“ *My sincere and deepest condolences go out to Joe, Eric and their families. Jo-Ann was a remarkable woman, attorney and friend that I admired and respected very much. She had a huge heart. I first met Jo-Ann four years ago when I starting working for her at Bendett & McHugh....and in those years I learned so much from her, about life and the law. Incredible smart and funny at the same time...a tough softy as I always called her and when she talked – you listened! She can still bring a smile to my face even now... remembering back on some of the funny stories or conversations we had over the years about work and her family. I would love the way her eyes would light up when she talked about her grandson Paulie...she was a devoted Grandmother for sure!!! I still find it very hard to believe that she is gone... even now. Jo-Ann touched so many people’s lives in her lifetime... a life that ended way too soon. She put up a courageous fight all the way to the end. I will miss her terribly...her beautiful smile and her larger than life spirit. I hope that little Spencer was there to greet you when you arrived home...!! Rest in peace JoAnne... God Bless. You are forever in my heart!!*

Angela M. Fragione - January 20, 2017 at 11:11 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo-Ann R. Sensale.*



January 19, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Joe and family. Jo-Ann was my first boss in CT. Arriving at Lawyers Title to work for her January 1981. I was 24 and she 28. What an inspiration she was. She had just gotten her associates degree, going for her BA Degree, and who knew, Law School after that. Jo-Ann attended my wedding in June of 1981 and was the life of the party. The title industry has lost a dear friend. Attorneys and staff throughout CT are mourning today. What a fun person Jo-Ann was. How she remembered all those jokes is beyond me. I wished I had her sense of humor and good spirit. She was a wonderful boss who cared about people and a life long friend. Rest in peace, dear Jo-Ann. You loved deeply and were loved deeply.*

Beth Mahaney (Doyle) Caldwell

Beth Mahaney (Doyle) Caldwell - January 19, 2017 at 08:30 AM

DP

“*Jo-Ann was such a wonderful friend for many years and will be missed dearly. I have very fond memories of many good times with both Jo-Ann and Joe and certainly times filled with much joy and laughter. I always could count on Jo-Ann for a funny joke or a funny story. She had such a "gift of gab" and could hold a commanding conversation with the best. She adored her family and you could always hear it in her voice when she was speaking about them. Especially if you asked "How is your adorable grandson, Paulie". She was so proud of him and his accomplishments. He was loved by his grandmother like no other.*

I send my deepest condolences to Joe, Eric and their families. Jo-Ann touched many in her life, which ended way too soon. She truly put up a most courageous fight. She is now an angel looking down with her beautiful smile and spirit. God Bless her. I will miss you very much and you are forever in my heart.

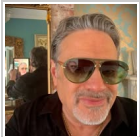
Love, Diane Picagli

Diane Picagli - January 18, 2017 at 06:13 PM



“ *Jo-Ann and I met 42 years ago. She walked into the hair salon at Malleys dept store and needed a cut and I was a new hairdresser who was building a clientele . She worked across the street and it was the beginning of our relationship that started as professional and lead to friendship. Jo-Ann followed me on my journey to working in several places always loyal and encouraging to me. I loved doing her hair and We shared so many of life's wonderful moments especially, her husband, her son and daughter in law and her grandson who she cherished. We were always there for each other through the bad times as well. She was always there to listen, and give her honest opinion. She guided Russ and I through buying our home and many other things for which I am so grateful. Jo-Ann was very realistic and through her fight for her health still wore a smile even at her last appointment with me 2 months ago when she prepared me for what may happen. A beautiful person full of life who I will miss but will never forget. Jo, you will always be in my heart. My deepest sympathy to all of you at this sad time.*

Dolores Fiedler - January 18, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ *We were deeply saddened to learn of Jo-Ann's passing although we knew this day was coming. She was a loyal client at our salon from day one, we will mark 38 years this month. We knew her mother as well. Jo-Ann's laugh was contagious and we always enjoyed sharing jokes or just funny true life stories and events. Her love for her son Eric and grandson was always a topic. Her devotion for her husband as well. She love her dog and our dog Daniel as well whom she would see when she came for her appointments. It is hard to believe we won't see her anymore but she will never be forgotten and a smile will always come to our faces when we think of her. I hope her passing was peaceful and for those of you she leaves behind, our deepest sympathy for your loss. God Bless Her.*

Gary Joseph - January 18, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo-Ann R. Sensale.*



January 18, 2017 at 11:54 AM



“ *Andrew Sensale Sr. and Andrew Sensale Jr. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jo-Ann R. Sensale.*



Andrew Sensale Sr. and Andrew Sensale Jr. - January 18, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *Scott P. Corn lit a candle in memory of Jo-Ann R. Sensale*



Scott P. Corn - January 18, 2017 at 10:58 AM

SC

“ Jo-Ann was Bendett & McCue's foreclosure attorney for Milford Superior Court for years. Being the foreclosure clerk here I got to know Jo-Ann very well and see her in court weekly. I loved and respected her very much. What a classy lady she was and always pleasant to work with even when she was telling me I was wrong (and I was). LOL. She was tough, extremely knowledgeable but kind to a fault. She did a wonderful job for her clients in court despite the sympathy I know she felt for many of the defendants. I learned from her many times and could count on her to have the legal answer when I couldn't find it. Another life cut short way too soon. Billy Joel got it right, "Only The Good Die Young." Rest in peace Jo-Ann. I am so glad you are suffering no longer even though I will miss you terribly. I pray that God is holding you close and that we will meet again someday. Scott P. Corn

Scott P. Corn - January 18, 2017 at 10:54 AM



“ Lavender Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jo-Ann R. Sensale.



January 18, 2017 at 10:40 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jo-Ann R. Sensale.



January 18, 2017 at 10:29 AM



Linda
F Pines

“ *Joann was a very special person. Always had a smile. Although I only knew her a short time, she was a beautiful person. She will be missed. My heart felt sympathy to her family. Please know that God is with you all in your time of loss.*

Min. Linda F.Pines

Linda F Pines - January 17, 2017 at 06:56 PM



KR

“ *Jo-Ann was a wonderful person and she will greatly missed. My thoughts are with you and your family now.*

Katherine Rigon - January 17, 2017 at 04:04 PM