



Lena Torchia

November 16, 2022

Lena (Lee) Torchia (née Ranalli), beloved matriarch of an expansive family, passed away peacefully on November 16, 2022 after a long battle with dementia. She lived a long life full of love and compassion, and was deeply appreciated by all who knew her.

Frank Torchia, her husband of 39 years and the undisputed love of her life, preceded her in death by 31 years, a grief she bore with grace and dignity.

Lee worked for many years as the assistant tax collector in Florham Park, NJ, a position she valued because of her wonderful co-workers. She and Frank were members of The Good Shepherd Worship Community at Seton Hall University, avid volunteers at Eva's Kitchen, a hunger ministry in Paterson, and helped create an AIDS hospice ministry in Newark.

On relocating to South Jersey in 1993, Lee joined First Presbyterian Church and became deeply involved in Spirit and Truth, a hunger ministry in Vineland, supporting them both as a volunteer and board member for many years.

Lee loved baking for the people she cared about, though could arguably be cajoled into baking for nearly anyone. She walked closely with the Lord and respected all people in their diversity, saying, "God sets a big table; everyone is welcome there."

For her 40th birthday, she requested that her cake be inscribed, "LongLive The Queen." Her family kept up the tradition consistently to her 89th birthday this past October. Lee would have made a point of telling you that she survived Queen Elizabeth by 43 days.

Left to mourn her are her daughters, Mariann (Mariano Alicea) and Michele Torchia (Richard Feltman), grandchildren Stacey (Mario De Rose), Courtney (Christian Sweeten), Chelsea Feltman (Timothy Leonard), Rachel Feltman (Oliver Theissen), Madison, Eden and Michael Alicea, and Arden Feltman. Her great-granddaughters, Allie and Emily Gove and Regina DeRose, are also blessed to have known her love and affection.

Final arrangements will be at the convenience of the family at a later date.

If you wish to honor Lee's memory with a charitable donation, below is a link to a hunger ministry she supported in her last decade.

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Allie Gove - December 03, 2022 at 05:12 PM

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“ A strong woman in our family, she left a hole. I am sorry for your loss

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Thank you, Mimi.

Michele Torchia - December 03, 2022 at 05:53 PM