



“Are you judged by the stature of your tombstone? No, it is your character, your knowledge and wisdom, your amount of love which determines your worth. It is in helping other people that we benefit ourselves. The paragon of success: He goes furthest who helps another up.” Written by: Jean

Jean Tonti, eldest daughter of Italian immigrants in Ogden, Utah, was admired for her wisdom and style and named First Attendant in the 1969 All State Italian Day pageant. A Valedictorian with a photographic memory, she learned five languages, earned full-ride scholarships, and became a gifted writer, later authoring *Clipped Wings*, her autobiography about living with schizophrenia.

After early signs of illness began a 54-year battle, she faced it with resilience and faith. She lovingly called herself “mother” to her nieces and nephews, filling their lives with school pickups, homework help, and fun outings. Devoted to family, she fought courageously to the end and waited to hear her family’s goodbyes before her final peaceful breath.

She was the strongest person we knew.

With “clipped wings” Jeannie can finally fly! May she rest in peace and hear all the beautiful voices of heaven!

Buona sera, ti voglio bene “Good night, I love you very much”. We love you always and forever and know your memories, wisdom, and strength will live on in everyone you have touched

APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family, we express their gratitude for your many kindnesses evidenced in thought and deed, and for your attendance at the service.



Jean Nicoletta Tonti
April 23, 1952 - February 21, 2026

IN MEMORY OF

Jean Nicoletta Tonti "Jeannie"

Rosary – Sunday, March 1st – 6:00pm, Deacon Jose Luis Gomez

Viewing – Sunday, March 1st – 6:30-8:00pm

Monday, March 2nd – 10:00-10:45am

Funeral Mass – Monday, March 2nd – 11:00am

Holy Family Catholic Church

Celebrants:

The Very Rev. Erik Richtsteig

Rev. Donald Hope

Rev. Charles Cummins

Rev. Eleazar Silva

Music:

Michael Wooden - Organist

Lydia Rose Franken - Cantor

Deena Mulhall - Cantor

Pallbearers:

Christian Barwick

Thomas Franken

Glenn Miller

James Miller

Bret Morrell

Michael Woodward

Honorary Pallbearers:

Luca Barwick

Vinny Barwick

Domenic Franken

Altar Servers:

Gabriella Mitchell

Daniel Hawkins

Luke Doumit

Darcy Dryden

MC: Arun Chittur

35th ANNUAL
ALL-STATE ITALIAN DAY
LAGOON RESORT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 1969
Program



1969 QUEEN CONTESTANTS, Left to Right— Back Row, Rosanne Guido, Cindy Bianco, Janice Vera, Angela Marie Shanley, Deborah Kinshell, Front Row, Suzanne Flott, Virginia Barbieri, Jean Tosti, Pamela Vesco.

Sponsored by Italian-American Civic League

Entrance and Blessing with Holy Water:

The Very Rev. Erik Richtsteig

Placing of the Pall:

Holy Family Pall Committee

Processional Hymn:

Be Not Afraid

Liturgy of the Word:

1st Reading: Book of Wisdom – Domenic Franken

Responsorial Psalm: Sherri Hansen

2nd Reading: A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans – Vinny Barwick

Gospel Reading: Fr. Eleazar Silva

Homily: The Very Rev. Erik Richtsteig

General Intercessions: The Very Rev. Erik Richtsteig

Preparation of the Altar and Gifts: Luca Barwick, Madeleine Birch, Camille Loffredo

Offertory Hymn: Here I am Lord

Communion Hymn: Gifts of Finest Wheat

Meditation after Communion: Ave Maria

Recession of the Casket and Prayer of Commendation:

Father Charles Cummins

Recessional Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

Dedication of the Grave: Father Donald Hope

Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Lydia Franken

Interment at Washington Heights Memorial Park
4500 Washington Blvd.

Luncheon to follow graveside services at Holy Family
Catholic Church Social Hall