



## Madeline M. James

March 1, 1951 - February 22, 2009

View Madeline's Video Tribute [Madeline M. James \(nee Girgenti\) on February 22, 2009 of Deptford](#) after courageously battling ovarian cancer for over two years. Age 57. Beloved wife of forty-one years to Francis G. James, Jr. (Franny). Mother of Jacqueline Rauch (Rob) of Fl., Christina Torelli (Vince) of Deptford, Francis James, III (Shalon) of Deptford and Anthony of Deptford. Daughter of the late Natale and Amelia Girgenti. Sister of Natale Girgenti of Sewell, Anthony Girgenti (Joanna) of Trevoise, PA., Joseph Girgenti (Martha) of Cherry Hill, John Girgenti (Peggy) of Cherry Hill, Michael Girgenti (Peggy) of Glassboro and the late Santo (Sandy), Alfonso and Carol, Nancy and Michael Girgenti. Grandmother of Brittany, Courtney, Justin, Gianna Marie, Croccifixio, Vincenzo and Adriana. Sister-in-law of Jeannette and Charles Huntsinger of Clementon and Michael and Janet James of Fl. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and many special friends. Relatives and friends are invited to gather Thursday 9am to 11am at St. Margaret's RC Church Third and Beech Sts., Woodbury Heights. Funeral Mass 11am at the church. Interment private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Samaritan Hospice 5 Eves Dr., Suite 300, Marlton, NJ 08053.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Madeline M. James*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Happy Easter Aunt Mag! I love you!!*

**Beverly** - April 12, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ *MOMMOM, I love you so much. I reamber slepping over, staying up late, and whatching tv. We had a GREAT time togeather. I miss you alot. I wish you were still here. It's REALLY hard to go see pop whith out you being there. I cry my self to sleep because I think of you. Should I worry? You are and always will be. I will never forget you. I bring your card every where I go. I love you and ALWAYS will.*

**Gianna** - March 12, 2009 at 08:43 PM

NJ

“ *Franny and Family,*

*We are so heartbroken. We have lost someone who was so much more than a friend. We know we will always feel Madeline's presence in a comforting way and she will always know we are thinking of her.*

*We will miss the good times we shared. The trips, dinners, shore, parties, holidays, casino trips and the end of summer bashes at Fasola Park. There are many other memories that we will always cherish.*

*Our favorite is the trip to New York in September 2007. Watching Madeline laugh, smile and bargain with the street vendors is something we will always remember. When others questioned why she would take a chance going into a building, up 10 flights of steps to buy handbags she stated "When can we do it again?" Especially when Franny announced to a fellow that spoke very little English that "he was a cop." I didn't think anyone would ever see us again. Madeline gave such a brave, valiant fight - she will always be our hero!*

*Franny, Jackie, Chrissy, Franny, Anthony and the rest of your wonderful family - we love all of you and will always be here for you. Happy Birthday Madeline! We will light a candle and sing happy birthday to you. We will love you forever.*

*We have another Angel watching over us.*

*Love, Nick and Jane*

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**Nick & Jane** - March 01, 2009 at 09:23 PM

CT

“ Mom, today is your birthday and I find myself wanting to call you. Your face is forever etched in my mind and heart. These passed two years have been all that consumes my mind, heart and sole. You were my angel, my hero and my best friend. No one will ever be braver or stronger than you. Every day you fought and were determined to be here for us, though you are gone, your fight, courage, love and determination live on through your children and your grandchildren. No one will ever take your place in my heart, I love you and miss you greatly. I look to the sky each day and pray that you are at peace and know that you will be always loved and never forgotten. Happy Blrthday mommy. xoxoxox

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**Christina Torelli** - March 01, 2009 at 10:47 AM

JR

“ Happy 58th Birthday Mommy: Even though you are not here today, we will continue to celebrate the day that God gave life to the beautiful, loving woman that you were and always will be. Although my heart is aching today (our special day), I look back and remember all the wonderful, happy times we spent together. Those times will remain with me forever. You were my mommy, my best friend and my confidant and I thank you for always being there for me and my family. Thank you for your wisdom, your love and your guidance. You made me the woman I am today. I just hope I can be half the woman you were. We love you and miss you dearly. Your daughter Jackie

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**Jacqueline Rauch** - March 01, 2009 at 09:00 AM

CR

“ Mommom.. through the years there was only one person i got too call mommom while everyone else had two people too call mommom but looking back i realize that i was truely lucky. you are the only mommom i have ever needed in my life and you loved me more than any other mommom could ever love a grand child. you have changed mw completely and i will never be the same person without you here in my life. No one will ever be able to replace the space that you fill in my heart. The memories that we shared will always be kept in a special place. No matter what mommom, you will always be in my thoughts, not a day will go by that you do not cross my mine. I love you so much..forever and always you will be loved.

*Please watch over your 2nd Princess up there mommom.*

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**Courtney Rauch** - February 28, 2009 at 08:58 PM

GI

“ mommom, I loved you so much and still do and always will. I miss you so much. I do not know why this happens and I do not know why this happened to you. I know you loved me sooo much and still do. I know you can see me. I am praying for you and I know you are praying for me.

*you are in a safe place now you get to see your friends, family, and you get to meet new people. I REALLY LOVE AND MISS YOU. You are at home now. Love and hope.*

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**gianna** - February 28, 2009 at 08:36 PM

JR

“ I will always love mommom she is always in my heart. and I will never forget her she was the greatest grandma in the world I will ALWAYS love her forever.

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**Justin Rauch** - February 28, 2009 at 07:56 PM

CR

“ *She tried her hardest to be here with us, but it was her time to go. I loved her so much. She was the best mommom in the world. i will miss her always. xoxoxo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!*

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**cross** - February 27, 2009 at 07:57 PM

JS

“ *Franny, My wife Sherry and myself are so very sad to hear about your loss. I hope somehow you find the strength to get nthrough this hard time. I am sure with the help of your close family you will in time be ok. Just try and take some measure of comfort in knowing that all her pain is now over and she is in heaven enjoying a new life until you join her Jack & Sherry Smith*

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**Jack & Sherry Smith** - February 27, 2009 at 09:59 AM

JZ

“ *Dear Franny, Please accept our deepest and heartfelt condolence at this time. Madeline touched a lot of lives and will be missed by all of us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time of loss.  
Bobby and Julie-Zinni Baker*

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**Julie Zinni-Baker** - February 26, 2009 at 02:59 PM

LF

“ *Fran, Jackie, Chrissy, Frannie, and Anthony,  
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time.*

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**Linda (Rauch) Fenuto** - February 26, 2009 at 02:34 PM

JG

“ *Frannie and family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your wife and mother.*

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**Joe & Janet Gorman** - February 26, 2009 at 09:12 AM

BG

“ *Aunt Madeline, I write you in tears. There was a missing piece in my heart that you filled with so much love. You've taught me Courage, Patience, Love, Forgiveness, Patience, Acceptance , Graciousness... and let us not forget,PATIENCE. {I'm still working on that one Aunt Mag!} Although you filled that space with so many things, there is now a piece of me that will never be the same. Of coarse I will Always Love You, and Never Ever forget you, and always Stay...*

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**Beverly Girgenti** - February 26, 2009 at 08:24 AM

TF

“ *Fran and Vinny  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time. God Bless*

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**The Lloyd Family** - February 26, 2009 at 08:13 AM

LB

“ *Dear Franny and Family, We wanted to thank you for allowing us to be part of your family. Madeline had more class, kindness and generosity than any person we have known and we will deeply miss her. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Lisa, Anthony and Anthony.*

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**Lisa Boyko** - February 25, 2009 at 09:02 PM

PA

“ Dear Fran & Family:  
John & I were so sorry to hear about Madeline I can't imagine what you are going through. We had so much fun w/ Madeline & you at the Inn. It seems like yesterday that we got together every week. I still remember our trip to St Michaels.  
Love Patti & John

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**Patti Anastasi** - February 25, 2009 at 08:52 PM

BT

“ Dear Fran & Family, Madeline will never be forgotten. She was always a good wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Even when she had her own sickness, she offered to go with me for tests I had to have done, so I wouldn't be alone. At Christmas time, she came for Bob's birthday as sick as she was. Bob and I have been honored to be included as part of a large happy family and to know all your wonderful good friends and neighbors.

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**Bob & Mary Ann Teti** - February 25, 2009 at 07:35 PM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathy to Franny and the Family we are so very sorry for your lose. Madeline, you will always be remembered.

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**Carlo, Valerie and Family** - February 25, 2009 at 02:59 PM

SA

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Madeline once welcomed me and my better/half to one of their famous Christmas Party. We had such a wonderful time and ate some great Italian food. Madeline will be deeply missed.

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**Sally** - February 25, 2009 at 02:08 PM

BH

“ Thank you for sharing a small part of Madalines life with us through the beautiful memorial video. It appears that not only were you blessed by having her in your lives but she was also blessed by having such a devoted family.

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**Betsy and Don Harrold** - February 25, 2009 at 01:15 PM

FM

“ Franny and Family, A family is linked in many ways. Ours was through work. We laughed together, cried together, raised our children together and now we all mourn together. A piece of our chain is missing, but with God's help and a strong faith we will all be linked back together in the end. Until we meet again, rest in peace, Madeline. With all our love, Fran and Sandy.

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**Fran and Sandy Malloy** - February 24, 2009 at 10:43 PM

LC

“ Maddie, you were such a beautiful person. I'm fortunate you touched my life, and I had a chance to know such a wonderful fun loving human being. You truly were an Italian Angel. So much love touched you and all the people you touched felt loved. I'm glad I got to work with you and become a friend. You were always there those times I needed to talk and you always helped above and beyond. My love goes to you Fran & all your beautiful children and adorable grandchildren, Lord knows Maddie loved all those amazing loved ones. Maddie, you will be missed and always remembered lovingly.

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**Loretta Cassiano** - February 24, 2009 at 08:49 PM

PE

“ I love you Madeline and will never forget you. I still cant believe my meatballs dont stack up to yours after all the times you told me how to do them!

You are truly the strongest woman I have ever met. The courage and determination you showed throughout your illness is nothing short of admirable. You put up a gallant fight and as with everything else did it with elegance and without complaining.

Your love of life shows in your family and friends. Everyone has a story and memory.... mine is the simplest of all probably. Just a blue turtle neck..... yep..... When you came to Daddys funeral and had that turtle neck on, it quieted my soul. I always knew when you were around everything would be ok.

I still cant figure out how you can do a seven fish dinner in heels and a skirt without being dirty or breaking a swert..... just another one of your wonders.

Franny, Jackie, Chrissy, Anthony and Franny there is nothing I can say to help your sadness and pain but know your mother is truly one of a kind. I have mad respect and love for her.

Madeline you can not be forgotten.

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**Peggy** - February 24, 2009 at 07:56 PM

JA

“ Franny & Family, Please accept our deepest condolences.

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**John & Dee Von Alex** - February 24, 2009 at 07:51 PM

PM

“ Madeline, you asked me to never forget you. How could I possible every forget you. We had so many wonderful memories of us growing up together. Memories that I will cherish forever. My only regret is that we will no longer have future memories. I love you and will miss you for the rest of my life. Love you always, Cousin Patty

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**Patty Martin** - February 24, 2009 at 04:28 PM

DB

“ To all Madeline's family. There is so little one can say, but know our heart goes out to you all. I've seen the love of your family, it will give you all strength and comfort.

*Madeline I wish I had know you longer. You are a very lucky women to have been surrounded by such a Loving Family. Peace by with you.*

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**Denise & Ken Butler** - February 24, 2009 at 04:17 PM

CS

“ Dear Franny and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of Madeline's passing. She was such a strong woman and we are so proud of her for how hard she fought. Her love will remain with you always in your hearts and you will feel her all around you. You are all in our prayers and we love you.  
Love, Chrissy, Tom, and Lily Strassberger

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**Chrissy Strassberger** - February 24, 2009 at 04:04 PM

GR

“ May the God of tender mercies and of all comfort, Comfort the family (2 Co.1:3,4), When the last enemy strikes grief may be great and make the heart yearn for comfort, Almighty God gives HOPE and PROMISE at (JOHN 5:28, ACTS 24:15, ISAIAH 26:19 and REVELATION 21:4) His Hope and Promise soon to be attain, May these thoughts be of some comfort. [gingerrobinson@bellsouth.net](mailto:gingerrobinson@bellsouth.net)

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**Ginger Robinson** - February 24, 2009 at 01:45 PM

TK

“ I am sorry for your loss. Madeline was a wonderful person and a lot of fun. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Tara Martin Kuchta** - February 24, 2009 at 01:42 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We will miss her. Madeline, rest in peace with all of your loved ones!

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**Dean and Elvira Masciulli** - February 24, 2009 at 09:12 AM

EM

“ Madeline, Growing up I thought and loved you as an aunt and still do. I will miss you!

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**Elvira Masciulli** - February 24, 2009 at 09:09 AM

MA

“ Dear Madeline, You were a wonderful friend to Lou and I. We had lots of fun times together. I will miss you! You are at peace now with Lou.

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**Maria Amoroso** - February 24, 2009 at 09:07 AM

DA

“ Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you, Fran, and your family at this most difficult time. Madeline was very brave and fought as best she could against a most formidable disease. May you find comfort in knowing that she has touched the hand of God, that she is at peace, and that she will live in everyone's hearts forever.

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**Duke & Kathy Auletto** - February 24, 2009 at 08:49 AM

LD

“ Dear Franny, Jackie, Chrissy, Fran, & Anthony Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Madeline (Your Mom) is "Very Special" to each one of us...always caring, giving, and loving... Remember she made the difference in each life she touched..we will hold onto the wonderful memories we all made as one big family that she always made us feel part of... She will remain Forever Etched in our Hearts.... We Love you guys..... Lou & Kathy DiPietro  
The Broken Chain We knew little that morning that God was going to call your name.  
In life we Loved you dearly, in death we do the same.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you when God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.  
Your family chain is broken and nothing seems the same,  
But God calls us one by one the chain will link again

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Lou & Kathy DiPietro - February 24, 2009 at 08:46 AM

RD

“ Our dear friend Madeline,we thank you for all the great memories. We always considered Fran and you our best friends and we know we're not exclusive in saying this because there are so many who feel the same way. Your life as we know was cut short but it was a life many others would love to have had. You were blessed with many friends and a beautiful family. When we visited you shortly before you leaving us,you said something to me that stuck in my mind,you asked us to never forget you.Madeline honey our memories of you and Fran are the happiest times in our lives.Our vacations,dinners,parties,Saturday night dancing and the many miles driving down Lombard Street in San Fran so Fran could get good video,these are the things that make me smile everyday.Thursday I plan on having me last Stinger in your memory hoping that god puts you in charge of helping me to join you in heaven someday so we can have a drink together. Please don't worry we'll take care of your "LOVE EYES". Again thank you so much for the wonderful memories,we love you and we'll always have you in our hearts. Love Rocky and Donna

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**Rocky and Donna** - February 24, 2009 at 06:57 AM

AS

“ Dear Franny and Family, No words can express how sorry we are to hear of the passing of Madeline. I don't know what to say. I can't imagine how you feel to lose such a bright, cheerful wife. I remember when I visited your home. I will never forget your hearty welcome with Aunt's great Italian cooking. She explained to me what to do when I opened the pot lid to have another helping. I will truly miss her happy face. She was looking forward to visit Japan with Girgenti family, and I am sorry that it did not happen. From Japan, my condolences go to the whole family. May her soul rest in peace.

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**Akira&loko Nakano, and the daughter Satoko** - February 24, 2009 at 01:06 AM

KS

“ Uncle Franny and family, I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Aunt Madeline was a wonderful person from what I already know of her, and from what I have always heard. Even though we do not see eachother that often please know that my prays and thoughts are with you and your family. I work as a nurse and I see cancer kill everyday. It never gets easier, especially when its one of our own loved ones. God Bless all of you.

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**Krystal Settimi** - February 23, 2009 at 11:50 PM

BF

“ Dear Cuz and Family, We are so sorry to here of madelines passing. She fought a long hard baattle. She will be deeply missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Madeline you will always be in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bill and Lou Raye Settimi and family** - February 23, 2009 at 11:43 PM

JG

“ Madeline has given her entire love to being a strong wife, a great mother, devoted grandmother and a loving sister to me. I will deeply miss all the fun and laughs we had together. Your "adopted" brother.

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**Joe & Martha Girgenti** - February 23, 2009 at 10:58 PM

JA

“ Franny we wish to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. we truly feel the pain you are experiencing. If we can be of any assistance to you, please, don't hesitate to call.  
we LOVE you  
Jim and Diane

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**jim and diane auletto** - February 23, 2009 at 08:20 PM

BD

“ To a special friend Mag and her beautiful family. You touched our lives in so many ways, so much love, so many fond memories. You will never be forgotten. With the Lords Blessing rest in peace. Love Bob & Roe

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**Bob & Roe DiPietro** - February 23, 2009 at 07:15 PM

JB

“ Dear Uncle Franny, Jackie, Chrissy, Franny and Anthony~  
It's been many many years that Madeline has been a dear friend of ours. She will be so sadly missed, but her sense of humor and kind heart will forever be a part of our spirits.  
I will always remember driving along in our old Monte Carlo..I think Anthony was singing "Hit Me with Your Best Shot" really loud and Aunt Madeline turned around and said..."I WILL hit you with my best shot!" She always cracked me up with her expressions and comments. She was so warm and down to earth, as are all of you. Words seem inadequate, but please know that our loving thoughts are with you all and may time and precious memories heal your broken hearts.  
Our deepest sympathy,  
Wayne and Jennifer Bender (DiPietro)

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**Jennifer & Wayne Bender** - February 23, 2009 at 06:20 PM

JM

“ Madeline, I remember the first day I met you and Franny, the day Vincenzo was born. It was an instant bond between us that will last forever. You both instantly became part of our family and us of yours. We have cherished sharing this beautiful boy that brought us together. A family of such love. I will miss you so...it hurts so bad.  
Love you always and forever Jeannie

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**Jeannie Gigante (Vinny's other mom mom)** - February 23, 2009 at 05:48 PM

JL

“ Dear James Family, So sorry to hear about the passing of your angel Madeline. They say God only takes the best, now we know this is true. I had the honor of knowing Madeline through my sister, and couldn't find a more caring and loving friend than she. Franny, hold on to all the memories and look to God and your children for the strength to get you through this trying time. If I know Madeline, I'm sure she prepared all of you for her passing. I will pray to guide you and give you strength everyday. My condolences to your whole family. Love, Jody Langi (Donna's sister)

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**Jody Langi** - February 23, 2009 at 05:43 PM

MB

“ dear franny and family we are so sorry for your loss we know how much she ment to your family,she will be in our thoughts and prayers

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**mike and dawn bednarchik** - February 23, 2009 at 05:37 PM