



## Mrs. Joanne B. Canale

July 2, 1925 - September 18, 2018

Joanne B. Canale of Homer passed away Tuesday morning, September 18, 2018 at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse. Born July 2, 1925 in Oconto Falls, WI, Joanie was the daughter of John and Clara Hofbauer Braun. They moved to Cortland when she was ten.

Joanie graduated from St. Mary's school in 1943. She worked at Niagara Mohawk and met the love of her life, Leo, when he came to repair the telephone system while she was covering the switchboard. He was immediately smitten! They were so in love, they married in winter on Groundhog's Day, 1952. They moved to Homer in 1965, and were blessed with 50 wonderful years, enjoying tennis, golf, football, and travel. Joanie was a skilled crossworder. She devoted her entire life to her family, friends, and volunteer work including Altar Rosary Society, bereavement luncheons, church bingo, PTA, Homer Recreation Commission, and Elizabeth Brewster House.

Joanie was predeceased by Leo, and sister Marie Braun Farrell. She is survived by her children Jim, Jon (Connie), Len, Dee (Pete), and Tom (Fabiola), grandchildren Erin (Nate), and Mike (Swany), a great granddaughter Joelle, many nieces and nephews, and wonderful friends and neighbors important to her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday September 26, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant.

A reception will follow in the church basement after Mass. Internment will be at St. Mary's Cemetery. Those wishing to make a contribution in her memory might consider a gift to the Msgr. Michael Minehan Tuition Fund at St. Mary's Parochial School, or to the Salvation Army.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.  
Condolences may be sent by visiting [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

Mom, we miss you terribly and love you forever. Thank you for being the best Mom in the world.

# Cemetery

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## **St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery**

4101 West Rd

Cortland, NY, 13045

# Comments

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**Jim Canale** - October 29, 2018 at 02:25 PM

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“ Canale Family,  
Having grown up on Suits ave and spending my youth on Brentwood with many of the neighborhood kids, I always loved your Mom! She was a bright light on a cloudy day and was so warm and caring. When I returned as an adult, with my daughter, to trick or treat in the old neighborhoods, I always looked forward to seeing you Mother and catching up. Her warmth, caring and wonderful sense of humor brought back many fond memories from my youth. I was saddened to hear of her passing and I am sorry for your loss. You all were very fortunate to have her has your mother!  
Lisa Thames Cope

**Lisa Thames Cope** - September 27, 2018 at 06:43 PM



“ Lisa, Thank you so much. Jim Canale

**Jim Canale** - October 18, 2018 at 02:24 PM

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“ Jim and the rest of the Canale family,  
So very sorry for your loss. Your Mom was always so pleasant whenever she stopped by my office at the Homer Town Hall. I always enjoyed talking with her - she was such a friendly, down-to earth person.  
My Mom, Janice Wheeler, asked me to send her condolences as well, as she is currently unable to do so. She and my late father always enjoyed talking with your parents at their class reunions.  
Anita Wheeler Jebbett

**Anita Jebbett** - September 23, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ Thank you Anita. I didn't know your parents went to school with my Mom.

**Jim Canale** - October 18, 2018 at 02:26 PM