

Jo-Ann Fine Danzis

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After graduating with her AB in chemistry, **Jo-Ann** earned an MA from Columbia U. She was a Sarah Williston Scholar and won the Louisa Stone Stevenson Prize while at MHC. During her career, she was a research chemist at Nelson Rockefeller Institute at SUNY, taught chemistry at both Hillside High School and Middlesex County College, and was owner/executive of the West Orange Tennis Club. Her son Mitchell Danzis (PO Box 157, Bernardsville, NJ 07924) sent the New York Times clipping of 2/15/15:

Jo-Ann Danzis, A Small Giant. Anyone who's had a connection to pancreatic cancer knows that it's particularly aggressive. Although she passed on January 28, 2015 Jo-Ann Danzis approached this disease with a tireless energy like she did with all other endeavors in life inspiring many others along the way. It was this determination that allowed her to survive for nearly three and a half years. Never put off by a challenge she accomplished much-- research chemist at the Rockefeller Institute, college professor, high school teacher, businesswoman, athlete, artist, photographer, art collector, lover of music, gourmet cook...but more than anything she cherished her family and friends who could always rely on her wisdom, fortitude and selfless nature. Pre-deceased by her husband, Colin. Survived by her brother Kenneth, sister Ila, children Mitchell and Nicholas, grandchildren Magnolia and Kiri. Only 5'2" and living just about 74 years, she may have been short in stature, shorted in years but was very long in life.