



Rosemarie Capozzi

November 3, 1935 - October 20, 2021

Rosemarie Capozzi, 85, passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Staten Island University Hospital South.

Born Sunday, November 3, 1935 in Brooklyn, New York, she was the daughter of the late Michael Fruciello and the late Julia Mayo Fruciello.

Her life dramatically changed when her mother passed away when she was 15 years old. Rosemarie became the lady of her house, cooking and running her home for her father while simultaneously attending high school. Despite hardship, her social life continued to blossom, frequently going out with friends to dance at the Knights of Columbus. When Rosemarie arrived, the piano player would play one of her favorite songs as a cue for her to join him singing for her neighborhood friends. Her love of singing and dancing continued throughout her life.

Rosemarie met Alfred Capozzi in 1955 and instantly bonded over music and dancing as a common love. They danced together for the rest of their lives at every opportunity. Their passion for dancing was infectious; a crowd would always gather to watch and cheer them on at social gatherings, events, and on the decks of cruise ships in their travels around the world.

Rosemarie's first job was at an insurance company. Then she returned home to raise her family before becoming a Saleswoman at Sears. She was known for her honesty and sincerity among customers. The last and most rewarding position Rosemarie held was a Receptionist and Medical Assistant at The Nalitt Institute for Cancer. She was loved by her patients for greeting them with a smile on her face, kind words, and a song. She loved her job, continuing there past retirement age.

Rosemarie was the beloved wife of 64 years to Al Capozzi. Loving mother to Lorayne Capozzi, Barbara Cialdella and her husband, Philip, and Christopher Michael Capozzi. Devoted grandmother to Laine and Louis Cialdella.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 25, 2021 at St. Clare Church located at 110 Nelson Avenue Staten Island, New York 10308. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery

Events

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY,
10309

OCT **Visitation** 04:00PM - 09:00PM

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The John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, NY,
US, 10312

OCT **Service** 11:00AM

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St. Clare Church
110 Nelson Avenue, Staten Island, NY, US, 10308

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 22, 2021 at 05:23 PM



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Louis' tribute;

When we come together in times like these, we do it because we want to remember someone:

to think about what they meant to us, and how being with them made our lives brighter and better. So I'd like to share, for a few minutes, some of the things I'll remember about my grandmother.

The first thing that I'll remember is her joyful, sunny demeanor. I think everyone here has been

touched by my grandmother's love, optimism, and care for those around her. She was a

constant fixture in my life since I was little, offering love and support at every milestone that I

crossed. At every holiday and family dinner, she was a ray of sunshine - ready to sing or dance

with a wine glass in hand at every opportunity. Now, I am someone with average singing and

dancing abilities, if we're being generous. But she impressed upon me constantly that for her,

this wasn't about skill; it was about the constant celebration of life. And the image of her, ready

to celebrate her own life and our shared family life with food, wine, and music; that's the image

of her that will always stick with me.

The other thing that will always stick with me is how her example showed me what a happy,

loving marriage looks like. The sixty four year bond she shared with my grandfather was

extraordinary for me to witness, even though I was only around for half of it.

I can never remember a time when the two of them were not having a great time. No matter how

much time passed, no matter where I saw them - whether I was in Staten Island or in Germany,

I could be sure they would show up with the same good spirit I had come to expect.

And on one

visit, as I saw them round a corner on a street in Munich, smiling and pushing bags as large as

themselves after they had flown halfway around the world, I realized - these were two people on

the adventure of a lifetime. For me, as someone who recently was lucky enough to get married,

their example of mutual love and respect, of desire for a satisfying life together will inspire me

for the rest of my life. When I think about my own marriage, I hope that I can live up to the

example they set for me.

So, that's a little sample of what I will remember about my grandmother. I'm sure

every one of
you will remember her in similar ways. Even though she's not with us now, those
memories will
continue to guide us and inspire us to have the same sunny outlook and love for life
that she
did.

After a long journey, full of love and happiness, of singing and dancing, and family
and friends
who she loved, and loved her back - may she rest in peace.

Barbara - October 28, 2021 at 09:47 AM



“ Laine’s tribute;

It’s hard for me to imagine the world without Rosemarie Capozzi. But she lived a beautiful life that I would love nothing more than to celebrate and tell you about. My grandma, was a quintessential Brooklyn girl from Park Slope. She was quite a petite woman but she had the biggest heart, personality, and the indescribable ability to work any room she walked into. Her hair was always done, her lipstick on, a smile on her face, frequently singing a song, and she was always ready for a good time no matter where she was. Her presence and energy made everyone close to her feel like family. I can’t imagine what it felt like for her to lose her mom at 15, but it brings me peace to know they’re together again.

One of my grandma’s past times growing up was going to the candy stores where she cultivated her incredible dance moves. My grandma was the MVP of dance partners, envied by many for her lindy hop. When she met my grandfather, Al, on a blind date set up by mutual friends, they bonded over their love of music, good food, desire to travel the world, and tearing up the dance floor together. Their love story is one of my favorites to this day. Before moving and settling in Staten Island, they briefly lived in Boro Park, Brooklyn, coincidentally down the block from where I live now. I feel connected to my grandma when I’m walking around my neighborhood, imagining us doing similar things 60 years apart at around the same age.

My connection with my grandma is one of the many things that I will cherish from our time together. Growing up, my grandma played a central role in my life. She never missed a beat; from picking me up from school, to beautifully cooked dinners at her house for Christmas Eve, to museums, shopping, and trying new restaurants, she and my grandpa came to every school concert and graduation that we could get them tickets to. They’ve always been my cheerleaders across each stage of my life and helped me grow into the person I am today. My grandma was the kind of person that you could talk to about anything, the time completely melting away. I always took comfort knowing that my grandma was a phone-call away.

My grandmother’s life has taught me a lot of things- the first thing that immediately comes to mind is how important it is to make the most of our time here on this earth. She really embodied that. She met the love of her life and started an amazing family. She and my poppy traveled the world together, they never missed an opportunity to dance on Friday night out with their friends or simply to the radio in their kitchen. She lived a truly beautiful and vibrant life, surrounded by friends and family who loved her like crazy for her vivacious, bubbly personality and desire to do anything to help the people she loved. Her love was selfless and unconditional, I feel incredibly blessed to have loved her and be loved by her. She squeezed every last drop out of her life here. When I think of her now, I picture her singing and dancing in heaven with her mother, Aunt Ri and Aunt Helen, along with many others waiting for her to come home. I hope they’re enjoying a beautiful meal that they cooked together. I know she is up there watching over me and protecting me. I’ll hold our memories forever in my heart. Rest in peace, Nanny Ro.



“ Mrs. Capozzi always made me feel welcome in her home. It is a vibrant treasure that I hold in my heart still.

Love to all the Capozzi Family,
Marina Turturro (nee Ritucci)

Mrs. Marina Turturro - October 24, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Sandy and Jeff Maresca purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Rosemarie Capozzi.



Sandy and Jeff Maresca - October 23, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - October 22, 2021 at 05:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemarie Capozzi.



October 22, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ Evelyn Gillingham and children purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rosemarie Capozzi.



Evelyn Gillingham and children - October 22, 2021 at 12:05 PM



“ 3 files added to the album RO & AL Dancing



Barbara Cialdella - October 22, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosemarie Capozzi.



October 21, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Laine Cialdella - October 21, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Pat & Frank Giambrone - October 21, 2021 at 11:04 AM