



## Jean A. Bologna

January 21, 1926 - March 18, 2019

Bologna, Jean A. March 18, 2019 age 93 of Plymouth. Beloved wife of the late Giacomo “Jack” Bologna. Loving mother of James (Kimberly), Michael (Lydia), Anne (Al) Munro, Mary Beth (John) Powers, Paul (Tina), and Janine (Robert) Velasco. Proud Oma of twenty two grandchildren and one great granddaughter. Dear sister of M. Ann Purrenhage. Preceded in death by dear sister Ruth Duquette, dear sister Rita Bryson, dear sister Mary Weston and dear brother John Kolar. Mrs. Bologna was born in Detroit, Mich. on Jan. 21, 1926. She graduated from St. Mary’s High School and then a secretarial school. At the end of World War II she served in the United States Naval Reserve, also known as the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). She worked in various professional capacities for the U.S. government through the Internal Revenue Service. Mrs. Bologna married Giacomo Bologna on Feb. 16, 1957 and they shared 49 years of marriage. Mrs. Bologna was a dedicated wife and mother, maintaining a nurturing home life during her husband’s ambitious career as a federal civil servant, author and university professor. Mrs. Bologna followed her husband’s career during postings in Washington DC, New Orleans, La., and Nashville, Tenn. In 1972 Mrs. Bologna and her husband moved to her beloved home in Plymouth, Mich., where she lived until the time of her death. Mrs. Bologna was a prolific artist throughout her life. She took dozens of art classes, taught art, belonged to several arts organizations, and was a founding member of Three Cities Art Club. She mastered several different painting disciplines including water color, acrylics, and batik. During Giacomo Bologna’s academic career at Sienna Heights University in Adrian, Mich., Mrs. Bologna took advantage of a free tuition program for family members and enrolled in every art course offered by the institution. Mrs. Bologna was also a prolific gardener and an observer of nature throughout her life. She planted abundant vegetable gardens each spring and viewed vine-ripened tomatoes and tender string beans as true embodiments of God’s presence on Earth. She showed equal passion for the annual and perennial plants that surrounded her home. Her year began with the arrival of crocuses, tulips and daffodils, and the blossoming of her beloved cherry tree. Her springs and summers were punctuated with the cultivation of Bachelor Buttons, Black Eyed Susans, Coneflowers, Cosmos, Dahlias and Zinnias. Mrs. Bologna planted milkweed to attract Monarch butterflies. She watched the miraculous transformation of tiny caterpillars into

beautiful Monarchs and took joy in the knowledge that these gentle creatures were sturdy and bold enough to migrate thousands of miles to Mexico. Mrs. Bologna was a member of many religious, arts and civic organizations. She attended mass frequently at Resurrection Catholic Parish, Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church and St. John Neumann Catholic Church. In addition to her affiliation with Three Cities Art Club, she was an active member of the Contemporary Issues Club at the Livonia Senior Citizens Center. More than anything else, Mrs. Bologna was a devoted and loving wife to her husband Giacomo Bologna, who passed away on March 10, 2006. She was equally devoted to her six children, 22 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Visitation Friday, March 22nd, 3-9 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. In state Saturday, March 23rd, 9:30 AM until the 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at Resurrection Catholic Church, 48755 Warren Road, Canton. Memorials may be made to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. 1820 Mt. Elliott Street, Detroit, Michigan 48207-3485 or the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Post Office Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014. Interment Parkview Cemetery. To share a memory, please use the share a memory tab on this webpage.

# Cemetery

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## Parkview Memorial Cemetery

34205 Five Mile Road  
Livonia, MI, 48154

# Events

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**MAR 22** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 09:00PM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US,  
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**MAR 22** **Rosary** 07:30PM - 08:00PM

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**MAR 23** **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Resurrection Catholic Church  
48755 Warren Road, Canton, MI, US, 48187

# Comments

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“ Jean and I have been good friends since our children were very young. My husband, George, and I had a farm in Canton. Jean and I met at an art class. As we visited, we realized how much we had in common. Jean visited me at the farm and we were soon farming "buddies". Jean loved growing food and flowers and she had so much knowledge about both. We bonded over rows of vegetables. The garden produced far too much food for our needs so we divided the acre of ground, but it was such fun to work together that we continued to work as a team, weeding both of our areas together and visiting. Jean introduced me to a contemporary issues group in Novi and we attended those meetings every Monday, sharing information about our families as we made the trip. In the evening I would walk to her home for a visit, sitting on her porch when weather permitted. I will miss her presence. No one could have a better friend.

**Doreen Lawton** - March 21, 2019 at 05:33 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 21, 2019 at 03:25 PM

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“ Tom and Julia Powers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



**Tom and Julia Powers** - March 21, 2019 at 12:21 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 21, 2019 at 12:15 PM

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“ Anne, Al And your whole family. Tim and I have a heavy heart in the passing of your mom. What a wonderful women. She shared her love with us and every Sunday she smiled when her Buddy would kiss her and talk to her after mass. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you and the entire family. What a Legacy she leaves . An angel is now in heaven watching over all of us. We truly loved her. Cheryl and Tim Andrzejewskii

**Cheryl Andrzejewskii** - March 20, 2019 at 05:28 PM

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“ Your friends in the USFWS Director's Office purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



**Your friends in the USFWS Director's Office** - March 20, 2019 at 04:21 PM

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“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 20, 2019 at 04:15 PM

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**James Bologna** - March 20, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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“ Aunt Jean and I wrote to one another, even in the last many months of her life. Her handwriting got tough to read, but she made sure she responded to my notes! A few years earlier when we wrote, she would send me clippings and sayings, words of inspiration for the day. In an age when what was expected of women was to be home and raise kids, she wrote, painted and did things to make HER happy too, in addition to raising some amazing kids, my cousins. What an amazing woman! No wonder Uncle Jack fell for her.:)

**susan** - March 20, 2019 at 07:05 AM



“ To Mary Beth Powers and family and to the Bologna family: My sincere condolences to you and your families at this difficult time. Losing a parent is so difficult. It's something that you never really get over, it's just something that you learn to live with. I believe that if you keep your mom and dad's memories close to your heart they will always be with you. Thinking of you this week and keeping you in my prayers, all of you. Felicia Mancuso & Family

**Felicia Mancuso** - March 20, 2019 at 10:20 AM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 20, 2019 at 06:58 AM

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“ Elena E. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



Elena E. - March 19, 2019 at 11:11 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 19, 2019 at 09:30 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 19, 2019 at 06:14 PM

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“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 19, 2019 at 04:41 PM

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**Michael Bologna** - March 19, 2019 at 12:47 PM

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“ Love, The Cagliostros purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



**Love, The Cagliostros** - March 19, 2019 at 11:36 AM

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“ Our Loving Thoughts and Blessings, go out to you Paul and your entire family, to give you comfort and peace with your mom's passing. May she rest in eternal peace.....  
Tom and Luann Garchow

**Luann Garchow** - March 19, 2019 at 11:35 AM

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“ Luann Garchow lit a candle in memory of Jean A. Bologna



**Luann Garchow** - March 19, 2019 at 11:30 AM

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“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 19, 2019 at 11:18 AM

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“ Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Jean A. Bologna.



March 19, 2019 at 10:33 AM