



## Connie Maconi Zappia

November 6, 2024

Connie Maconi Zappia (nee: Concetta Parisi), a long time Penns Grove resident and loving mother, sister, and friend, passed away on November 6, 2024 at the age of 100.

Connie was born on January 19, 1924 in Philadelphia to Alfio and Camilla (Consoli) Parisi. She is one of four sisters, Mary, Lena, herself, and Josephine (Jo) along with her brother, Nick. She was raised in Penns Grove, N.J. by her mother and stepfather, Nick Caggiano on Poplar Street which was an active Italian neighborhood in its day. At age 17, she married Joseph L. Maconi, who became a renowned carpenter/cabinet maker in the area. Together, they raised five sons and were active in supporting their community including involvement with the Altar and Rosary society at St. James Church and with Babe Ruth Baseball. Connie spent most years as a deeply committed homemaker while administratively assisting her husband Joe's woodworking business. Along the way, Connie worked briefly at DuPont's in Deepwater, and later at VWR Scientific where she excelled but she mostly loved being home with her active family.

In her youth, Connie had a passion for singing. She had a wonderful voice to match her beauty and sang solos in several of her high school music programs. She was also part of the Drum Majorette Corp at Penns Grove High School. She thought that in different times, she might have been able to

utilize her talents professionally.

The Italian cooking gene ran deep in her family as she and her siblings were all excellent cooks. Family dinners at her house were looked forward to by everyone; her spaghetti and meatballs, sausage and homemade “gravy” were famous and world class. “Sunday Dinners” and all day Thanksgiving/holiday meals were especially celebrated.

Connie belonged to a knitting club with a group of her friends. She would have been a great detective as she had “eyes in the back of her head” in raising her boys. Later in life, she loved to play bingo and give all of her prizes to friends and family members. She was known for being a strong, feisty woman and holding her own.

Connie is survived by her five children, Steve, Mike, Bob, David (Denise) and Joseph (Chelle), along with her loving and attentive sister Jo, her brother Nick Caggiano, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, (notably Angie Freas who treated “Aunt Connie” as her own mother) and nephews. She was preceded in death by her first and second husbands, Joseph Maconi and Mario Zappia, and her sisters Mary and Lena.

Services will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad St., Woodstown NJ 08098. The viewing will begin at 10 AM with the service following at 11 AM. Burial will take place at St. Joseph’s RC Cemetery in Woodstown after the service.

[www.adamsfuneralhome.org](http://www.adamsfuneralhome.org)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph's Cemetery

Woodstown, NJ 08098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home

64 Broad St.

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere condolences to the Maconi and Zappia families. Connie Maconi came into my life when I befriended her son David. She was always there to give me a ride home from school in her Cadillac, and she always felt like my second mother when I would spend time at her house with Dave. Her life is truly a celebration as she has made so many lives better through her entire 100 years. She will be truly missed!*

Rich Harris - November 10, 2024 at 08:39 PM

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“ *The Richard Harris family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Connie Maconi Zappia.*



The Richard Harris family - November 10, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ *My condolences to Steve, Mike, Bobby, Dave & Joe, as well as Jo and Nick. Aunt Connie & Uncle Joe visited us often in the Northern part of NJ. Aunt Connie always came with the evening's meal in hand. On my wedding day, it rained & she took it upon herself to fuss over my gown. I'll always remember fun days on Walnut St. babysitting Steve & Michael. Lovely memories. Ironic that her funeral is on the day of Uncle Joe's birthday. . .Anita Imperatrice Santucci, Niece*

Anita (Imperatrice) Santucci - November 10, 2024 at 02:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Maconi Zappia.

November 10, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Connie Maconi Zappia.



November 10, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Connie Maconi Zappia



Carol Molinari Monks - November 09, 2024 at 08:57 PM



“ Tricia and Ed Costantini planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Connie Maconi Zappia.

Tricia and Ed Costantini - November 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM

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“ Tricia and Ed Costantini purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Connie Maconi Zappia.



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Tricia and Ed Costantini - November 09, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Maconi Zappia.

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November 09, 2024 at 08:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Maconi Zappia.

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November 08, 2024 at 02:00 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Connie Maconi Zappia.



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November 08, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Connie Maconi Zappia.



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November 08, 2024 at 01:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Connie Maconi Zappia.

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“ A renown beauty, one of my sisters, she raised a beautiful family. Connie was a fabulous cook and homemaker, I will miss her dearly. She is now with Mary and Lena, what stories they will tell, God Bless them...Love, Sister, Jo

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**Jo Tussey(Connie's sister)** - November 08, 2024 at 09:11 AM