



Joanne Marion Zasucha Zaninelli

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Joanne Zasucha Zaninelli, a child prodigy on the violin who performed with the Detroit Symphony at the age of ten, died peacefully on Saturday evening from the effects of Alzheimer's. She was 85. Born in Detroit, Michigan, on Christmas Eve in 1936, her father delivered her in the family's home on Burlingame Street. She is preceded in death by her parents, John and Rosalie (Chrobak) Zasucha, her sisters Bernardine and Lillian (John) Marek, and her brothers John and Fred (MaryAnn). She is survived by her brother, Ray, daughters Pia (Malcolm) Ehrhardt, Nina (Paul) Temple, Gianna (Jamie) Schlottman, and Gigi Turner, and seven grandchildren: Mia, Eliot, Andrew, Logan, Emme, Stephen and Alex, and three great-grandchildren: Miles, Lina and Gia.

Ms. Zaninelli made her debut on a loaned Stradivarius violin at the Detroit Institute for Fine Arts when she was fourteen, wowing the audience with Giuseppe Tartini's "The Devil's Trill" and Camille Saint-Saen's Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso, fearless in the staccato bowing, harmonics and double stops. She received much of her formal education at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, where she was a student of Efrem Zimbalist and Toshiya Eto. Her career and her thirty-five-year marriage to the composer Luigi Zaninelli took her around the world, living in Rome, Calgary, and eventually settling in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She performed as a soloist on national television on CBS, NBC and ABC, on programs that originated in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia. In Canada, she was a member of the Baroque Ensemble, and she frequently appeared as a soloist on CBC, Canadian public radio. For years she was the assistant concertmaster of the Gulf Coast symphony orchestra. In Hattiesburg, she opened her home to violin students, passing down the bowing techniques and work ethic she'd learned during her time at Curtis.

Music defined her life and her relationships. She would meet new people and want to know what instrument they played, or whether they sang in their church choir. In her kitchen, the radio stayed tuned to the local classical music station; while in her living room, a music stand held the



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next piece of music she was preparing. Her daughters grew up with the sound of her violin filling the house. She didn't play, she practiced, going over the same passage, needing to master it, but never perfecting it. The four of them will miss her as a musician, but especially as their mother.

Her daughters were the joy and pride of her life, and their visits always brought a twinkle to her eye. At the end, she turned on the charm and wit, returning to a girlish youthfulness. Because of her attentive and kind hospice nurse, Sesalie Cooper, all members of the family had a chance to converse with her, video visits that left her smiling and everyone wishing for more time together.

A private service will be officiated by their family priest, Father Tommy Conway, at E.J. Fielding Funeral Home, 2260 W. 21st Avenue, Covington, LA 70433 on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 11 a.m.

The family invites you to share thoughts, fond memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home's Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to the Curtis Institute of Music, 1726 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.




Events

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Private Viewing

 **Monday**, January 24, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT


 **E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services**

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Webcast Video**.



January 24 at 4:59 AM



Michael posted:

As a young child, the short brief visits at the home of jaJa and Busha.. I still can remember how aunt Joanne spoke to me of my interests and music.. rock-n-roll,, classical was boring I replied.. I was told I listen to classical music every Saturday morning,, Confused,,, I was then asked to close my eyes.. Music from an album Uncle Luigi composed began playing.. Then I was asked to think of my favorite cartoon,,, (I GOT IT !!) From then on i had become open to all types of music.. Pairing music with thoughts, pictures and words tells a story.. That memory will exist in me forever.. I LOVE YOU AUNT JOANNE..... Michael Zasucha

January 25 at 2:09 PM



Kathy Rushton Stewart posted:

It was a joy and an honor to be a mom of one of Joanne's students. Her patience,dedication, and love of music was a joy to observe for several years. She made a lasting impact developing an appreciation of music for my son. I believe her influence taught him many lessons which he has continued to use in his adult life. Condolences to all her family and friends.

January 22 at 3:39 PM



Sesalie Cooper posted:

It was such an honor to get to know this sweet lady. She made a lasting impact on my heart and I will miss her very much! Thank yal for letting me take care of her.

January 20 at 10:45 AM



Mia Temple January 20 at 2:18 PM

You did an amazing job caring from her, from what I have heard. We are all forever grateful for you!!! 🙏❤️



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Avital G Cykman lit a candle in honor of Joanne Marion.



January 20 at 4:53 AM



Mia Temple shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Nonni, as I called her, was the epitome of classy. She exuded her magnificence and permeated brilliance. She was elegant, firm and beautiful. I remember she fed my first born his first ice cream cone. I am so grateful for her pushing me to be better... from penmanship to business to eloquence and fashion, it was all artistry that needed to be ironed. I will miss her so very much.



January 18 at 8:20 PM



Gigi Turner January 27 at 6:26 AM

Thank you Pat. Mia marie street was before the pool. That was Court street. and you did swim in that one.



Mia Temple January 20 at 2:17 PM

Thank you and Marie street was before my memories, but I think I swam in that pool as a baby and I remember hearing about it. We did a grand Hattiesburg tour, lead by my Nonni and mom about 3 years ago so that is how I got the shot. That was the last time I saw her in person. ❤️



Pat Zachary January 20 at 6:45 AM

Many days at Marie Street home. I remember the garage music room and all the brilliance that was in that room and the whole house. You girls were blessed. Your mother was so blessed. Prayers continue for all of you! 👩👧❤️



Pat Zachary January 20 at 6:41 AM

Beautiful Mia!!!



Sandra Zasucha posted:

Joanne was a very talented violinist had lots of good memories, sincerely, Maryann and Sandra Zasucha

January 18 at 2:04 PM



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Gina Bertucci January 24 at 7:28 AM
Rest in Peace Aunt Joanne ~ With Love, Gina & Mark.



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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