



Janice D. Cabassa

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Janice D. (Murari) Cabassa — or “Nana” to those who loved her most — passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by her children, on March 9, 2026.

Janice was born November 17, 1936, to John and Victoria (Muntean) Murari. She was preceded in death by her siblings Howard, Eugene, John Gerald, and Virginia Szasz.

On January 14, 1956, Janice married the love of her life, Louis A. “Papa” Cabassa. Together they shared 68 years of marriage before his passing on November 8, 2024. Their enduring love and partnership were an example to all who knew them, and their family finds comfort in knowing Janice and Louie are together once again.

Janice graduated from Alliance High School in 1954 and remained proud of her roots in Alliance, Ohio. She was a faithful member of Regina Coeli Parish, where her faith was a guiding force throughout her life.

Above all else, Janice was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her five children: Steven (Pam) Cabassa, Michael (Irene) Cabassa, John Cabassa, Debra (David) Piero, and Patty (Jeff) Walker. She also leaves behind many cherished grandchildren, Kristan (Bill) Preston, Kelly (Sean) Finelli, Steven (Holly) Cabassa, David (Laura) Piero, Mikey Cabassa, Daniel Piero, Jake Walker, Crystal (Robbie) Thompson, Alan-Michael Cabassa, John Cabassa, Jr., Alec (Melissa) Walker, Missy (Brian) McDermitt, Josh Leask, Angela (Jeff) Prato, Candace Sinkovich; and several great-grandchildren.

Her legacy is as pure and true as she was herself and reflects perhaps the most important thing in life: love. As the matriarch of the family, Nana taught the simplest and most meaningful lessons about caring for others. Her home was always a place of comfort, warmth, and support. You would never catch her unprepared for an ice cream sundae, without a dish of chocolate or vanilla wafers nearby, or without a cozy couch and blanket for anyone who needed to rest. No request was ever too much when it came to caring for those she loved. Family holidays were especially



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meaningful to Janice, bringing everyone together and creating traditions and memories that will live on for generations.

Janice leaves this world as she lived in it—surrounded by incredible love and appreciation for the kindness she showed to everyone she met. The sweetness and love of Nana, together with the wit, pragmatism, and steady support of Papa, will live on through the generations of the family they built.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026 at 11:00 am at Regina Coeli Catholic Church, with Rev. Bob England as celebrant. Burial will immediately follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. There will be no calling hours.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Crossroads Charitable Foundation, 3743 Boettler Oaks Dr., Suite E, Green, OH 44685.

You are invited to view Janice's tribute wall, offer condolences and share memories at <https://www.sharerfuneralhome.com>. Arrangements are by the Sharer-Stirling-Skivolocke Funeral Home.





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Mass of Christian Burial

 **Friday**, March 13, 2026


 11:00 AM ET

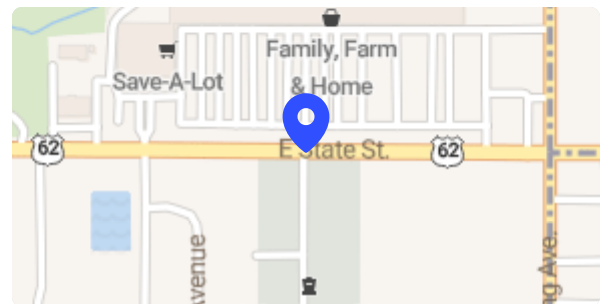
 **Regina Coeli Catholic Church**
663 Fernwood Blvd., Alliance OH 44601



Cemetery Details

 **St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery**
1215 E. State Street, Alliance OH 44601

 **330-821-5760**





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KH

Kate Heslop lit a candle in honor of Janice.

Jan and Louie were a blessing to me to get to know. I'm so fortunate our paths crossed in Homecare. I know their legacy will live on through your wonderful family

♥-Katē Heslop

March 20 at 7:42 AM



PW

Pat Wilson posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Jan's passing. I have wonderful memories of the Cabassa family. Condolences to the Cabassa children Grandchildren and the great grandchildren. Jan and Louie will always remain in my heart. Heartfelt sympathy. God Bless

March 18 at 10:53 PM

D

Donna Cully posted:

My deepest condolences to Jan's children, grandchildren, great grandchildren. You were so blessed to have had such an amazing Mother and Grandmother. She always had a smile on her face and such a beautiful personality. My prayers for strength. 🙏

March 16 at 7:28 PM

SS

Scott Stanish posted:

Dear Patty, I'm so sad to hear of your mom's passing. I haven't seen her in a while, but I always enjoyed talking with her as I do you. It was usually on a Friday night fish fry at Louie's. Just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you and keeping you and your family in my prayers. Sincerely, Scott Stanish

March 12 at 8:29 PM

J

Joyce Muniz posted:

I will always cherish my wonderful memories of Jan!!! She was a ray of sunshine!!! Whenever I visited, she would welcome me with open arms, a big hug and a beautiful smile. I always looked forward to seeing her, as she was an inspiration to me and the way I wanted to live my life. Jan, You & Louie raised an awesome family and you were loved beyond words. I know he had the biggest smile on his face, waited patiently for you, and welcomed you with open arms. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love, Joyce Muniz

March 12 at 10:32 AM



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Teresa N. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Janice.

March 12 at 8:39 AM



Teresa Bichsel lit a candle in honor of Janice.

Steve, Debbie, Mike, Johnny and Patty I am deeply sorry for your loss. I dearly loved your Mom & Dad. I have many fond memories of "Dancing Bear" in my lifetime. I can't remember when I didn't know her. Love and prayers to you all. I am sure they are together again.

March 11 at 7:12 PM



Melinda Matthews lit a candle in honor of Janice.

Sympathy and prayers to all the family on this great loss. We all loved her, too.

March 11 at 9:55 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Cabassa family.

March 11 at 8:29 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Cabassa family.

March 10 at 8:27 PM



Julie And Scott Stanish sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Cabassa family.

March 10 at 3:00 PM





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Susan, Toni, And Family sent a Magnificent Life Spray to the Cabassa family.



March 10 at 12:40 PM



Neva Vizzuso lit a candle in honor of Janice.

It sadden me to read of your passing, Jan.I am so happy to have known you for so many years.Rest with Jesus. Amen



March 10 at 12:10 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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