



Barbara Gaudenzi

June 13, 1934 - November 30, 2023

Barbara Gaudenzi, affectionately known as Nana, peacefully departed this world on November 30, 2023, at Arbor Terrace, Tinton Falls, New Jersey, with her devoted husband, Renato (Ray), by her side. She was 89 years old.

Born on June 13, 1934, in Brooklyn, New York, to Dominica and Salvatore Esposito, Barbara spent her early years surrounded by the warmth of family, living with her parents and two sisters, near her beloved grandparents.

A graduate of St. Edmunds School for Girls, Barbara's life took a remarkable turn when, at the age of 14, she met her future husband, Ray, when she was getting off the school bus. Their love blossomed, leading to a beautiful marriage four years later in Maryland, where Ray was serving in the US Navy. This September marked their 71st wedding anniversary a testament to a love that stood the test of time.

Settling on Seidman Avenue in the Eltingville section of Staten Island in 1961, Barbara became the heartbeat of her home, finding joy in decorating and creating a haven for family and friends. She enjoyed sharing her delicious cooking with family and friends and even the UPS driver. As a homemaker and mother, she worked at the Village Card and Gift Store in Great Kills,

embodying warmth and kindness to everyone she encountered.

Barbara's passion for crafting led her and Ray to establish "This and That," a business they operated for many years. A dedicated parishioner at Saint Anthony's Church in Travis, she was a big part of the church community.

Barbara's life was further enriched by her affection for her Puggle, Bella. An ever-faithful companion, Bella shared in the love and warmth that defined Barbara's home.

Barbara was preceded in death by her sisters, Elizabeth Berntsen and Nancy Mione. She leaves behind a legacy of love survived by her high school sweetheart and husband, Renato Gaudenzi, two devoted children, Louisa Maisto and husband Sal Curto, and Robert Gaudenzi and wife Ellen of Hazlet. Her four grandchildren, Heather and Dominick Olivo, Lauren and Tom Sica, Allison and Michael Caballero, and Rudy Maisto, along with four great-grandchildren, Dominick, Charlotte, Madison, and Ryan, will carry forward the cherished memories of Nana's boundless love.

Barbara Gaudenzi's life was a tapestry woven with love, family, and enduring connections, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to have known her.

A church service will be held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 10 am at St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church - 165 Bethany Rd., Holmdel, New Jersey 07733 immediately following, there will be a lunch at Patrizia's, 28 Broad St,

Red Bank, NJ 07701

Previous Events

Service

DEC 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St Benedict Church
165 Bethany Rd
Holmdel, NJ 07733

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Gaudenzi.*



December 06, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ *We moved in as neighbors 61 years ago and became lifelong friends which felt like family. We spent so many nights at the drive in movie theater with all the kids in your station wagon when we first moved to Staten Island. I loved our dinner nights at Russo's with the kids. We had coffee together every night for 30 years and shared lots of laughs and stories about daily life. There are so many times I will never forget like the night Taffy had puppies and we had a drink for each puppy. We enjoyed so many parties on Seidman Avenue especially the Block parties with the kids and adults at night, Halloween costume parties, and New Years Eve. I will always remember the fun times we had together.*

Rest in heavenly peace my dear friend. I'll miss you.

Love always, your friend Camille

Camille Sullivan - December 06, 2023 at 03:36 PM



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Camille, that wa beautiful. You will be friends forever. I read this my father and hs smiled. It brought back so many memories.

Robert Gaudenzi - December 06, 2023 at 04:13 PM

DG

My condolences to Louisa and Robert and family may your mom rest in peace she was a beautiful woman

Donna Goben - January 02, 2024 at 09:41 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Barbara Gaudenzi.*



December 05, 2023 at 09:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Gaudenzi.*



December 05, 2023 at 03:56 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Gaudenzi.*



December 05, 2023 at 10:50 AM

BD

“ Barbara and Ray allowed me to have yoga classes in her basement for several years. Louisa, her daughter and my friend , and I had so much fun. I'd come early, go upstairs and hang out with Barbara and Ray and play with Bella. I almost always went home with her homemade rice pudding. Such fond memories. May she be at peace ❤️

Betty Durnin - December 04, 2023 at 08:18 PM

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“ My deepest and sincerest condolences to the beautiful Gaudenzi family. May you cherish the memory of Mrs. Barbara. She has definitely left behind a great lagacy.

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Amílcar B - December 04, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Barbara Gaudenzi.



December 04, 2023 at 01:22 PM

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“ My husband & I visited Barbara & Ray once a week , sometimes every other week. She always had the table set for four for coffee & I would bake her a cake or buy a cake . We had lots of laughs & told stories of the older days. She always had make up on even if she didn't feel well because her sister told her she would feel better & she did. I will miss the laughs & just seeing her. I know she's in a better place now & her sister Betty will take care of her. I will always pray for her & think of the good times. Love you Barbara 🙏🙏🙏💔
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Carmela Bono - December 04, 2023 at 12:47 PM