



## Filippa Lilly Maganza

March 1, 1916 - November 10, 2015

Filippa Lilly Maganza (March 1, 1916 - November 10, 2015); Born in Francavilla, Sicily, Italy, she was the daughter of her deceased parents, Barbaro and Santa Mamazza and sister to the deceased Violetta, Yolanda and brother, Arturo, who died in her arms as a child. Filippa lived her younger years in New York City, but traveled back to Italy with her family periodically. In 1939, Filippa was given passage to America by her father, as he tried to get his family out of Italy during the war in Europe. It was one of the most heart-breaking times of her young life as she left her father, who was later killed fighting in the Italian cavalry in Tripoli, and her mother and sisters in war-torn Italy. She came to Brooklyn, NY to live with cousins and began to work in Manhattan. Filippa wrote diligently to the State Department in Washington, DC to try to get money to her family in enemy occupied Italy until they were finally reunited years later. It was in Brooklyn that she met and married her husband, Joseph, after he served his country in the Army Air Corp. in World War II. They subsequently raised their four children in their home on East 26th Street in Brooklyn, where Filippa enjoyed cooking and baking and kept an immaculate house. There was always food to eat and if there wasn't she cooked it on the spot! She absolutely loved feeding her children's friends and they never said NO to Mrs. Maganza's food! Filippa's biggest joy was her family and making them happy, which she did on a daily basis. Joe and "Lil", as he called her, became grandparents, which brought much happiness to their life together. Joe passed suddenly in 1980, another great sadness in her

life, but the love and devotion to her family kept her going for 35 more years. Filippa moved to Staten Island in 1995, and lived both near and with her daughter, Maria, and her family for some time. Her last years were spent in Silver Lake Specialized Care, where they treated her with respect, kindness and dignity until her last day. Each staff member would greet her every day with a smile and an Italian phrase that she had taught them. Filippa often told her children that she didn't know why the staff seemed to like her so much, but the answer was easy. She greatly admired her father, who had taught his children to treat everyone, no matter what age or stature in life, with kindness and respect and she did. Filippa was admired by all who knew her and will certainly be remembered for her kind, gentle, and self-less ways. She will live on in the hearts of her children and grandchildren "not for just an hour, not for just a day, not for just a year but Always". Filippa is survived by her children and their spouses: Joseph and Deborah Maganza; Leon and Cathie Maganza; Bobby and Karen Maganza and Maria and Peter LoBue; and her grandchildren and their spouses: Michael Maganza; Jill and Steve Ruiz; Vanessa Maganza; Matthew Maganza; Leon Maganza; Claudia and John Kakareka and Alexandra LoBue; in addition to nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at Scalia Funeral Home 28 Eltingville Blvd, in Eltingville on Saturday and Sunday November 14th, and 15th, from 2-5 PM & 7-9 PM with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Pleasant Plains on Monday November 16, 2015 at 9:30 am Interment will follow in St. John's Cemetery in Middle Village, Queens.

Donations in Filippa's Memory may be made to:

The Wounded Warrior Project

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate.aspx>

# Cemetery Details

## St Johns Cemetery

80-01 Metropolitan Ave  
Middle Village, NY 11379

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Visitation

NOV **15**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

NOV 16. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas The Apostle Church  
6097 Amboy Rd  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall



“ *Filippa Lilly Maganza*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



November 15, 2015 at 07:47 AM



“ *Grandma - still can't believe you're gone. Here one day. Gone the next. I suppose that's how it always goes. However, this weekend will be a celebration of your life. And we will smile and laugh as we recall the many memories made with you. I've been blessed to have spent 40 years with you and I wouldn't trade those for anything. Enjoy your forever now in heaven with Grandpa and other loved ones. We'll be loving you, always. xoxoxoxoxoxoxo xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxo*



*Jill*

**Jill Maganza-Ruiz** - November 14, 2015 at 12:14 PM



*Beautiful, Jill!*

**Maria LoBue** - November 21, 2015 at 10:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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November 14, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Angela & Paul and the Sala Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**Angela & Paul and the Sala Family** - November 14, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *Dear Mom,*

*Your never relenting love and dedication to your family describes every part of your being. All of your energy, right to the very end, in both you & Dad, went into raising your children and providing for our family. And you were loved by everyone who was privileged to know you. Your devotion & sacrifices were surely recognized by God, for he has called you back to Heaven.*

*You have always called your children, Angels, but it was you who was the Real Angel. And now you surely are one. Thank You for being our Mom. You did a great job.*

*We will love you Always.*

*Your Son, Joseph.*

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**Joseph Maganza** - November 14, 2015 at 07:47 AM



*Couldn't have said it better myself, Joe. ?*

**Maria LoBue** - November 14, 2015 at 10:01 AM

TF

“ *The Fontana family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



**The Fontana family** - November 13, 2015 at 08:57 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



November 13, 2015 at 05:04 PM

ST

“ *Dear Family,*

*Please accept my most sincere sympathy for the loss of our dearest Mrs. Filippa Lilly Maganza. She had a rare warmth of personality and grace of character that left a lasting impression upon all who met her. I feel blessed to have known her for a while, and always remember her special radiance and the happiness she seemed to carry with her.*



*affectionately,  
Stephanie Chen*

**Stephanie** - November 13, 2015 at 05:01 PM



*Thank you, Stephanie. We were blessed to have you care so much for our Mom.*

*Much Gratitude to you always,  
Maria and Family*

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**Maria LoBue** - November 14, 2015 at 10:03 AM

AH

“ *All Our Love, The Harts purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**All Our Love, The Harts** - November 13, 2015 at 03:35 PM

QC

“ *Queensboro Motorcycle Club purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**Queensboro Motorcycle Club** - November 13, 2015 at 01:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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November 12, 2015 at 11:38 PM

RH

“ Dear Joe and Family, What beautiful words you shared about Mom. Your hearts can rest knowing all the love you showed her for her wonderful long life. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Our love, Ronnie and Danny

R & D Hickey - November 12, 2015 at 08:58 PM



Thank you for your kind words. They mean the world to us.  
With Love,  
Maria,  
Joe's Sister

Maria LoBue - November 14, 2015 at 10:08 AM

AF

“ anzel and sherman families purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.



anzel and sherman families - November 12, 2015 at 03:55 PM

SD

“ Scott D. purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.



Scott D. - November 12, 2015 at 09:36 AM

AF

“ *Alexandra's Friends purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**Alexandra's Friends** - November 11, 2015 at 10:23 PM

YB

“ *Your loving niece Diana and great nephew Brandon purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**Your loving niece Diana and great nephew Brandon** -  
November 11, 2015 at 09:52 PM

TF

“ *The Koenigsberg Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



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**The Koenigsberg Family** - November 11, 2015 at 09:21 PM

JS

“ *She was like a 2nd Mother to me...I will always love and miss her.*



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**Julius Squillaro** - November 11, 2015 at 07:27 PM



Nessa  
Ma

*That's so sweet of you to say. Thank you. Vanessa*

**Nessa Ma** - November 12, 2015 at 11:39 AM



*She loved her fourth son very much!*

*Always,  
Maria*

**Maria LoBue** - November 14, 2015 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Filippa Lilly Maganza.*



November 11, 2015 at 06:48 PM