



Carmela Teresa Maraia

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Carmela T. Maraia (Millie to many)

Mom was born on June 28th, 1932, to Anthony and Rose Spinazzola in Harlem N.Y. She was raised in N.Y. with her sister Teresa and her two brothers Mike and Dan. The family moved to Rye N.Y. where Mom went to Catholic School. In 1939 the family moved to Harrison N.Y. until 1943 when they moved to Spring Valley, CA.

She went to San Diego Highschool then on to Grossmont Highschool until she graduated in 1949 at the age of 16. Her parents had opened a small grocery store in Spring Valley where she worked until she was 18, then she accepted a job with SDG&E as a cashier. She worked her way into the billing department. When SDG&E moved billing to computers, she was promoted to head of the data processing department.

In 1960 Mom went with her parents on vacation to Italy where she met the love of her life. They married in Italy before she returned home and were married again at Santa Sophia Catholic Church in Spring Valley, CA. When Mom became pregnant with their first child she retired from SDG&E. She was a homemaker to their 3 sons until the boys went to school at which time, she volunteered with the school district until the boys went to high school.

In 1976 Mom and Dad bought La Mesa Importing, an Italian Deli in La Mesa, CA. The business prospered until they sold it in 1982. After the business was sold, Mom spent two years attending classes at Grossmont College until her mother needed her as a care giver. Her mother Rose passed away in 1997.

Mom went on too many volunteer activities. She was an honored member of the La Mesa Woman's club, and she volunteered at Father Joe's Village, Saint Vincent de Paul and spent 15 years at Santa Sophia with her many friends that also volunteered at the church.



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During the last couple years Mom's physical health had begun to suffer and it was difficult to watch as her mental awareness was sharp as ever. She spoke often of wanting to be with Dad as she missed him dearly.

Millie is survived by her three children, John, Tony (and wife Cheryl), Jerry (and wife Laura); five grandchildren (Steven (wife Kim), Michael, Alyssa (husband Austin), Matthew, and Vinnie), and her 5 great-grandchildren (Attley, Kenzie, Hayden, Olivia, and Chase); brother Danny (and wife Barbie)



Events


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VIEWING

 **Sunday**, July 30, 2023

 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM PT


 **Greenwood Memorial Park - Salli Lynn Chapel**
4300 Imperial Ave., San Diego CA 92113

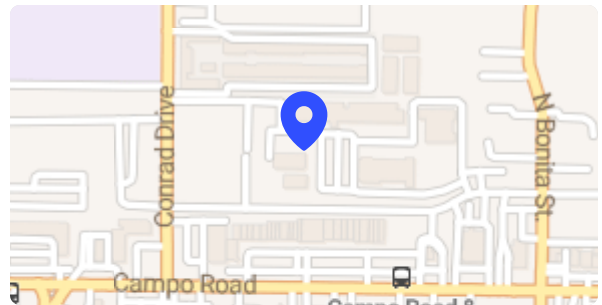


Funeral Mass

 **Monday**, July 31, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Santa Sophia Catholic Church**
9800 San Juan Street, Spring Valley CA 91977





Tribute Wall

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Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Maraia family.

July 29 at 12:02 PM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carmela.

July 29 at 12:02 PM



Dennis & Kelly Looney sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Maraia family.

July 29 at 3:30 AM



Dennis & Kelly Looney planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carmela.

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Antoinetta M. sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Maraia family.

July 28 at 4:48 AM



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July 28 at 4:48 AM





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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Maraia family.

July 24 at 11:28 AM



Lou Turner lit a candle in honor of Carmela.

Millie was not only my cousin, but a wonderful friend to so many of us. We love her and will miss her. My sympathy to all of Millie's family. God Bless

July 22 at 5:58 AM



Anna Bianco lit a candle in honor of Carmela.

We are deeply saddened by the passing of cousin Millie, a beautiful and loving person. She will be missed. Our condolences to all in the family. Anna and Luigi Bianco and Pierina, Danny, Tony and Frances Suozzo. Rest in peace Millie.

July 20 at 4:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Maraia family.

July 20 at 4:29 AM



Paola Sordini posted:

I will always remember the good, kind and caring person she was. I send you a big hug and share your grief offering you my condolences. Paola Sordini

July 19 at 8:07 AM



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Caterina Sciaraffa lit a candle in honor of Carmela.



July 19 at 3:46 AM



Mary Criscenti July 22 at 5:48 PM

I am deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend, Millie and I will never forget the sweet, loving, beautiful person that she was to all of us. She was so loved and will never be forgotten. Love, hugs, and my deepest condolences to all of Millie's family.



Caterina Sciaraffa July 19 at 3:52 AM

Riposa in pace carissima Zia Melina. Le mie condoglianze a John, Tony e Jerry e alle loro famiglie. Caterina.



Lafe Ball posted:

Mrs. Maraia, Milli, or as we are called her mom. She was an amazing person, opened her arms indoors and let us all into her home in heart. She raised three of the most challenging people I have ever met, and I say that with love and admiration. John, Tony, and Jerry and her grandkids were the sparkle in her eye. Mom was amazing to all of us, she will never be forgotten. We love you mom!!

July 18 at 3:44 PM



Vince, Paul & Jackie, Vince & Teri, Tony & Wendy, Chris & Carey, sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Maraia family.



July 18 at 5:56 AM



Antoinetta Rachel Maraia lit a candle in honor of Carmela.



July 17 at 11:20 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Carmela by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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