



Theresa Swanson

July 17, 1932 - May 27, 2019

Theresa (Reimann) Swanson, 86, passed away peacefully on May 27, 2019 surrounded by her loving family.

A first generation American, she was born on July 17, 1932 to Catherine and Theodor Reimann of Waldron Avenue in the Sunnyside section of Staten Island. She attended PS 29 and graduated from Curtis High School in 1950. Theresa married Kenneth Swanson of Ridgewood Avenue, Eltingville in 1955. They moved to Huguenot, raised four children, and were just a few days short of their 49th wedding anniversary when Kenneth passed in 2004.

A lifelong resident of Staten Island for all but the last eighteen months, "Terry" was a homemaker and an active member of the community. She was a long time member of the Our Lady Star of the Sea choir and volunteered regularly at the parish. Later, she started a "second career" at the Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Mount Loretto, and retired from that position after more than 25 years of service.

Terry and Ken enjoyed several activities including bowling, square dancing, and spending time with their large extended family, many of whom were also long time Staten Islanders. Terry was also very fond of wildlife; birds in particular, and especially cardinals and pheasants. She was thrilled when deer began showing up on the island. One of her favorite past times was playing

Chinese Checkers with her kids, at which she was virtually unbeatable right up to the end.

In addition to her husband, Theresa was pre-deceased by her sister Hilda Owen and her brother George Reimann.

She is survived by her four children: daughter Anita Adamchick (Jack) of Clifton Park, NY, and sons Marc Swanson (Caryn) of Macungie, PA, Keith Swanson (Nancy) of Quakertown, PA, and Daniel Swanson (Christine) of Brooklyn, NY, as well as her nine grandchildren, John (Pamela), Eric, Amy, Theo, Claire, Matthew, Kyra, Christopher and Kenny and her great grandson, Leo.

Terry moved to the Terrace at Eddy Memorial assisted living facility in Troy, NY in November 2017. An outgoing joiner and self-proclaimed "listener", Terry made new friends quickly. Her family would like to thank the staff of "the Eddy" and residents Mardi McLoughlin and Herbie Schmidt for their love and companionship throughout her last months.

A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. on Friday at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. SINY.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 5411 Amboy Rd. SI. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.

In Lieu of Flowers if you so desire donations in loving memory of Terry may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital online at:

www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=wtg-lz-donatenow

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrot Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAY 31. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUN 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Star Of The Sea Church
5411 Amboy Rd
Staten Island, NY 10312

Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa Swanson*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - May 30, 2019 at 02:02 PM

JC

Beautiful tribute to Aunt Tessie. She always had a smile or something funny to say. She will be truly missed. My condolences to all who loved her.

Jeannette Condio - May 31, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Theresa Swanson*

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

MM

“ *Dear Terry's family, I am with you in spirit today and already miss one of the nicest friend in my life! We sure had a lot of fun laughing and she taught me a lot of nice ways to say things in a better way. She will always be in my prayers. Love to you all. Mardi*

Margaret J. Mcloughlin - May 31, 2019 at 02:04 PM

DB

“ Tessie was such a classy woman. She loved God's creatures. Tessie was just liked the gentle birds she so dearly loved. She sang like they do and never had harsh words for anyone, no matter what the circumstances were. Her smile and laugh will always be remembered. It was such a joy to have known her. She was truly a great lady from the greatest generation. The birds which she enjoyed so much have wings for flight. I look up into the clouds and know somewhere up there lives a Creator of all these animals . Tessie gave love and never judged, she was a comfort like God's innocent pets. Now she too will have wings, not as a bird, but an angel in the heavens. God bless Tessie.

Doreen Belloni

Doreen Belloni - May 31, 2019 at 10:18 AM

JC

“ Jeannette Condio lit a candle in memory of Theresa Swanson



Jeannette Condio - May 31, 2019 at 07:45 AM

KE

“ Great photo's...Remembering the old days... and how tall Uncle Ken was. lol.

ken - May 30, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.*



May 30, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ *A member of the Greatest Generation... and my favorite Aunt. Aunt Terry and I had a bit of a running joke when many years ago i said.. I indeed look liked Magnum P.I. Well she never let me live that down. lol and the last time i saw her she said .. hey Tom... sweet woman.. lovely lady my Aunt Terry*

ken - May 30, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.*



May 30, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Karen,John,Janice,Kurt,Adrienne, Montana,Aurora purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of Theresa Swanson.*



Karen,John,Janice,Kurt,Adrienne, Montana,Aurora - May 30, 2019 at 02:31 PM



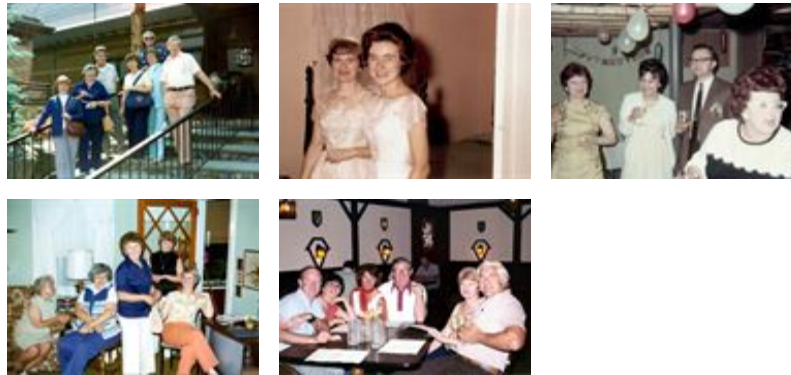
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.*



May 30, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ *117 files added to the album Life Tributes*



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - May 30, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *WXYZ/WMYD News Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Theresa Swanson.*



WXYZ/WMYD News Family - May 30, 2019 at 11:55 AM

SA

“ My condolences to the family. Please be comforted by the Bible's promise of the resurrection. John 5:28,29, Acts 24:15. If you would like to learn more about the wonderful promises in the bible, please visit jw.org.

Sandra - May 30, 2019 at 10:12 AM

TJ

“ The Reimann Family: Mary, Pat, Cathy, & Jeannette purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Theresa Swanson.



The Reimann Family: Mary, Pat, Cathy, & Jeannette - May 30, 2019 at 09:22 AM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.



May 30, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.



May 29, 2019 at 07:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theresa Swanson.* ”



May 29, 2019 at 07:13 PM