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Joan Marie Zarnowski, age 72, of St. Augustine, passed away on October 19, 2011 at the Bailey Family Center for Caring. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, she grew up in Harrison, N.J. and had been a longtime resident of Tyler Hill, PA, before moving to St. Augustine in 1976. She worked as a Secretary for the St. Johns County School System for nearly 30 years, mostly at the Yates Exceptional Student Center and at Webster Elementary School. She was an avid NASCAR fan, who especially followed Jeff Gordon's career, and enjoyed watching NFL Football on television. Joan was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, affectionately known as "GG" to her grandkids. She was most happy when she had a house full of family and friends on holidays, or any day for that matter. Her cooking never failed to draw a crowd because of the love that she poured into it. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Woody" Zarnowski; a son, Richard John Bellini; and a brother, Daniel Christy. She is survived by her daughters, Toni Marie Bellini and partner, Dawn Hale, Beth Ann Sullivan and husband Phillip, a son, John Michael Bellini and wife Melinda, all of St. Augustine; a sister, Barbara Jackson and husband Russ of Lyndhurst, New Jersey; sister-in-law, Dolores Christy of New Jersey; grandchildren: Candace, Anthony, Ashleigh and Devin; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Madison and Kylie and her bff, Eleanor Nerbonne. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday,

October 22, 2011 at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine, with the Reverend Ed Booth officiating. Interment will follow at San Lorenzo Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 pm on Friday evening at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, with a Prayer Vigil at 6:00 p.m. Flowers are gratefully accepted or donations in her memory may be made to: Bailey Family Center for Caring, c/o Community Hospice of N.E. FL., 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joni, thanks for starting the Reunion Group we owe ya, save us a spot up there. John & Liz*

John & Liz Flaherty - October 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



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October 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I last saw Joni this summer when I stopped at her home on my way back to Jersey. I am so glad that I took the time to visit with her. We were best friends in high school and remained friends all our lives. I will miss her . I lost a good friend. I will always remember the two of us wearing our black and white striped short shorts in our senior year of school.*

Barbara Lindsay - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sleep well old friend. So many great laughs and memories. I will miss our chats! Sincere condolences to the family.*

doris cosman - October 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM