



## Jeanne D. Chatfield

April 6, 1921 - February 4, 2019

Jeanne M. DeFelice Chatfield, age 97, died peacefully at her home in Fairmount on February 4, 2019, after a long illness. She was born on April 6, 1921 in Erie PA to Pasquale and Margharita (Pacelle) DeFelice. She grew up in Jordan, NY, graduating from Jordan High School in 1938 and the Syracuse School of Beauty Culture in 1941. After a brief stint as a hairdresser, Jeanne changed careers, doing secretarial work at Lipe Rollway Corporation, then at Burns Piping Supply.

On 10/14/1950 Jeanne married Donald W. Chatfield at St. Patrick's Church in Jordan. She left the workforce in 1952 for fulltime homemaking, raising 4 children, two of whom are developmentally disabled. This compelled an additional career: that of disabilities' rights activism, which spanned over 45 years. In 1990 Jeanne received an achievement award from the Syracuse Developmental Services Office. Both Jeanne and Don were honored with a Founders' Award from Arc of Onondaga in 2001, and a Family Pioneer Award from the Syracuse University Center on Human Policy in 2005.

They relied on their religious faith to sustain them and were active members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Catholic Church. Jeanne was a member of the Altar Rosary Society. Both were avid gardeners, always working together to create and enjoy their home sanctuary, until Don passed away in 2009.

Jeanne is predeceased by all of her siblings: Anthony DeFelice (1933) and Louis DeFelice (2006), Leone Bex (2006), Patricia Belford Hammond (2017), and Therese Marshfield (2018.)

She is survived by her son Patrick (Donna) Chatfield of Martinsburg, WV, her daughters Sandra Chatfield, Margaret Chatfield, and Donna Lucente, and son-in-law Christopher Lucente, all residing locally; her 4 grandsons: Daniel S. Mackessy; Donald P. Mackessy, Josiah K. Mackessy, and James P. Mackessy; and 2 great-grandsons: Leland J. Mackessy and Caleb S. Mackessy.

Calling hours will be held on February 18th with a Recitation of the Rosary at 3:30 pm, visitation from 4:00-6:00, with a shared time of reflection at 5:00.

A mass of Christian burial will be offered Feb. 19th at 12 noon at the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Academy Chapel, 2656 Warners Rd, Warners.

Private burial will take place at the Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Onondaga Hill.

Donations in lieu of flowers: Arc of Onondaga Sensory Garden Fund, 600 S. Wilbur Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204 ([www.arcon.org](http://www.arcon.org)), Loretto Foundation PACE CNY ([www.loretto-cny.org](http://www.loretto-cny.org)), 700 E. Brighton Ave., Syracuse, NY 13205.

Please sign her guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Rosary

FEB 18. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass

FEB 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Catholic Church  
2656 Warners Rd  
Warners, NY 13164  
(315) 808-7082  
bvmchurch@ssp.org  
<https://fssp.today/chapel/ny-warners/info/>

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ *It's been one year today and there isn't a day that you're not in my thoughts. Rest in eternal peace my Godmother.....*

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**James Belford** - February 04, 2020 at 03:50 PM

DB

“ *I have so many memories of conversations with Jeanne about the importance of securing inclusive services, in the community, for people with developmental disabilities. Jeanne and her husband Don were stellar advocates in the late 1960s and for decades beyond. Jeanne's smile was infectious, but so was her strong, spirited sense of justice. She cared deeply about establishing rights and real community for people with disabilities and she never lost her determination to make a difference in the Central New York Community. Jeanne was a leader. I loved working with her and am fortunate to have so many good, rich memories of her. I see her smile now, infectious. Doug Biklen*

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**Douglas Biklen** - February 15, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Donna, Patrick, Peggy & Sandy,  
Just read about your mother's passing & I am so sorry to hear. I'll keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Kathy (Krisak) Burgman*

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**Kay Burg** - February 12, 2019 at 03:35 AM

TJ

“ It was only in passing that I knew Jeanne. But, I know her Daughter Donna and Donna's children. In as much as a persons contribution to this earth can be known by those whom they has raised and loved I can say that Jeanne was a wonderful person who had the strenthg and couarge to endure lifes challenges and cherish it's beauty because she did indeed raise and love a strong and beautiful family.

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**TED JONES** - February 11, 2019 at 06:45 PM

PA

“ Aunt Jeanne, I will never forgot the fun times at your home with all of our immediate families for various occasions whether it be the holidays or just because. You are a kind spiritual person. Your life on this earth was fulfilled with the awards you and Uncle Don so deserve. I know you are in heaven seeing your husband and the rest of the family.

Your niece, Patrice Belford Allgood

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**Patrice Allgood** - February 11, 2019 at 12:34 PM

JH

“ To the family of Jeanne: My mother, Edna, worked with your mother at Burns. She and a few other women who worked there, remained in touch with each other over the next 50+ years, calling themselves "The Burns Girls". My mother treasured her times with "the girls". She spoke often of your mother with great admiration. Please accept my sympathies for her loss in your life. Julie Gerthoffer Higgins

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**Julie Higgins** - February 10, 2019 at 07:27 PM

SW

“ Heartfelt sympathy and prayers for your family at this time. Sally Wilson

Sally Wilson - February 10, 2019 at 02:07 PM

CL

“ We are so sorry for this loss. It was a very very long time ago when I last saw Jeanne. Our condolences and prayers are with you. Mr. & Mrs. Charles "Max" LeMire

C. "Max" LeMire - February 10, 2019 at 10:11 AM

GA

“ Donna,  
Carol and I send our condolences on the passing of your Mother. May she rest in peace We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts.  
Carol and Gary McCandless

Gary - February 09, 2019 at 12:09 PM

MA

“ What a truly amazing woman. Jeanne and her beloved husband are angels among us. We admire your compassion, your commitment, and your amazing family. Godspeed Jeanne, you are reunited with your beloved husband and siblings. May God continue to bless your children and their families. A job well done.

Mark - February 08, 2019 at 07:55 AM

MD

“ Donna & family,

*So sorry to read about your Mom. Just want you to know that I am keeping you and yours in my thoughts and prayers.*

*With sincere sympathy,  
Mary(Tomczak) & John Downey*

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**Mary Downey** - February 07, 2019 at 09:16 PM

RW

“ Dear Donna and Family,

*With our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother.*

*You will remain in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you at this sorrowful time.*

*We will pray for the repose of her soul.*

*May God bless you.*

*Tom and Rosemary Wallis*

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**Rosemary Wallis** - February 07, 2019 at 06:10 PM

TR

“ Donna, Patrick, Sandy, Peggy and family,

*Our deepest sympathies to all of you at this very sad time. She was always such a distinguished presence with a very special aura. She and you father were a great team and she is going to a very well rest!,*

*Peggy and I will keep her and all of you in our prayers*

*Tom & Peg Ruane*

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**Tom & Peg Ruane** - February 07, 2019 at 05:50 PM

HO

“ Dear Donna, Patrick,,and family,  
Rich and my hearts go out to you at the passing of your Mother.  
She was a positive, loving, beautiful lady. She persevered through  
life’s challenges with faith, and love. She was a true example of  
Christianity, We admired greatly her desire to strive for improving  
not only her children’s lives, but many others. She gave the best  
hugs, and was always so loving to us. The Chatfield family will not  
be the same without her. You and your family will be in our thoughts  
and prayers.  
Love, and sympathy,  
Holly, and Richard

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**Holly** - February 07, 2019 at 03:16 PM

PC

“ Mom I love you with all of my heart you will be greatly missed. I  
have fond memories of the good times we had and proud of your  
achievements with fighting for programs for the handicapped. Your  
job is done now go to your reward. Your Son

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**patrick w chatfield** - February 06, 2019 at 04:16 PM