



Lena LaRosa

May 23, 2020

Lena LaRosa, age 90, of Carneys Point and formerly of Pedricktown passed away on May 23, 2020. Born in Penns Grove, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth (Ferrelli) Balsamo. Lena was a graduate of St. James High School and a devout member of St. Gabriel the Archangel R.C. Church where she served on the Altar and Rosary Society. She was a great cook and will be remembered for her kindness and her unmistakable laugh and she loved her trips to Atlantic City and Delaware. But, most important, Lena will be remembered for her devotion to her family as she dedicated her life to raising her children and grandchildren

Lena is survived by her children Vincent LaRosa and his wife Frances of Swedesboro, Barbara DiTeodoro and her husband Arnie of Carneys Point, Charles LaRosa and his wife June of Marlton, Nicholas LaRosa, Jr. and his wife Robin of Royersford, PA and Michael LaRosa and his wife Karen of Mickleton; her grandchildren Lisa, Elizabeth, Nicole, A.J., Mark, Paul, Carly, Ashleigh, Samantha, Nicholas, Meredith, Joseph and Lauren; great grandchildren Madison, Morgan, Miranda, Ava, Dominic, Nicholas, MacKenzie and Alexander; her sister Angie Heatwole of Florida; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Nicholas and her brother Joseph Balsamo.

Lena will be laid to rest next to her husband Nicholas at the Salem County

Veterans Cemetery in Pilesgrove. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions in place because of the coronavirus pandemic, services and burial will be private for the family. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that contributions be made in Lena's memory to St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish, 369 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point, NJ 08069.

Tribute Wall

AF

“ So sorry for your loss. Will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Angela Freas

Angela Freas - May 30, 2020 at 10:35 AM

RC

“ Dear Mike and Karen, we are so sorry for the passing of your mom, We are praying for you in this time of your incredible loss. Robert and Nancy Caruso.

Robert Caruso - May 29, 2020 at 10:58 AM

PN

“ What a privilege I enjoyed for many years as a teacher at St James H.S. To walk into the teachers' lounge at noon and sit down to a magnificent lunch prepared by Tootsie. And what an equal privilege it was to have taught many of you, her children, and to find a new friend in you, Karen. May each one of you find consolation in the Faith that Tootsie embraced, the legacies she left, and the memories she created. With my sincerest sympathy. Peggy Newton

Peggy Newton - May 29, 2020 at 04:38 AM



“ *She was a wonderful lady. When my daughter and I moved back to South Jersey from the NYC metro area we attended several Washington Club dinners. My daughter would always look at Mrs. La Rosa's table and smile. One dinner she told me "Mom, I am going over there, I want to sit at the "FUN TABLE". Miss Tootsie would always give her a hug. God Bless her. I know that she's sitting at the fun table with our Lord.*

Michele Mattioli-Landew

Michele Mattioli-Landew - May 28, 2020 at 01:59 PM

EM

“ *Lena will surely be missed. I worked in activities at Southgate, and loved all of the time I got to spend with her. By far one of the greatest people with the best personality. Always talked about how much she loved her family and I hope that can bring you comfort in this time. Sending prayers, fly high Lena!*

Emily - May 28, 2020 at 11:39 AM

CM

“ *I did Tootsie hair every week she was such a pleasure to do. We had such a close bond together every time I did her hair she would look in the mirror and say that's not me. I would laugh all the time and say you are my Miss America. I was so close to her we had so much fun together. My life will not be the same you brought so much joy to my life. Rest in peace my beautiful friend I will miss you until we meet again. Love, Christine*

Christina Maccarone - May 28, 2020 at 07:56 AM

TZ

“ *She was an amazing woman I have great memories with her she will be missed dearly*

theresa zieger - May 28, 2020 at 06:40 AM

NP

“ *This really saddens me. My condolences. Lena was such a great lady and so funny. She had some spaz To her. And she will be missed by so many.*



nicki plazio - May 28, 2020 at 01:33 AM

GG

“ *I loved you dearly Aunt Tootsie. I'll cherish our memories together and your laugh. I'm sure my Dad is happy to have you with him. ❤️. Until I see you again.*

Gia Gibson - May 27, 2020 at 06:43 PM

LP

“ *We truly loved "Tootsie Roll" (as I called her) and will truly miss her. We have so many memories of her and her big fun to be with family. She was a sweet, loving and very caring person...and actually Lou's favorite cousin. We will never forget her and her laugh and her "hey babe" every time you saw her. Love, from cousins Louis (that's what she always called him) and Beverly Priest*

Louis and Beverly Priest - May 27, 2020 at 04:13 PM

CS

Will miss my sister-in-law!!! My Padre Pio buddy "St.Pio greeted you at the gate of heaven, along with my brother Nick. Rest in Peace"

Carmela Schreiner - May 27, 2020 at 05:32 PM