



## Joyce Melegos

July 13, 1937 - December 15, 2023

Joyce Melegos, age 86, of Merrillville, IN, passed away peacefully in the early morning on December 15, 2023. Joyce was born in Gary, IN, on July 13, 1937, to John and Thelma Zarakas. She was a graduate of Emerson High School Class of 1955. In addition to being a loving wife and mother, she worked as a travel agent for many years. Joyce was a member of SS Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Cathedral. She was an avid reader, enjoyed needlework and was an incredible baker, specializing in Greek pastries.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband Spero, son Nicholas, parents John and Thelma Zarakas, sister Clara (and infant son), sister Ethel Morikis, and cousins, Despo Melegos, John Trakas, and Chris Trakas.

She is survived by her daughter Lori Melegos, sister Lorraine (Charles) Runions, nephews John (Serena) Runions and Gregory Runions, nieces Themmi (Fr. Anthony) Evangelatos and Clara (Charles) Mann, nephews Peter N. Morikis, John (Tammy) Morikis, Nick Jr. (Marie) Morikis, cousin Sula Trakas, nephews Tom (Raeann) Trakas, Bill Trakas, nieces Kathy Trakas and Krissy (Dennis) Cahill, and “adopted” daughter Tracy Lorenz.

Funeral services and burial will be private, immediate family only. Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements.[www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).



# Tribute Wall

TF

“ I'm just finding out of Joyce passing my deepest condolences Lori, me and especially joe cared so much for her.best neighbor around.

tina (in memory joe) ayala family - March 31, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ Margaret Coulehan and I worked with Joyce for years. We loved her so dearly.



Deborah Camp - December 24, 2023 at 09:29 PM

SM

“ Suzie Montano lit a candle in memory of Joyce Melegos



Suzie Montano - December 20, 2023 at 12:57 PM

SM

*My condolences on your Mom's passing.  
I am saddened to hear about Joyce.  
I worked with Joyce, and enjoyed every minute!  
I will always remember her smile and how she would always make me laugh!  
She was a beautiful woman with sophistication!*

*Rest in peace my friend*

*Love, Suzie*

*Suzette (my given name from Joyce)*

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**Suzie Montano** - December 20, 2023 at 01:26 PM

LZ

“ *Lori I am so sorry for your loss May your mom's memory be eternal love Linda Spasoff Zestanakis (Diane's sister)*



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**Linda M Zestanakis** - December 18, 2023 at 08:03 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Valentine Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Joyce Melegos.*

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**Love, The Valentine Family** - December 18, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Joyce Melegos.*



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December 18, 2023 at 06:22 PM

MH

“ *Melissa Henry lit a candle in memory of Joyce Melegos*



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**Melissa Henry** - December 18, 2023 at 01:26 PM

MH

“ *Lori,  
I'm so so very sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was an amazing Lady and I really enjoyed working with her at Crown Travel in Crown Point. My heart is broken, she will be greatly missed. Your family is in my prayers. God Bless you all.  
Melissa Henry*

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**Melissa Henry** - December 18, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Melegos.*



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December 18, 2023 at 12:33 PM