



## Joan Frieda Bowers Fierthaler

April 12, 1940 - January 20, 2021

Joan Frieda Bowers Fierthaler, 80, of Freehold, NY, passed away on January 20, 2021. Joan was born on April 12, 1940 in Manhattan, New York to John Scheffel and Charlotte Scholz Scheffel, both predeceased. Joan spent her childhood in Long Island, NY and moved to upstate New York in 1970 to raise her family. Joan moved to St. Augustine, FL in 1987 and then back to Freehold, NY in 2012.

Joan is survived by her husband of 31 years, George Fierthaler of Freehold, NY, her daughter Lauri (James) Rumph of Palm Coast, FL and son, Robert (Faith) Bowers of South Cairo, NY. Joan is predeceased by her son, Everett William Bowers and daughter, Valerie Bowers Bennett. Joan is also survived by her sister Frieda (Phil) Wallace of Manassas, VA, along with many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Before Joan retired in 2010, she worked for Atlantic Dodge Chrysler Jeep in St. Augustine, FL, as Comptroller. Joan enjoyed spending time at the beach, Daytona Speedway with her family and long weekends in Cocoa Beach, FL, with her husband, George.

Joan was a sweet, loving mother and devoted wife. She loved her family more than anything and spent as much time as she could with them. Joan also loved her dog, Blaze, and tending to her gardens. Joan will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Richards Funeral Home, Cairo, NY, with a memorial service planned for a later date.

Donations in Joan's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Tribute Wall



“ *My friend our long time friendship will be greatly missed.*

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**Kathy Davis** - January 29, 2021 at 12:18 PM

AS

“ *When great trees fall,  
rocks on distant hills shudder,  
in tall grasses,  
and even elephants  
lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall  
in forests,  
small things recoil into silence,  
their senses  
eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,  
the air around us becomes  
We breathe, briefly.  
Our eyes, briefly,  
see with  
a hurtful clarity.  
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,  
examines,  
gnaws on kind words  
unsaid,  
promised walks  
never taken.*

*Great souls die and  
our reality, bound to  
them, takes leave of us.  
Our souls,  
dependent upon their  
nurture,  
now shrink, wizened.  
Our minds, formed  
and informed by their  
radiance,  
fall away.*

*We are not so much maddened  
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance  
of dark, cold  
caves.*

*And when great souls die,  
after a period peace blooms,  
slowly and always  
irregularly. Spaces fill  
with a kind of  
soothing electric vibration.  
Our senses, restored, never  
to be the same, whisper to us.  
They existed. They existed.  
We can be. Be and be  
better. For they existed.*

— *Maya Angelou*

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**Amy Sperzel** - January 27, 2021 at 11:29 PM

AS

“ *So lovely... so sweet...so kind. Our memory of you is a beautiful one. We never really got to know you until you moved to New York. We always heard such great stories about the good times and the memories you all shared. Seeing the way everyone is missing you now and honoring you brings us sadness in many ways. We are so sorry we didn't get to share your younger and healthier years, but so happy we got to know you! Now you are in Heaven reuniting with all the loved ones lost! So comforted knowing you will be watching over the people you love...the people we love!*

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**Amy Sperzel** - January 27, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LR

“ Love and miss you Mom ❤️



Lauri Rumph - January 27, 2021 at 08:51 PM

MF

“ We know you are not suffering anymore but it still hurts knowing your gone to heaven. You were an amazing grandmother and great grandmother and you will be missed dearly. We love you and miss you



Michael Kruppenbacher and family - January 27, 2021 at 07:34 PM

JR

“ James Rumph lit a candle in memory of Joan Frieda Bowers Fierthaler



James rumph - January 27, 2021 at 06:50 AM

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Frieda Wallace - January 23, 2021 at 11:53 AM

AS

*That Photo is precious! Sister Love....nothing like it!*

**Amy Sperzel** - January 28, 2021 at 12:17 AM

KP

“ *I first met Joan when I applied for a job at Atlantic Dodge Chrysler Jeep. She hired me and was my boss for many years. She quickly became more than a boss, she became my friend and at times she was like a second mother to me. Over the years our friendship grew stronger and stronger. She was always there for me when I needed her. She was always kind to me. I will never forget her or all the wonderful times we spent together. She was a wonderful person and one of the best friends I've ever had. My heart breaks knowing I will never be able to see or talk to her again until we meet in Heaven. She was a blessing to me. I will never forget her and her memory will be kept alive in my heart. My prayers and sympathy go out to her family in this very difficult time. May the Lord comfort your hearts and strengthen you.*

*Karen Paine*

**Karen Paine** - January 23, 2021 at 08:11 AM

ER

“ *Erin lit a candle in memory of Joan Frieda Bowers Fierthaler*



**Erin** - January 22, 2021 at 08:30 PM

SB

“Joan you taught me so much while working together at Atlantic Dodge. I missed you so much when you retired. It was a pleasure knowing you. We will see each other again. You will live forever in my heart and the hearts 💕 of all your family and friends. Love 💕 never dies.



Sylvia Bragg - January 22, 2021 at 05:46 PM

SB

“Sylvia Bragg lit a candle in memory of Joan Frieda Bowers Fierthaler



Sylvia Bragg - January 22, 2021 at 05:37 PM

BM

“Where do I begin Joan was like a second mother as I was growing up our families intervened in many different ways she and Buck were friends of the family, Fire department, etc. my last in counter with her was at my mom's funeral and sad to say she didn't remember me I was saddened as I couldn't believe she forgot who I was as I said I was.a big part of her family and her mine. She was a great woman and she will sadly be missed. Sending prayers to her family.



Barbara Miller - January 22, 2021 at 04:47 PM



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**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - January 22, 2021 at  
04:15 PM