



Josephine Ierilli

May 21, 1934 - November 1, 2021

Josephine Ierilli, 87 of Staten Island, New York passed away on Monday, November 1, 2021.

Born Monday, May 21, 1934 in Calabria, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Ierilli and Marion Iervasi Ierilli. At 5 years old, Josephine moved from Calabria with her mother and sister to the United States.

Josephine spent her life dedicated to children, working various jobs in education. First working as a teacher in Brooklyn and later went on to be an assistant principal. Josephine was also a Reading Specialist and Administrator for the District 15 Office.

Josephine lived a simple life and enjoyed going to the library to read. She took care of her parents till the end. Josephine was known for cooking dishes with ingredients from her garden, especially her Zucchini Pancakes.

For the last 50 years, she liked to take at least two trips a year with day trips in between. She especially enjoyed traveling to Oberammergau, Poland to see the Oberammergau Passion Play. Josephine was a devout Catholic, who enjoyed attending Mass and praying the Rosary at night. She also enjoyed celebrating St. Joseph Day because it always reminded her of her father.

Josephine was the loving sister to Emily Gasparo. Cherished aunt to Michael, Thomas and John. Doting great aunt to Sue, Mike, and the late Billy.

A Funeral service will be at 10:15 AM on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church located at 5411 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will be in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville

Bld, Staten Island, New York.

Cemetery

Moravian Cemetery
2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY, 10306

Events

NOV 2 **Visitation** 02:00PM - 05:00PM

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NOV 2 **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

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NOV 3 **Service** 10:15AM

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
5411 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY, US, 10312

Comments



“ DONNA PARKER is following this tribute.

DONNA PARKER - November 27, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ As tears well up in my eyes, I am so deeply saddened having just learned of the passing of my precious friend and mentor, Josephine lerilli.

I just sat down to begin my annual Christmas card special notes and inscriptions, when I looked down at my list to find Josephine's name right at the very top. Since I had not heard from her recently, I went to the computer to look her up (as I did not have any other contact information for her except for her name and address). To my sorrow, I learned of her passing... and just a few weeks ago!

I am Donna Parker, age 69 from Brooklyn NY. Josephine first knew me as Donna Esposito. I currently live in Fort Myers, SW Florida after "I" retired from NYC Board of Education nearly 18 years ago. I can be found on Facebook as Donna Esposito-Parker.

I have had the honor and pleasure of knowing "Miss lerilli" since I was 14 years old when I began my very first after school job as a tutor at my former elementary school where she was the Assistant Principal under Vera Behra, Principal (my school was PS 77 which was demolished and the new replacement school became PS 321 Park Slope Brooklyn, where Josephine was the AP). I was attending JHS 51 at the time, just a few blocks away. "Miss lerilli" was my supervisor. That was the beginning of my endearing and enduring relationship with this beautiful woman and educator. We never lost touch through high school and during college when I did some of my community service at her school. Never a Christmas went by without my receiving wonderful greetings from Josephine ALWAYS with her vivid updates on her travels. She never failed to inquire about my life and my sons in each note. I see her face to the side of this page and my heart leaps joyfully knowing that I was one of the countless people in this lifetime who have been forever abundantly blessed to know Josephine. She was such a gentle woman –so eloquent, so articulate and highly intelligent. I so looked up to her and will never ever lose her memory from my mind and heart. "Rest in peace" my amazing friend and mentor... I will miss hearing from you so very very much!



DONNA PARKER - November 27, 2021 at 07:36 PM