



Candelora "Nettie" Clemente

February 9, 2013

Candelora "Nettie" Clemente, 92, of Baltimore, MD, formerly of Penns Grove, NJ, and New Castle, DE, beloved wife of the late Andy Clemente, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 9, 2013. She was the devoted mother of Maryann P. Surine, and her husband Bill of Baltimore, MD; Andrea A. Clemente, and her husband Stephen Siegforth of Baltimore, MD; and Joseph A. Clemente and his wife, Lisa of Warren, NJ; loving sister of Michael DiFilippantonio, and his partner Katherine Dix; the late Jenny Jordan and her husband Pete; and Carmen DiFilippantonio, and his partner Eddie Schau; devoted grandmother of William Surine, Jr., Philip Surine, Joshua Toll, Benjamin Toll, Andrew Surine, Matthew Clemente, Michael Clemente, Anna Marie Clemente, Sarah Clemente, Peter Clemente, John Clemente, Catherine Clemente, and Jim Clemente. She is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews.

Born May 1, 1920 in the Valle San Giovanni in the province of Abruzzo, Candelora "Nettie" DiFilippantonio was brought to Ellis Island in her mother's arms as a 7-month-old infant.

Nettie spoke only Italian when she entered first grade in Penns Grove, NJ, but by the time she graduated from high school she was valedictorian of her class. She could have gone to college on scholarship, but because of the Great Depression, she went to work at DuPont's to help support her family. Adept at math, Nettie worked in Payroll.

On July 20, 1940, Nettie married Andy Clemente, the "boy next door" who became the love of her life and her soul mate. Nettie and Andy were happily married for 61 years. Nettie was ardently devoted to her family.

When Nettie's husband, Andy, partnered with his two brothers, Albert and Harry, and opened a bar and then a restaurant in Penns Grove, Nettie worked at the side of her husband to make the businesses a success. Eventually, Andy and his brothers opened Clemente's Travel Center on the Dupont Highway in New Castle, DE, and Nettie helped to run the cafeteria and bus stop along with her sisters-in-law. A great success and local landmark in New Castle, DE, the cafeteria sold thousands of bus tickets and served

Thanksgiving dinner to the poor on Thanksgiving.

In addition to her business acumen, Nettie was also an accomplished seamstress who made her own dresses, a superb cook who served outstanding Italian meals, an excellent golfer, and a Eucharistic minister. She was the leader of her prayer group in Fort Myers, Florida, during her retirement years.

She will be greatly missed for her kindness, other-centeredness, and generous spirit.

Visitation will be from 10:30 am to noon at Corpus Christi Roman Catholic Church on February 12, 2013 in Carneys Point, NJ. Funeral mass will be at noon. Interment will be at Riverview Cemetery, Penns Grove NJ. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Society of St. Vincent DePaul at 58 Progress Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO 63043-3706 or www.svdpusa.org. www.adamsfuneralhome.org

Cemetery Details

Riverview Cemetery

Virginia Avenue & Pitman Street
Penns Grove, NJ 08069

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Corpus Christi
369 Georgetown Rd
Carney's Point, NJ 08069

Service

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of Candelora "Nettie" Clemente for the passing of your loved one, may God prove to be a refuge and a strength for your family during this time of distress as spoken of at Psalm 46:1

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“ Condolences and prayers to all of Candelora's family. May she be home in the Heart of the Lord. I think of her as a beautiful lady with a beautiful family.

Love,
Lisa Basarab

Lisa Basarab - February 11, 2013 at 08:42 AM