



Anna Maria LaSpina

May 27, 2021

Anna Maria LaSpina (nee DelPrete) passed away peacefully at her home in Havre de Grace, MD on May 27, 2021. Age 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Isadore LaSpina.

Loving Mother of Vincent Gioia, Jr. (Nancy), David Gioia (Candace), Robert Gioia (the late Barbara Gioia), Ronald Gioia (Jacqueline), Vivian Gioia, Donna Micallef (Joseph), and Denise Gioia (the late Mark McDowell). Survived by her 13 grandchildren. Great grandmother of 12 with one on the way.

Anna loved to cook for her family and friends and always kept a spotless home. She loved looking after her grandchildren as well as many family friends' children. She enjoyed doing word searches and puzzles on her tablet. As her children grew up and married, she accepted each of the in-laws into her family and loved them as her own sons and daughters.

Visitation for family and friends will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, N.J. 08098. A mass of the Christian Burial will follow at 1:00 PM at The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph's Community Center, Woodstown, N.J. Interment will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Swedesboro, N.J.

The family requests donations in Mrs. LaSpina's memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Events

JUN **Visitation** 10:30AM - 12:30PM

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Adams Funeral Home
64 Broad St., Woodstown, NJ, US, 08098

JUN **Mass** 01:00PM

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Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Woodstown Parish Center
2 Lamplighter Lane, Woodstown, NJ, US, 08098

Comments



“ Denise Gioia is following this tribute.

Denise Gioia - June 06, 2021 at 08:01 AM



“ The week I found out mommom was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, I tirelessly searched for a set of matching bracelets I could get for us to wear. Even if I couldn't be the one to give it to her I wanted mommom to have something that shows I'm always with her. Mommom was always with me no matter if she was in Mullica Hill, Florida, or Maryland, I always knew I had the most kind, patient, and loving grandmother by my side. The second I gave her the bracelet in the hospital she put it on and promised to never take it off. Every time I saw her after that she was wearing it and told me how she'd make sure her nurses were careful when touching her arm. I haven't taken the bracelet off since the day I got them and will honor it the same as she did. Everytime I look at it, I see her pushing me in my stroller catching butterflies in the backyard, or playing huckle buckle beanstalk and colors with Alex in our living room. It reminds me of all the times she'd scratch my back and tickle my face while trying to get me to take a nap. I'm so incredibly blessed to have had such a loving, patient, and caring grandmother. Mommom made the most beautiful family that I'm so lucky to be a part of each and every day. Although it breaks my heart to know she won't be here to see me graduate college or get married, I know I can look down at the bracelet on those special occasions and feel that she's with me. I'm so glad that in the final moments I had with mommom I was able to tell her how amazing of a grandmother she was and how she shaped me into the woman I am today. I miss you everyday mommom, and I love you endlessly.

(written by Julliette Gioia)

Denise Gioia - June 06, 2021 at 07:02 AM



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Denise Gioia - June 05, 2021 at 07:47 AM



“ We were blessed

My brothers, sisters, and I were truly blessed to have our mother. When she was little, she became very ill with romantic fever and the Doctors didn't expect her to survive, somehow, she did, I guess someone else had other plans for her. We were truly blessed.

She lived on and had seven children, thirteen grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren with one on the way. Our mother loved children, she loved taking care of them, being with them, and most importantly feeding them. Nothing gave her more joy in her life than children. She devoted her entire life to them, first with raising my brothers, sisters and me. The girls being the most difficult as she often said. Then taking care of many of her grandchildren while her sons & daughters worked. My two were the last and she often expressed to me how much she cherished the time she had with them. My Mother also watched children or grandchildren of friends; I think at least ten through the years. She loved and treated them like her own, saying “My little Jennifer & Angie or My little Brian & Jamie as she often spoke of them and how precious they were to her. My Mom would often say “I wish I had all my children back again as babies”. Now keep in mind there are seven of us, who says that? We were truly blessed.

Raising seven of us wasn't easy. We were a handful to put it mildly, my kids would often ask what Mom Mom was like when I was growing up. My reply is always the same “not like she is now” They saw a calm, soft spoken, gentle soul. I remember her swinging a wooden spoon like a samurai with a sword, my brother & sisters always deserved what they got, not me. My kids didn't believe me, they would ask her, and she would always say the same thing “Oh I don't remember” we do Mom. However, her memory was a lot better back then. She could often recall something you did several days later and remind you of it with a good crack as she walked by saying “that was for Tuesday”. We remember Mom. We were truly blessed.

My Mother was often asked “who was her favorite child”? Someone was always trying to start trouble, she would always say the same thing “I don't have a favorite, I love them all the same”. Rumor has it that it was one of the boys.

It was very difficult for us to watch her go but we know how blessed we were for the time we had. We are all grateful for our sister Denise for taking such wonderful care of our Mother throughout the years, especially at the end. It wasn't easy for you, but you did everything necessary to bring her home and keep her comfortable, we are all grateful to you Denise.

Someone recently told me that we were truly blessed because we had our mother for most of our adult life, she saw all of us grow up, get married, and raise families. You always want more time, we did. She was our treasure and we always wanted her here and close to us. We will miss you Mom, we love you!

(written by Ron Gioia)



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Gina Nawrocik - June 03, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



June 03, 2021 at 03:40 PM



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Denise Gioia - June 03, 2021 at 09:28 AM



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Denise Gioia - June 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



June 02, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



June 02, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Johns Hopkins University -APL_KTA Group purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



Johns Hopkins University -APL_KTA Group - June 01, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



May 31, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ Dearest Denise & Family, we are so very sad to hear of Annie's passing. Please accept our condolences and know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. Annie was so special to us. We loved sharing laughs with her. She always made us feel loved and welcome. We always loved watching her in the kitchen with Denise. Their dance was always sure to make us smile. Her spirit was so kind and inviting. We loved helping her with her puzzle app when she couldn't find a missing piece. She was always so grateful when we got her unstuck with her game. I still hear her voice from the last time we talked in April and I will always cherish that last phone call among other great conversations we shared. Michael and I hope her family and friends find comfort in their memories of her as we surely will. Love Always, Debbie & Michael Collins

Deborah Collins - May 31, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Anna Maria LaSpina.



May 31, 2021 at 09:28 AM