



Elvira G. Marino

June 24, 1946 - May 28, 2019

Once in a while, a life comes along that is so beautiful, people are instantly drawn to its energy. This perfectly describes Elvira “Aunt Vera” Marino, 72, of Penns Grove. She left this life peacefully on May 28, with her loving family by her side. Born in Villa San Giuseppe, Reggio Calabria Italy, Elvira came to America in 1962. Though she never had children of her own, her sister Alba’s four children always considered Zia Elvira to be their second mom. Her devotion to her family could never be questioned, as she risked her life in a tragic house fire to try to save the life of her niece, Rosalba. She could not have been more heartbroken had it been her own daughter. She was an amazing person, and her positive spirit touched many lives. Even at the height of her physical discomfort, during her long and courageous battle with lung cancer, Aunt Vera welcomed people into her life and put others before herself. She was well respected in the community, and deeply loved by family and friends. Along with her sister Alba, Elvira owned and operated Marino’s Pizzeria on Virginia Avenue for over 30 years. She also served as president of the PTA at Saint James Grammar School, when her nephews and niece attended school there. Being from Italy, Aunt Vera was of course, an excellent cook. She enjoyed Sunday dinners with the family, as well as Easter and Christmas Eve gatherings. She took so much pleasure in making Christmas cookies and Easter breads for family and friends who always looked forward to her delicious creations. Elvira was preceded in death by her parents, Natale and Celestina (nee Chirico), two brothers, Antonino (Mary) and Giovanni (Giuseppina), four sisters who were very young, as well as her beloved niece Rosalba, with whom she is now reunited. She is survived by her sister Alba “Debbie” Marino of Penns Grove, her nephews Raimondo and Roberto (Karen), and her niece Lisa. She was also blessed with five “grandchildren,” Matthew, Nicholas, Rachel, Sarah, and Nathaniel, who adored and loved their Zia. Elvira is also survived by many other nephews and nieces, both here and in Italy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her viewing on Friday, May 31st, 7:00-9:00 pm at Ashcraft Funeral Home 47 State Street, Penns Grove, and again on Saturday at 9:30 am at Corpus Christi Church 369 Georgetown Road Carneys Point. Mass of Christian burial will be Saturday, June 1st at 10:30 am. Interment at Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, NJ. www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Eglington Cemetery

320 Kings Highway
Clarksboro, NJ 08023
(856) 423-0165

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 31. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Homes (PG)
47 State St.
Penns Grove, NJ 08069
(856) 299-3366
ashcraftfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://ashcraftfuneralhomes.com>

Visitation

JUN 1. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish- Corpus Christi RC Church
369 Georgetown Rd.
Carneys Point, NJ 08069
(856) 299-3833

a Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers go out to the family. She was a wonderful lady I remember going to the pizzeria many times with my mom. May she be up in heaven watching over all of us. And she can once again be reunited with my mom and they can go up in heaven and crack jokes

Angel Tweed (Bradford) - September 14, 2019 at 04:59 PM

JR

“ It is a very sad day we love you & will miss you! Now we have another Angel to look over us!
Love ya lots TomBoy



JoAnne Harvey Rankin - June 01, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Elvira G. Marino.



May 31, 2019 at 10:16 AM

PH

“ Our hearts ache at the loss of such a Dear and Precious Friend. Vira was the "big sister" I never had. The first time my wife met Vira, she fell instantly in love. I'll always remember her kindness when we visited the pizza shop, she would prepare a meal or a take home pizza for us. Vira would rarely accept payment so I would leave money by the register on the way out; she would always give me that Special Vira look. She was so Loving, Caring and Giving, always putting others before herself. We are truly blessed to have been a part of her life. Rest in Peace Vira, Pat & Jan Helmase

Pat & Jan Helmase - May 31, 2019 at 10:01 AM

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“ Pat & Jan Helmase lit a candle in memory of Elvira G. Marino



Pat & Jan Helmase - May 31, 2019 at 08:44 AM

SV

“ Saverio and Catherine Varano, Maria Varano-Butz purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elvira G. Marino.



Saverio and Catherine Varano, Maria Varano-Butz - May 30, 2019 at 02:18 PM

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“ I remember when I was a kid and we played with Ray and Rob, Lisa was just a toddler then. We spent so much time playing and your Aunt Vi let us help out at the pizza place making boxes for takeout. She paid us in food. My family used to order cheesesteaks from there often and when my brother and I would walk there to pick up our order she always greeted us with a smile. I was pleasantly surprised when she remembered who I was after not seeing me for close to forty years. I'm thankful I've gotten to see her again, she truly was a wonderful person and she'll always be a selfless hero. God bless you, Elvira.

Craig Chandlee - May 30, 2019 at 01:41 PM

CK

“ Elvira was such a great and caring neighbor to my aunts Catherine and Rosie DiSantis. I remember Elvira came to our house every Christmas Eve with a tray of her homemade cookies. My aunts always looked forward to her delicious treats. My Aunt Rosie loved to go to the pizza shop and Vera would make a special slice for her. When Aunt Rosie passed, Elvira always stopped by to check in on Aunt Catherine. My aunts love Vera and Debbie and always grateful to have such caring neighbors who were always there for our family. I am so very sorry for Elvira's passing and the tremendous loss to her the family.

Carrie Koeturius - May 30, 2019 at 09:14 AM

“ Aunt Vera was one of my very favorite persons. I guess what I remember the most was stopping at the pizza shop every Tuesday evening, where at least 7-10 of us bicyclers, after a long bike ride, stopped for pizza, pepper/egg sandwiches and anything else that Aunt Vera and her sister, Alba, prepared for us. And you know what? We never paid for anything, and we tried and tried to pay but to no avail. All free all the time, compliments from the two ladies plus Ray himself who also helped out.

Aunt Vera was one of the most thoughtful, generous, loving, and beautiful persons on the inside and out. She probably is cooking in heaven for the poor, and helping the Angels to love those who, perhaps, had little on earth , knew little, but were God's chosen. May her soul rest in peace forever. Love from my heart, with extreme sadness.....Bob Catando

BobCatando - May 29, 2019 at 09:30 PM