



Dolores LaRosa-Ciasullo

April 3, 1930 - September 1, 2018

Dolores LaRosa-Ciasullo, 88, passed away peacefully on September 1, 2018, after a long battle with end-stage renal disease.

Dolores (Dee) was born on April 3, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Stephen J. and Louise LaRosa. She was a 1947 graduate of Hallahan Catholic High School and received a Practical Nurse certificate in August, 1954 and employed by local physicians. After staying home to raise her children for many years, she returned to work, securing a position as a claims specialist for 22 years at the State of PA Bureau of Unemployment Compensation in various South Philadelphia branches. Upon her retirement from the Bureau in 1996, she was happiest at her post-retirement job for an additional 16 years as a greeter and office assistant with the wonderful group at Independent Tax and Financial Planners in Holland, PA. Dee also volunteered for the Ward 1, Division 8 election board for several years.

Dolores was a devout and active member of St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish, where she served on the Sodality, Parish Council, and as Eucharistic Minister. She delighted in volunteer work for all St. Nicholas fundraisers, her favorite as committee member for St. Nick's Annual Italian Festival, and became one of the main attractions at the "Varallo Brothers and Dee's Fried Dough" station.

Dee's greatest joy was to host holiday gatherings to a packed house in her South Philly home, living by her motto that "No one should ever spend a holiday alone."

Dolores is survived by her two children, Louise Ciasullo Masterson (Edward) of Holland, PA and Joseph T. Ciasullo (Christine) of Sewell, NJ. She is loving "Mom Mom Dee Dee" to her three grandchildren, Michael Masterson (Laura), Joseph J. Ciasullo and Maria Ciasullo; devoted sister to Anthony R. LaRosa (Justyna) and the late Very Rev. Stephen J. LaRosa, OSA.; adored cousin and extended-family member to so many.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her viewing from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, at the Murphy Ruffenach, Brian W. Donnelly Funeral Home, 2239 S. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148. A second viewing will be held Thursday Sept 6, 2018, Beginning 9:30am at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, 910 Watkins St., Philadelphia, PA 19148. Funeral Mass 10:30am. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, PA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church, 910 Watkins Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148.

Comments



“ Louise & family so sorry to hear about your mother sending my condolences cause I'm not up to coming. Delores was my good friend for many years working with her at the unemployment office. We had nicknames for each other that we still used everytime we talked on the phone Delores was (DINGY) and I was known as the (OLD FART). I will miss talking to my good friend on the phone(DINGY) SAVE ME A PLACE UP THERE

Your good friend George Nardi AKA (OLDFART)

George Nardi - September 04, 2018 at 03:51 PM



“ All our love and thoughts go out in Memory of Mom Mom DeeDee. What a beautiful person. Always treated our family and especially our son Anthony as part of her own family. Remembered every important date, was so warm and inviting every time we got to see her. Dee was full of life, had a great smile, loved her family, her friends and was a woman of faith. When you live in the heart, you live forever. We will miss you DeeDee.

Donna, Anthony and Tony Tisdall - September 04, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ I was trying to say that it will not be long when we are all together again. God bless you and all of our families that loved us and raised us. Godbles all our children that God gave us with LOVE FOR ALL.. We will miss you till the time we all will be together again.
LOVE Dolores & Joe Farace and family

Dolores & Joseph Farace - September 04, 2018 at 10:02 AM