



Elvira Cody

April 11, 1934 - December 11, 2024

Elvira Cody (born Cavallaro), aged 90, passed away peacefully on December 11, 2024, in Wilton, CT. She was born on April 11, 1934, in Cesaro, Sicily. Elvira grew up on Staten Island, New York and called the borough home for over 80 years. She attended New Dorp Public High School, where she met the love of her life, William Michael Cody Jr. The couple married on August 23, 1958.

A devout Catholic, Elvira spent her life in service of God, pursuit of adventure, learning, and caring for her loved ones. She supported her family and friends through times of joy and periods of suffering with endless prayers and skillfully home-made meals and desserts. Elvira taught the art of gratitude to her five grandchildren by example, showing them how to seek wonder and awe all around them. With a passion for history and beauty, she took trips around the world and pursued a life-long quest for knowledge until her final days. Elvira made an impact on the lives of countless children by serving as a tutor through the Staten Island JCC, Staten Island Academy, and privately for decades. In this way, she imparted her wisdom and love for learning to her beloved community. In 1966, Elvira was instrumental alongside the City Planning Commission in helping preserve parklands in the Dongan Hills area. In 2019, Elvira moved from Staten Island to Wilton, CT, where she continued to touch the lives of her family, friends, neighbors, and aides.

Elvira is predeceased by her husband William Michael Cody Jr.; parents Maria and Francesco Cavallaro; siblings Connie and Paul Pappalardo, Bobbie and Ed Szulecki, Nancy and Joe Appignani, and Vito Cavallaro; and dear friends. She is survived by her children Claire (Cody) and Noah Miller, William and Laura (Ingallinera) Cody, and Kevin and Michelle (Ogden) Cody; her grandchildren William and Ruth (O'Donnell) Cody, Thomas and Kelly (Vail) Cody, Lauren Cody, Rachael Miller-Henderek and Martin Henderek, and Brian Miller; and her seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters-in-law Alice (Cody) Pandullo and Barbara Cavallaro. Family, friends, and others are invited to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, Wilton, CT at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2024, for a funeral mass celebrating Elvira's life. A private burial will follow. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in the deceased's name to Doctors Without Borders by clicking here: https://donate.doctorswithoutborders.org/secure/cro-26-paidsearch?ms=ADD2308U0U52&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=BRAND.DWB_CKMSF-BRAND.DWB-GS-STLK-ALL-VAR-BO-ALL-STLK-DONATETEST-ONETIME&gclid=Cj0KCQiAsOq6BhDuARIsAGQ4-zi1Z73rzm0m39DG6NwILU-hHC oaHEpmnPLJ7s_nVEdf-sl0ixLploaAs3BEALw_wcB.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 9:00 AM on Saturday at Our Lady of Fatima Church, located at 229 Danbury Road Wilton, CT. Interment will be in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Service

DEC 14. 9:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Fatima Church,
229 Danbury Road
Wilton, CT 06897

Tribute Wall

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“ I'll always lovingly remember my long calls with "Aunt Ellie", talking about her travels, my travels, family history, and everything else under the sun. The memory of her beautiful voice, and especially that contagious laugh will always make me smile. She was a very, very special lady.

Richard Pappalardo - December 16, 2024 at 11:04 PM

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“ Elvira was a guiding light for love for everyone she met. XO

Betsy Harling - December 13, 2024 at 11:00 AM