



Doris Gillis

May 1, 1934 - February 7, 2020

Doris Gillis, 85, of Eltingville, went home to God on February 7, 2020 at Staten Island University Hospital South.

Born in New Jersey, Doris graduated from Bayonne Hospital Nursing School in 1957 as a registered nurse and worked there for many years. Even after her retirement, she loved visiting the sick and caring for others, old and young alike. Her friends and loved ones describe her as caring, compassionate, generous, selfless and always putting the needs of others before her own. She always had an ear to listen to the concerns of others and was a mentor to many.

Doris is survived by: her five children, Michael, Marie, Patricia, George, and Sr. Margaret "Meg" Michael; her six grandchildren, Kevin, Mariah, Zachary, Colleen, Liam, and Alyssa; and predeceased by her husband, George and grandson, Brendan.

An active member of the Church of the Holy Child, she ran their annual blood drive for many years and spent many hours in Eucharistic Adoration. Favorite pastimes included ballroom dancing, cooking for her vast network of friends, and praying the Rosary for the myriad intentions entrusted to her.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at Holy Child

Church located at 4747 Amboy Road Staten Island, New York 10312.
Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Monday, February 10, 2020, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

The Daughters of St Paul
"Doris Gillis Memorial Fund"
50 Saint Pauls Ave
Boston, MA 02130

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.scaliahome.com

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.
28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Visitation

FEB 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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28 Eltingville Blvd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Service

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Child Church
4747 Amboy Road
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *Doris Gillis*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *To the family of Doris, I am so sorry I didn't know of your mom's passing. I'm sad I didn't visit with your mom before she went home to her heavenly father. Your mom with her gentle ways, beautiful smile with opened arms, always made me feel so welcomed. Spoke kindly of the everyone. She made the best breaded chicken, and knew how much I enjoyed it and dinning with her. Doris you are a kind, loving, gentle, selfless giving person. Thank you for sharing your warm kind heart with me... love, Hugs Marie*



Marie Presto - July 30, 2021 at 12:27 AM

SM

“ To Sister Meg, Marie and Patti,
Your Mom and our "Ma Gillis" was a super lady, Mom, hard worker, cheerful friend, and tireless "Prayer-er". I can hear her voice in my memories and relish the soup and other meals she made for us when she came to Alexandria. May she be enjoying her reward for all the good she did --those deeds other people saw, and those hidden sacrifices she made for others, and the prayers she sent up! I got teary eyed reading the many tributes here on this on-line service. I know she would come over to me, wrap me in a big hug and tell me to cheer up! "I am so happy here with Jesus, all the Saints, all the family already here," she would tell me now. A few years ago when two of us came down from Boston she opened her house for us. I cherish the happy memories and the privilege I had in getting to know Staten Island's finest lady!
Be assured of my prayers that Jesus will comfort you and that He will open wide every door in Paradise!
Love and prayers,
Sister Mary Peter

Sister Mary Peter Martin - February 14, 2020 at 10:20 PM

MJ

“ Mrs Gillis was a very sweet lady. Always happy and joyful when she would visit the Pauline Bookstore in Alexandria. Va. Loved when my husband would make her a Coconut Custard pie. She will be truly missed. Rest in God's peace Mrs. Gillis.
Ed & Michele Jones

Michele Jones - February 12, 2020 at 11:47 PM

MM

“Doris, “Mom”, I don’t know how to say goodbye to you. You were the kindest, selfless, giving, loving person I knew. I got through cold winters having your Fabulous soups that you packed for me. There was one for Patty and always one for me that Patty would bring into work. Doris, you always remembered my children’s names and if they had any issues that needed your special prayers. I Loved seeing you dance at my youngest daughters wedding 4 yrs ago, you’re probably giving dance lessons to all the angels up in heaven with you. You are now with Jesus and I know you are asking Him to Bless each & every person’s life you have known. I will miss you & the loving conversations & advice you gave me. God Bless You and your adoring family, Patty, Sr. Meg, Marie and your sons.
Love, Maggie Maravolo

Maggie Maravolo - February 11, 2020 at 04:54 AM

ME

“Doris, my neighbor was the most loving and caring person I ever met. In the 29 years that My family and I lived across from Doris, we were blessed to have known Doris, Patricia, Sr. Meg and Marie. Doris was an Angel on earth sent by God. She always gave from her heart, always extended herself, always smiled and during bad times counseled me not to give up but to pray for God’s Grace and he would get me through. She prayed for everyone with love in her heart. She touched everyone she met.
Doris will surly be missed.
Our Lord has decided to take her home into his loving arms where she will be in heaven and happiness.
Love You Doris.

Margaret Eng-Wallace - February 10, 2020 at 11:57 PM

EN

“Doris was a very special woman in our lives, especially my mother’, Anna Moccia. She will be greatly missed for her kind personality and warm presence. God Bless Doris and her family. Love Enza and John McCarthy and family

Enza - February 10, 2020 at 07:37 PM

DD

“So sorry for your loss. All our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May she R.I.P. Love The Diliberti's.



Dilane Diliberti - February 10, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.



February 10, 2020 at 01:44 PM

VI

“ Doris was the first person I told to pray for my daughter 3 years ago & She never forgot her name Kara its Greek means pure in spirit. Everytime I saw Doris at Mass at the Presentation Convent or at a charismatic gathering she told me she prays for Kara daily I'm overwhelmed with sadness that she left us & at the same time I'm joyous that she is up there. Just heard now we have a direct line to God - A little jab of humor -- just Following Doris example she always inject funny remarks in between her stories.

Fondly,
Vilma

PS: Kara is fully recovered & back to the job she loves 🙏

vilma - February 10, 2020 at 01:43 PM

JG

Doris was one of the most beautiful and loving women I have ever been blest to know. Her goodness was beyond measure. If only we were all more like Doris this world would be a paradise. I will always remember all the good she did. much love to her family at this sorrowful time for them.

judy guidotti-sheridan - February 12, 2020 at 01:20 PM

VG

“ Vilma Gilvarry lit a candle in memory of Doris Gillis



vilma gilvarry - February 10, 2020 at 01:13 PM

MI

“ My deepest sympathy to Patty and family.

It was a pleasure and privilege to have met Doris. I never met a more spiritual, energetic, caring, selfless, patient, kind and every positive word you can think of individual. You have opened your door to me and many others never expecting anything in return. You will be greatly missed.

May you rest in peace for all eternity. Michele (Patty's NYCHA sister)

Michele - February 10, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.



February 10, 2020 at 08:51 AM

SG

“ Dear Meg, Patty, and all the family, you are in my thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of Doris (or, Mom Gillis, as I called her).

I am immensely grateful for her prayers and encouragement and example of love, hospitality, and thoughtfulness. She prayed for so many of my intentions, especially for my family, over the years. I know I can rely on her intercession in heaven.

Sr Maria Grace - February 10, 2020 at 08:32 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.*



February 10, 2020 at 08:02 AM



“ *Hi, mommy. You are my best friend in life. I love you so much. And I know you were in heaven because I felt your presence today that the Lord took you home. Love you very much. I know you will watch over us from Heaven because you always told me you would. And you are interested in now before the Throne of God for all our intentions. I am going to be calling you constantly. So you better be listening to us. I love you.*

Patty mccarthy. Your loving daughter - February 09, 2020 at 09:56 PM



To the best dressed lady on Staten Island, may you be resting in the loving embrace of JESUS 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Frances and Walter Pehowich - February 10, 2020 at 08:52 AM



I love you! ❤️

roe marshall - February 10, 2020 at 08:57 AM



"Aunt" Doris was truly an angel on earth and now will be our guardian angel from heaven... Love you XO

AnnaMaria Rastetter - February 10, 2020 at 10:59 AM



Patty, So sorry for the loss of your mom. May she rest in peace ❤️🙏

Mary Buerkle - February 10, 2020 at 12:20 PM

AM

“ Dear Doris I will always remember your hugs and I will always remember your prayers for all of us at Dr. Koser’s Office RIP sweet Lady .

Antoinette Marzullo - February 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM

BN

“ Doris, Thank you for all your prayers (please keep praying for us)

Rest In Peace, dear friend

Bernadette & Paul (your favorite fireman) Nietman 🙏🙏

Bernadette Nietman - February 09, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.



February 09, 2020 at 04:16 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.



February 09, 2020 at 03:23 PM

NR

“ Dear Sister Meg , Patty and family,
It was a blessing knowing your Mom since 2000 at the Sister
Disciples. She was a shining light ... may her memory be eternal!
God bless. Love and prayers, Nancy Reinhardt

Nancy Reinhardt - February 09, 2020 at 02:43 PM

LS

“ To Sr Meg and Patty and family, I wish to express my deepest
sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mom. She was
such a wonderful warm hearted lady. It was always a joy and
pleasure to see her at the Sisters Disciples functions. She always
greeted everyone with her beautiful loving smile. May she rest in the
peace of Jesus. Our Lord has another beautiful angel at His side.
Love Linda Santino, OFS.

Linda Santino - February 09, 2020 at 01:01 PM



“ Much love and prayers to a wonderful Lady
and woman of Faith.
Sr Sophie



Sophie Stewart - February 09, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Doris Gillis.



February 09, 2020 at 10:42 AM

BH

“ *Doris was a sweetheart. Always a Beautiful smile. RIP my friend*

Benay Hershkowitz - February 09, 2020 at 09:47 AM

MH

“ *Our loss is heaven's gain for Doris was a beautiful soul. My deepest sympathies to the Gillis family. You are all in my heart and prayers.*



Marianne Hare - February 09, 2020 at 09:34 AM

LL

“ *Doris u were truly a beautiful soul...an angel for all who knew u...my deepest sympathy to your family...may you rest in the arms of the Lord.....Lucille Liguori*

lucille liguori - February 09, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Gillis.*



February 09, 2020 at 01:22 AM

SC

“ Dearest Mama Gillis, with all your "daughters" spread throughout the world, we thank the Lord for the gift of your life, your love, your witness, your prayers and for the gift of your daughter to the Lord and to our Pauline Family. Thank you for your constant prayers and support of our vocation and mission and for your intercession for our good health, wisdom, strength and grace to carry out the Lord's will day by day. We have all benefitted from your loving prayers and offerings, your joy and goodness, the witness of your love for life and your deep love for Jesus and Mary. When I was praying for you at Mass the morning after Jesus called you home, I really felt the sadness of losing you, and as the tears were falling, I could hear you whisper, "Don't cry Baby. I am with Jesus now". I picture Papa Gillis and St Paul and Fr Alberione and Mother Thecla greeting you at the gates of heaven where the party has begun and the dance floor is open forever as you and Jesus dance away! Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

Sr Carmen Christi - February 08, 2020 at 11:51 PM

GB

“ Doris you were my life savor ,my sister, and dearest loving true friend. You never failed to cheer me up when I was down encourage me when I was ready to quit and give my daughter the love only a grandmother could offer. I thank God for you everyday. I know you will be able to watch over us better from where you are now. Love you Doris Gillis

Geraldine Barclay - February 08, 2020 at 11:49 PM

RM

“ To my beautiful Doris! I knew the day I first met you walking your dog in front of our house that you were the most sincere, wonderful and caring person. These last three years have given me the most treasured friendships I can ever have imagined! You became my friend, my confidant, my joy, my laughter, my protector, and my angel! You taught me how to pray the rosary, and how to bring back God to my life! Your smile was contagious and your laugh made my heart sing. When I made you laugh and we high fives each other it was hysterical! I loved how you prayed for my family and my friends , even those you never met, you loved unconditionally! Doris, I love you with my whole heart . You became such an important part of my life, I will miss you for always. One day you told me when you touch the face of Jesus when you get to heaven you will then go find my mother and tell her all about me aNd my family and what she has missed, and the day that I get to heaven you will be waiting for me with my mother and my father....when that day comes..I will be so happy to see you again. I will miss you for always and as I promised I will always remain close to your Margaret and patti !! I love you....roe



roe marshall - February 08, 2020 at 10:48 PM

MC

“ The Campbell family and especially me send our heartfelt condolences to the Gills family.....RIP

michael campbell - February 08, 2020 at 10:42 PM

SA

“ Rest In Peace Doris keep dancing among the angels 🙏💕

sandy - February 08, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Our hearts are saddened to hear of your loss and will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. I admired and loved Doris for so many of her great qualities, she was an inspirational person to all who knew her and was loved by so many, she was a great mother and grandmother to her wonderful children, she display Christian love. Her generosity in giving of her time and resources showed her love of Jesus. Doris and I had plenty of conversations, she was my shoulder to lean on, my spiritual mentor and my second mom. I will truly miss her. Love you always until we meet again. Elia & Mike

Michael Murphy - February 08, 2020 at 10:07 PM



“ Keeping you all in our prayers. Aunt Doris will be missed dearly. Over the past 50+ years we have shared so many fun times - one memory-I loved my senior year I got home early for lunch and Mom and Aunt Doris having their rabbit food....and reading the questions out of her sex Ed question box. So many great times. Mom and Dad standing up at HC when Aunt Doris and Uncle George got married all the way to Chris's BBQs. Memories we will cherish. Love you all God Bless Grace, Marie and Chris

marie langelotti - February 08, 2020 at 09:12 PM