



## Jeanie Gelsomino

March 5, 1943 - March 28, 2025

Princeton - Frances Jean Gelsomino, lovingly known as Jeanie, went to be with her Heavenly Father on Friday, March 28, 2025 at her home, with her husband Vince, daughter Amy and a few loving close friends by her side.

Jeanie was born on March 5, 1943 in Joliet, IL. The daughter of the late Mary (Legan) and Arthur Residori She married Vincent P. Gelsomino on September 11, 1965 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Joliet. He survives her, along with their daughter, Amy Gelsomino of Peoria.

A beloved son, Daniel "Danny" Gelsomino, preceded her in death in 2014, her parents Mary and Arthur Residori, as well as her siblings and their spouses, Mary Ann (Ron) Stasko and Emma (Richard) Mikuska, had also preceded her in death.

Jeanie attended St. Joseph's Grade School and St. Francis Academy graduating in 1961. She was recipient of the journalism award her senior year and was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council for four years and co-editor of the high school newspaper, the Focus. After graduation, she worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Lawrence Hollander for five years.

She and her husband moved to Bureau County in 1966 where Vince was an

instrumental music teacher for Western Community Unit Schools, Buda-Sheffield, IL.

Jeanie worked as a reporter and later Community Editor for the Bureau County Republican for years. During her tenure at the BCR, she earned 12 prestigious first place awards for featuring writing, community service and investigative reporting from the Illinois Press Association (IPA), the Northern Illinois Newspaper Association (NINA) and the Illinois Hospital Association. She also penned a weekly column called Junkin' With Jeanie as well as various other columns and photo features.

After resigning from the BCR, she worked as the program coordinator for Freedom House, a domestic violence shelter. Jeanie worked at Flowers by Julia as a display designer/sales associate for five years. In 2003, she studied Real Estate at Illinois Valley Community College and worked as a realtor for eight years before retiring in 2011.

Jeanie served as a board member for Freedom House and was the first woman to join the Kiwanis Golden K Club in Princeton. She was an active member of the St. Louis Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and served as president for two years. She also chaired several monthly meetings and fundraisers.

In 2019, Jeanie was recognized as one of the Outstanding CCW Volunteers in the Peoria. Diocese and in 2018, Jeanie founded the glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group for women who lost a child or children from an illness, Suicide, and accident, addiction, or miscarriage. She always felt that was a special way she could honor her son, Danny, after he lost his battle with cancer.

A gathering will be held at Harkrader Hall (adjacent to St. Louis Catholic Church) one hour prior to the Mass from 10:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturday,

April 5, 2025.

A Catholic Mass will be held on Saturday April 5, 2025 at St. Louis Catholic Church, 616 S. Gosse Blvd. In Princeton at 11:00 am. Officiated by Father Gregory Jarzombek.

A private burial will be held at a later date and time at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family for charitable distribution:

Children's Home Association of Illinois, where her daughter Amy works.

On line condolences may be directed to [www.norbergth.com](http://www.norbergth.com)

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton  
616 S Gosse Blvd  
Princeton, IL 61356

## Mass

APR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Louis Catholic Church - Princeton  
616 S Gosse Blvd  
Princeton, IL 61356

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Anonymous lit a candle in memory of Jeanie Gelsomino*



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**Anonymous** - April 02, 2025 at 11:50 PM

JJ

“ *Vince and Amy, we are so sorry for your loss. We send our deepest condolences to you both.*

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**Jim & Teresa Jensen** - April 02, 2025 at 10:34 AM

KV

“ *Kitty Swierz Vancina lit a candle in memory of Jeanie Gelsomino*



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**Kitty Swierz Vancina** - April 01, 2025 at 04:17 PM

KV

*Jeanie and I were classmates at St. Francis Academy in Joliet. So very sorry to hear of her passing. My deepest sympathy to her family.*

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**Kitty Swierz Vancina** - April 01, 2025 at 04:19 PM

GM

“ *Such a sweet gal, so thoughtful and giving. Fond memories of all the fun we had at Kidder parties etc. Vince and Amy, praying for you at this sad sorrowful time. Vince, hope you are doing ok. Fondly, Ginny M.*

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**Ginny Mahan** - April 01, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jeanie Gelsomino.*

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March 31, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeanie Gelsomino.*



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March 31, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jeanie Gelsomino.*



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March 31, 2025 at 05:37 PM

JK

“ I have many fine memories of Jeannie from way back in the Buda days when she would fix a fantastic dinner when we were renting horns for beginners. A wonderful lady who now has relief from years of pain. And a loving nurse Vince can find solace in all that he did to help her

James Kidder - March 31, 2025 at 04:30 PM

LP

“ Thoughts and prayers to Vince and Amy during this most difficult time. Love and hugs! 🙏🙏

Liz Piacenti - March 31, 2025 at 03:40 PM

TS

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Vince and the entire family during this difficult time. Sending love and hugs.

Tracy Smith - March 31, 2025 at 02:53 PM

BH

“ My deepest condolence to Vince, Amy and all of Jeanie's family and friends. Sending you strength and love.

Beth (Kidder) Houlihan - March 31, 2025 at 02:48 PM

JA

“ John A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jeanie Gelsomino.

John A. - March 31, 2025 at 02:13 PM

JA

“ *John A. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Jeanie Gelsomino.*



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**John A.** - March 31, 2025 at 02:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jeanie Gelsomino.*



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March 31, 2025 at 12:57 PM