



Joanne Morse

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Joanne Madonna Morse, 51, of Huntersville died August 1, 2022. She was born on November 2, 1970 in New Providence, New Jersey to Sherron Madonna and the late Steven Madonna, Sr.

Joanne was a wonderful wife and mother. She and Craig Morse were married for twenty five years. They raised their son Cole in Huntersville, NC.

Joanne graduated from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, PA and received her masters from St. Elizabeth University in Morristown, NJ and went on to teach for many years in the New Providence school district. She taught special education, first grade, and fourth grade.

Joanne left teaching when her family moved from New Providence, NJ to Huntersville, NC and focused on health, nutrition, and wellness for the remainder of her career.

Throughout Joanne's life, she shared many insights and wrote about her own personal journey. Her words and perspective were inspirational to many.

Joanne is survived by her beloved husband Craig; her son, Cole; mother Sherron Madonna, siblings, Alisa Madonna and Steven Madonna, Jr. (Rachel Rozycki). She is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends. She is predeceased by her loving father Steven J. Madonna, Sr.

A service will be held at Lake Forest Church, 8519 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, NC at 10:30AM on Friday, August 12, 2022. There will also be a service in New Jersey later this fall.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Joanne's memory can be made to Lake Forest Church.
<https://huntersville.lakeforest.org/give/>

James Funeral Home is serving the family.




Events


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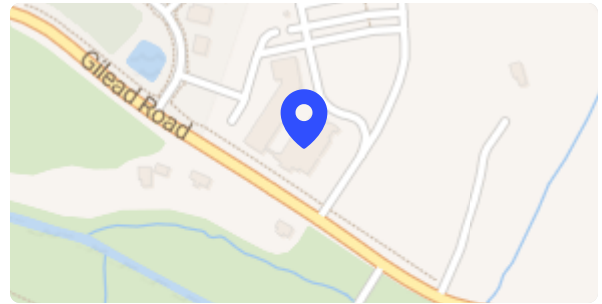
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, August 12, 2022

 10:30 AM ET

 **Lake Forest Church-Huntersville**
8519 Gilead Road, Huntersville NC 28078





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Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Morse family.



August 11 at 7:02 AM



Nora Arant Brennan Lsu '92 posted:

Rest in peace Joanne. I am so sorry for her family. Joanne and I met in college, and I have nothing but warm pleasant memories.

August 8 at 8:35 AM



Todd & Marilynn French lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

My wife and I met Joanne at Weight Watchers. She was our first Leader and I was struck by how caring and thoughtful she was. Later, at another meeting, she got a phone call and left the center immediately. We found out later that she had a brain tumor. From that point forward, she was the epitome of strength, courage and optimism. Throughout her fight with her affliction, she continued to be an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. Of course she will be missed, but more importantly, she will be remembered for her strength, courage and fortitude.



August 8 at 5:25 AM



Greta Sherwood posted:

Jo & I met at Crossfit Huntersville. She was my friend from the beginning. I was amazed by her strength especially after sharing she had a brain tumor removed several years before. Sadly the horrible demon returned as we know. I will forever remember the weekend I took her to a monastery! What a true blessing she was to me! Her light will forever shine!

August 7 at 9:13 AM



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Amanda Gilbert lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

Joanne and I never met in person. We met through Facebook and our shared love for wellness and fitness. She was such a light in this world and will be missed by many. May her entire family be comforted by the presence of God.



August 6 at 10:34 PM

KT **Keoni Teta** August 8 at 5:31 PM

We talked about being lucky and unlucky in life...and Death and dying... how precious life is ... how lucky we are to have lived. We got down to reality in our discussion about living and dying. We discussed this quote by Richard Dawkins. We are going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people are never going to die because they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been here in my place but who will in fact never see the light of day outnumber the sand grains of Arabia. Certainly those unborn ghosts include greater poets than Keats, scientists greater than Newton. We know this because the set of possible people allowed by our DNA so massively exceeds the set of actual people. In the teeth of these stupefying odds it is you and I, in our ordinariness, that are here. We privileged few, who won the lottery of birth against all odds, how dare we whine at our inevitable return to that prior state from which the vast majority have never stirred? I am lucky to have known you. We are unlucky that the party goes on without you.



Judy Storey posted:

I met Joanne when she walked into my Pole Studio yearso ago just days after her first brain surgery with a turbin around her head made of bandana material. I swore she was the coolest hippie chick I'd ever met. Little did I know. Fast forward, we became friends and she became the Manager for my studio. We planned a trip to a Pole Convention and I will never forget... We were driving and a classic rock song came on and we just started belting out singing that song and dancing in the car together. We laughed so hard, our jaws hurt. Miss you Joanne... xoxo

August 6 at 4:06 PM



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August 6 at 2:35 PM



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GC

Greg Caponegro lit a candle in honor of Joanne.

I met Joanne when she was a freshman at La Salle. She was dating my roommate. Both of being from NJ, we had an instant bond. Craig and Joanne visited us in NJ to meet our son Andrew in 1995. What a great couple. Joanne was a loving caring person. You will be severely missed. Taken Away too young. RIP Joanne



August 6 at 1:39 PM

TJ

Toni Jaramillo posted:

Joanne was and will always be an inspiration.what a beautiful soul.what a beautiful family.i met her when she happened to walk into the place where I work.i will forever pray for Her ,Craig and Cole.Gid bless you all.what a huge loss for us here.what a gain for heaven.love love love her.

August 4 at 4:42 PM

NE

Nancy English August 6 at 1:39 PM

Our family will always be grateful for the two years of being neighbors with the Madonnas-taught us southerners many things while we were there.....our children became fast friends and we have treasured that friendship all these years. Joanne was a warrior and was loved beyond measure. Fervent prayers for Craig, Cole and the Madonna's.



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WC

Wendy Cooper posted:

I met Joanne a few years back at a group event. She was just so beautiful in this long maroon dress that I had to tell her how lovely she looked. She was genuinely stunned by my compliment because that's who she was. As beautiful as she was inside and out she was never vain. She was the kindest, most gentle soul you could ever meet. I love her and will miss her always.

August 3 at 6:29 AM

CN

Connie Nowlin August 12 at 3:49 PM

It might seem insignificant, but it meant a lot to me. Joanne was also my Weight Watcher leader, and she was the best. She brought her expertise as an educator to our meetings and was fun, creative, and unique, in addition to being supportive and informative. She went above and beyond sending me an extensive email when I had questions. She made a real impression, so much so that I grieve with her family and friends in their loss of a very special individual. Connie Nowlin

TS

Tom Smith August 8 at 11:33 AM

Sherry and family- So sorry to hear of Joanne's passing. I know that she fought so hard over the last couple of years, and has really been such an inspiration to many. Now may she rest easy and be at peace.

KJ

Karen Johnson August 6 at 3:48 PM

I was Joanne's teaching Assistant at Roberts Elementary in the Learning Disabled class room in NJ. We became close friends. My husband and I moved to Charlotte, NC and later Craig and Jo moved to Huntersville. Joanne was such a funny and giving person. I was so amazed by willingness to fight so hard and never give up!! She leaves behind a legacy of strength and a shining star ✨ we will always love and miss you and never forget you!!!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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