



Bettie Jo (BJ) Marchi

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Bettie Jo (BJ) Marchi (Coverstone), 75, of Front Royal, Virginia, passed away peacefully on March 13, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born on February 4, 1950, in Front Royal, BJ was the daughter of the late Frances and James Coverstone.

BJ's life was defined by her passion for education and her deep love for her family. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Longwood College and went on to further her studies, earning a Master of Arts in Reading from Virginia Tech. BJ became a certified Reading Specialist, dedicating much of her life to helping students develop the joy and skill of reading. She used her many talents as an educator to change lives in the classrooms of Sterling Elementary School as a 1st and 3rd grade teacher. After spending several valued years at home with her daughters, she joined the staff at St. Joseph's Catholic School where she continued her service as a Resource teacher. She also was the Director of Preschool CCD, a program she was the founder of.

BJ's career was one of service, always putting others first and striving to make a difference in the lives of those around her. Her impact as an educator extended far beyond the classroom, touching countless lives with her kindness, wisdom, and generosity.

BJ is not only known as a teacher, but as a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Her marriage to David Marchi withstood the test of time, lasting more than 50 years. We would all be so lucky to have the love they shared. With David, she raised 2 daughters, Angela and Melissa whom she loved dearly. She displayed an endless amount of patience and love for her girls, especially during their teenage years. If medals could be given in heaven, she would have earned one. Her relationship with her daughters was unique and special, with a bond between BJ and Melissa that will forever be cherished. BJ also loved her granddaughter, Jade, more than words could describe. Fond memories of baking cookies, making oatmeal with milk and honey in the morning, and playing the sock monkey game are just a few of the treasured moments she shared with her "Grammy."



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BJ is survived by her devoted husband, David Marchi; her two daughters, Melissa Marchi and Angela Cradlin (Chris); her beloved granddaughter, Jade; and three granddogs, Addison, Tonks, and Loki, who brought her great joy. She is also survived by her brother, J.M. Coverstone and his wife Sharon, as well as numerous nieces and nephews who also loved her. BJ's warmth, compassion, and love for her family will forever be cherished by all who knew her.

Visitation in honor of BJ will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel on Friday, March 21, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A [live-streamed](#) Catholic Funeral Mass will be held to celebrate BJ's life at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church (46639 Algonkian Pkwy, Sterling VA, 20165) on Saturday March 22, 2025 at 1:00 PM, followed by a reception with light refreshments at the church. Burial will be Monday, March 24, 2025 in Front Royal, VA at Prospect Hill Cemetery (200 West Prospect Street Front Royal, Virginia) at 12:00 PM. Reception to follow at Front Royal United Methodist Church (1 W Main St, Front Royal, VA 22630).

In lieu of flowers please make donations to Alzheimers Association. Link can be found [here](#).

To honor BJ's life and her dedication to teaching, a one-time memorial scholarship has been created in her name to be presented to a deserving Warren County High School Student who plans to enter into the field of Elementary Education. Memorial scholarship donations can be mailed to Bill King, 4066 Ambleside Dr. Fort Mill, SC 29707.

Please share online condolences to the family at <http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com>



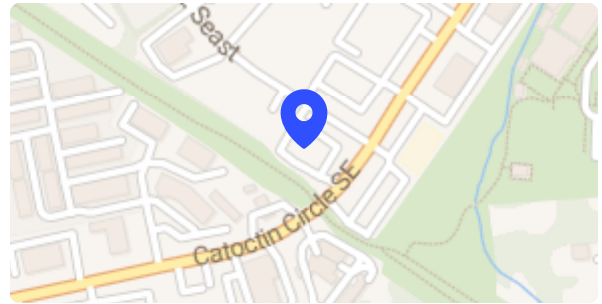
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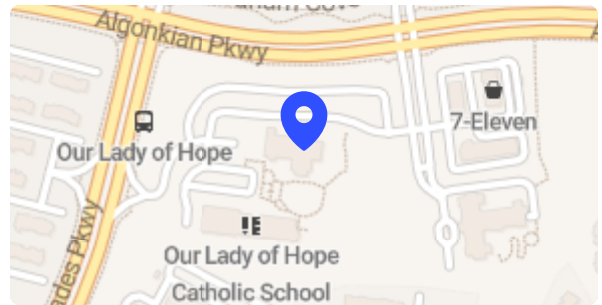
Visitation

- Friday**, March 21, 2025
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
- Loudoun Funeral Chapel**
158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg VA



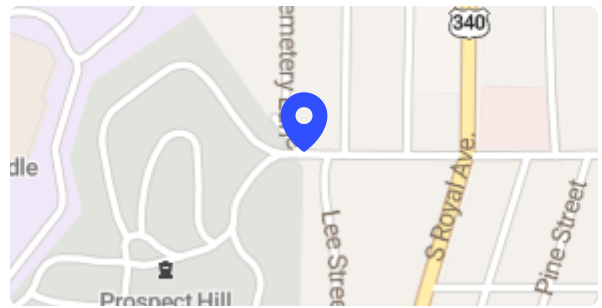
Catholic Mass

- Saturday**, March 22, 2025
- 1:00 PM ET
- Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church**
46639 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls VA



Burial

- Monday**, March 24, 2025
- 12:00 PM ET
- Prospect Hill Cemetery**
200 W Prospect St, Front Royal VA 20175





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DH

Debbie Hart lit a candle in honor of Bettie Jo.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family

April 15 at 9:10 PM



LC

Lois C Clements posted:

I just found out from Facebook that B.J. had passed on. She, her husband, and her two children boarded their horse where I boarded mine at a small farm named Follylick, years ago. They were such an essential part of our small boarding farm family, and I can't imagine that B.J., (I always called her Paula which she just rolled with), is no longer with us. Paula, I have never forgotten you. I always thought that you were truly one of the kindest, and most non-judgmental humans I had ever met, and that never changed. Vete and I are so sad to hear of your passing. We didn't know of your passing until today. We are thinking of your family, and wishing them comfort. We are so sorry for their tremendous loss. After all, not many get lucky enough to have B.J. for a wife and a mother. Wishing you all peace, and love.....with sincere sympathy, Vete and Lois

April 11 at 4:47 AM

KM

Kelly Mabe lit a candle in honor of Bettie Jo.

I just came across this and, realized that this was the Mrs. Marchi that I had for a 3rd grade teacher at Sterling Elem. I was so very fond of her, and she lived up the street from me in Sterling Park. She would coach me extra after school on her back porch with the subjects that I was having trouble with. She was so patient with me. There are not many teachers like her anymore. I am so saddened to hear of her passing. RIP Mrs. Marchi. You touched me more than you know back in 3rd grade. Kelly Mabe

April 8 at 8:40 AM



MS

Marion P. Smedberg posted:

Marion Smedberg. When I first came to St. Joseph's Church, wanting to convert to the Catholic Faith, I did not know anyone. But I had a bunch of children, and I volunteered to coordinate the Nursery which was held in the School on Sunday mornings. BJ was the founder and the coordinator of the Preschool CCD in that school hall on Sunday mornings, and she befriended me and made me welcome at St. Joseph's. That was 1987, and I am forever grateful to BJ as one of my very first dear friends at St. Joseph's Church. I will always remember her as friendly, always smiling, happy, and full of bubbly, infectious joy. BJ, I look forward to seeing you again in the Land Beyond. Thank you for everything you did for so many people!

March 21 at 6:54 PM



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Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Marchi family.

March 21 at 6:33 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bettie Jo.

March 21 at 6:33 PM



Boo Campbell lit a candle in honor of Bettie Jo.

March 21 at 4:03 PM



Boo Campbell March 21 at 4:06 PM

Thinking of you with fond memories of sweet Betty Jo. May memories bring peace and your love and the care of friends bring your comfort. With sympathy and in friendship, "Boo"



The Bystrowski Families sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Marchi family.

March 21 at 2:52 PM



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March 21 at 2:52 PM





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Sharon, Holly, Amy, & Nate sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Marchi family.

March 21 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Marchi family.

March 20 at 5:33 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Marchi family.

March 18 at 4:26 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Bettie Jo.

March 18 at 4:26 PM



The Sisterhood sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Marchi family.

March 18 at 3:33 PM



Mike And Barb Mueller sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Marchi family.

March 18 at 3:13 PM





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Lynn Kleen posted:

My thoughts, prayers, and sympathy goes out to David, Angela , Missy, and Jade, and all her family and friends. Bj was not only my best friend, but my sister in Christ, my spiritual partner, my spiritual mentor, and the wind beneath my wings. She was kind understanding, never judgmental and most of all compassionate and loving. She brought so much joy to my life, and to everyone she met. My heart aches for all of you during this difficult journey. I will always cherish Bj and our life together, and she will forever be in my heart. I am so happy that she is home with our heavenly father, and all that went before her and most of all free of Alzheimer's. My prayers are for comfort, peace, understanding, and strength for all you. Remembering Bj is easy but missing her is a heartache that will never go away. I will love her for always and forever. Rest in peace, my dear friend. Love, Lynn Kleen

March 18 at 1:06 PM



The Thomas Family- Gerard, Shirley, Jerry Jr, & Shannon sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Marchi family.



March 18 at 11:29 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bettie Jo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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