



Rose Occhiogrosso

November 6, 1921 - February 21, 2015

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Former Staten Islander Rose Occhiogrosso, 93, a retired seamstress who raised her children with the ideals of hard work and determination that exemplified her life, died Saturday in Green Acres Manor, Toms River, N.J., where she had resided for 10 years.

Born Rose Anselmo in Brooklyn, she was one of eight children and was orphaned as a girl. She had to leave school at 16 to begin working as a seamstress in the garment industry around Chatham Square in Lower Manhattan.

After her first marriage, she lived on the Lower East Side from 1940 to 1954, in Queens for a time, then returned to Brooklyn, living in Bay Ridge from 1955 until 1963 and in Bensonhurst from 1963 until 1969, all the while working as a seamstress.

She and Nunzio (Pete) Occhiogrosso wed in 1965 in Brooklyn, where she also owned and ran a restaurant near a factory area, cooking breakfast and lunch for workers for several years.

She moved to Oakwood in 1969, and to Arrochar in 1975, living there for 15 years. She relocated to Hollywood, Fla., in 1987, and to Manchester, N.J., in 2004.

Mrs. Occhiogrosso was energetic and resourceful, and shared her passion for education and her love of books with her son and daughter.

"I remember the classics arranged carefully on the top of her Necchi sewing machine when I was a girl," said her daughter, Josephine Mahaney. "They were not only prized possessions, we were taught that they represented a path to our success in life."

Mrs. Occhiogrosso was an excellent seamstress. She made ladies clothing, created custom curtains and draperies, and later learned the craft of upholstery. She also was skilled at knitting and crocheting. And she loved music.

Her can-do spirit was steady and infectious, her family said. She took on every challenge, even learning to drive a truck later in her life.

While living on the Island, Mrs. Occhiogrosso was a parishioner of St. Sylvester's R.C. Church, Concord.

Nunzio, her husband of 46 years, died in 2012.

Surviving, along with her daughter, Josephine, are her son, Joseph Polizzi; her brother, Vincent Anselmo; three grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren

The funeral will be Saturday from the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Eltingville, with a mass at 10 a.m. in St. Sylvester's Church. Burial will follow in Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM & 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2015, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.,

28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

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

Cemetery Details

Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road
Staten Island, NY 10306

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Sylvesters Church
854 Targee Street
Staten Island, NY 10304

Tribute Wall



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