



## Alda Sama

August 11, 2010

### Alda Giovanna Clemente Sama

Born in Penns Grove, NJ, on September 29, 1919, Alda entered into eternal rest on August 11, 2010. A Penns Grove High School graduate, Alda graduated from Beacom College, Wilmington DE, in 1939 and started working for the DuPont Company as a Secretary in their Carney's Point, NJ Plant. At the conclusion of World War II, she was presented with a Certificate, signed by the U.S. Secretary of Defense, acknowledging her contribution to DuPont's developmental work on the first atomic bomb which ended the war with Japan. While at DuPont she met the love of her life, Frank Sama, whom she married on July 3, 1943. Due to the housing shortage during the war, she and Frank lived with her mother-in-law, Rose Sama, in Wilmington, Delaware where her first child, Alfred, was born. At war's end, Alda and family returned to Penns Grove to reside on West Pitman Street. Frank began work with Alda's father and brothers at the Penns Grove Bottling Works, later to become Clemente's Liquor Store. During this time her second son, Frank, Jr., was born in June 1947 followed by her only daughter, Rose Anna, just fifteen months later. At 39 years of age, her fourth son, Ronald Joseph, was born in April 1959. Alda dedicated her "free" time to the St. James Altar and Rosary Society, serving as Secretary, Vice President and President. She served on the Saint James Parish Council and was a member of the Mother of Grace Society. Alda was very active in the St. James School PTA and the Italian American Citizens

League Ladies Auxiliary. With age and in need of care, in the autumn of 2006, Frank and Alda went to live with their son, Frank, Jr., and wife, Judi, in Arizona. Regrettably, after a 63 year marriage, Frank passed away in December 2006. Alda was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. However, surrounded by a beautiful sun-filled setting, Frank, Jr., and wife, Judi, provided Alda with loving and tender care during her later life in Arizona.

Alda was renowned for her Italian cooking, loved to crochet, do crossword puzzles, read, listen to opera, play pinochle and travel to the Atlantic City Casinos! She was an ardent Phillies fan from the days of the 1950 Whiz Kids through their 1980 and 2008 Championship years.

Alda was preceded in death by her Father, Alfredo Clemente, her Mother, Anna, her sister, Aminta DiGicchino, her brothers, Albert, Andy & Harry Clemente. She is survived by her sister, Rena Maurizio, her sons, Alfred, husband of Donna Sama, Frank, husband of Judi Sama, and Ronald, her daughter, Rose Anna, wife of Thomas Albertini, eight (8) grandchildren, Christopher, husband of Dominique Sama, Andrew, husband of Julia Sama, Abbie, wife of Jason Burr, Garland, Miller, and Alessandra Sama, Heather, wife of Kirk Tackitt and Jessica Albertini, two step-grandchildren, Jennifer and Mark Daddazio, and four great grandchildren, Dominic, Giovanni and Vincenzo Sama and Sarah Tackitt.

Relatives and Friends are invited to attend her Viewing from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, August 17, 2010, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM all at Corpus Christi/St. James Church, 369 Georgetown Road, Penns Grove, NJ; Interment at the Riverview Cemetery followed by a dinner at DiPaolo's Italian Ristorante, 28 S. Broad Street, Penns Grove.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. [www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)