



## Carmela Occhipinti

January 6, 1948 - July 7, 2025

Carmela Occhipinti, 77, of Monroe, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on July 7, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family.

Born on January 6, 1948, in the coastal town of Pozzallo, Sicily. Carmela was the daughter of Salvatore and Maria. She spent her early childhood immersed in the traditions, faith, and close family ties of her Sicilian heritage. At the age of 8, Carmela and her family made the courageous journey to the United States, where they would build a new life filled with opportunity and love. She came to America with her parents and two brothers, and though she embraced her new home, she always carried a deep love for her homeland in her heart.

As a teenager, Carmela returned to Italy for a family vacation - a trip that would change her life forever. It was there she met the love of her life, Angelo. Their connection was immediate and enduring. They were married in December of 1966 and began a beautiful life together filled with devotion, family, and shared dreams. Together, they raised two loving children, Salvatore and Melissa, who were the absolute pride and joy of Carmela's life.

For over 10 years, Carmela worked as a dedicated bookkeeper while also embracing her most important role as a homemaker. Her greatest pride and joy came from raising her children and caring for her family. She was the heart

and soul of her household, a constant source of strength, warmth, and unconditional love.

Carmela had a passion for life's simple pleasures. She loved to shop, relax at the beach-whether it was in Florida during the winters, or back home in Pozzallo during the summers to spend time with family and friends. She found joy in reading, cooking, and baking, especially during holidays and special family gatherings. Her kitchen was filled with love, delicious aromas, and the laughter of those she loved most.

An active member of both the Renaissance at Monroe in New Jersey and Napoli (Naples, Florida) communities, Carmela delighted in playing bocce with friends at the clubhouse, sharing stories and laughter by the pool, and making every moment unforgettable. Carmela had a vibrant spirit that made everyone feel welcome.

But above all, it was her deep love for her family that defined her. Carmela never missed a milestone, a holiday, or a quiet moment to show how much she cared. She was the heart of her family - the one everyone turned to for comfort, wisdom, and love. She gave so much of herself, never asking for anything in return, always putting the needs of others before her own.

To know Carmela was to be loved by her and that is a gift her family and friends will carry in their hearts forever. She was a bright, guiding light in all our lives. She will be deeply missed, and remembered always by all those who knew and loved her.

Carmela was preceded in death by her loving parents, Salvatore and Maria, and by her dear brother Santo.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Angelo; her loving son

Salvatore and his wife Cheryl; her adored daughter Melissa and her husband Giuseppe; by her loving brother Angelo, her sisters in law Catherine and Antoinette and her cherished grandchildren: Sara, Alexa, Angelo, Joseph, Michael, and Salvatore. Also by her beloved grand-dogs, Jax and Barkley, as well as many treasured nieces and nephews who held a special place in her heart.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made in Carmela's honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate)

If you are unable to attend the funeral mass for Carmela in person, you can log on to the livestream by clicking the link below.

<https://boxcast.tv/view/occhipinti-funeral-mass-ouqi8r51hk5lfsdtcto1>

# Cemetery Details

## Princeton Memorial Park

403 Gordon Road  
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 10. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegarty-scaliafuneralhome.com>

## Visitation

JUL 10. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Michael Hegarty & John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals and Cremation Service  
3377 US Highway 9  
Old Bridge, NJ 08857  
(732) 679-4422  
hegartyfh@scaliahome.com  
<https://www.hegarty-scaliafuneralhome.com>

## Service

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JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity of Our Lord Church  
185 Applegarth Road  
Monroe Township, NJ 08831

## Service

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JUL 11. 11:30 AM (ET)

Princeton Memorial Park  
403 Gordon Road  
Robbinsville, NJ 08691

# Tribute Wall

IM

“ *Our condolences. We are deeply saddened. So many memories I remember as a child going over her house and Social events she always had a smile and loved talking to her. Our prayers are with you.*

Ivana Modica - July 10, 2025 at 07:48 PM

MM

“ *Mark Minervini purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.*



Mark Minervini - July 10, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.*



July 10, 2025 at 09:50 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.*

July 10, 2025 at 09:46 AM

LG

“ Love: Tina Phil Philip&Isabella Giardina purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**Love: Tina Phil Philip&Isabella Giardina** - July 10, 2025 at 08:15 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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July 09, 2025 at 09:19 PM



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

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July 09, 2025 at 09:19 PM

SF

“ Sarina, Gulino and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.

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**Sarina, Gulino and Family** - July 09, 2025 at 06:15 PM

DS

“ Sincerest condolences to the Occhipinti family. Thinking of you and wishing you moments of peace and comfort as we remember a neighbor and friend.

We will keep you in our prayers.

*Dominick Spada and Family.*

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**Dominick Spada** - July 09, 2025 at 02:02 PM

AF

“ Agosta and Melone Families purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**Agosta and Melone Families** - July 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM

AF

“ Agosta and Melone Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.

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**Agosta and Melone Families** - July 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM

TF

“ The Fricovsky/Soller Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**The Fricovsky/Soller Family** - July 09, 2025 at 07:26 AM



TF

“ The Fricovsky/Soller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.

The Fricovsky/Soller Family - July 09, 2025 at 07:26 AM

GS

“ Geri and Ron Schulte planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.

Geri and Ron Schulte - July 08, 2025 at 07:19 PM

GS

“ Geri and Ron Schulte purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



Geri and Ron Schulte - July 08, 2025 at 07:19 PM

LA

“ Love, Sal & Maria, Vinnie & Toni Alcaras purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



Love, Sal & Maria, Vinnie & Toni Alcaras - July 08, 2025 at 06:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.*



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July 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM



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

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July 08, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *The Harbour Golf Club purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.*



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**The Harbour Golf Club** - July 08, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ *To All, May Carmela's love and light carry you through this difficult time. Her smile was a ray of sunshine when she was nextdoor visiting with loved ones. Her love and pride for the family is something we should all strive to live towards. May all the good memories keep your hearts whole during this difficult time.*

*All Our Love,  
The Schack Family  
Jon, Corin, Farrah, Laylah*

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**Corin Schack** - July 08, 2025 at 02:41 PM

CG

“ Constance & John Carone & Adele & Robert Gigante purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**Constance & John Carone & Adele & Robert Gigante** - July 08, 2025 at 11:22 AM

CG

“ Carmela was more than a cousin to us—she was a sister to Rosaria and me. When we first arrived in the United States as recent immigrants, we felt lost and overwhelmed. We were planning our wedding with no money, no friends, and no experience navigating this new life.

*That's when Carmela stepped in like a guardian angel. She took charge of everything—organizing our entire celebration, rallying our friends, and inviting her own to ensure we had enough people for a proper party. She planned every detail and made our special day truly unforgettable.*

*At the end of the night, she helped us gather the gift envelopes and count every penny to cover the hall expenses. She even arranged for us to stay at her mother's house at Long Island beach for our honeymoon, ensuring we could save our precious money for our future together.*

*Her love and selflessness didn't just carry us through that pivotal moment—they shaped the foundation of our new life in America. Her generous spirit and unwavering support will live on in our hearts always.*

*Rest in peace, dear Carmela. We will miss you deeply, but we will never forget how you loved us when we needed it most. Claude & Rosaria*

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**Claude Gulino** - July 08, 2025 at 10:34 AM

BG

“ Biagio, Angelo, Claudio & Joe Gulino purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**Biagio, Angelo, Claudio & Joe Gulino** - July 08, 2025 at 10:11 AM

FB

“ I have known Carmela since I was a child and I will always remember her as a truly beautiful person, so full of kindness and joy. She will be deeply missed. Sending all my love and strength to the family. May she rest in eternal peace.

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**Federico Borrometi** - July 08, 2025 at 09:25 AM

NL

“ Nitza Gaudioso & Family with love planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Occhipinti.

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**Nitza Gaudioso & Family with love** - July 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

NL

“ Nitza Gaudioso & Family with love purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



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**Nitza Gaudioso & Family with love** - July 07, 2025 at 09:09 PM

DZ

“ We were so lucky to have known and loved Carmela, and we'll miss her terribly. My sincerest sympathies to the whole family. May her memory bring you comfort always ❤️

Diane Zisa - July 07, 2025 at 07:56 PM

CA

So sorry to hear about your sister, Angelo. Love and prayers to your family ❤️🙏

Concetta Ashton - July 07, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



July 07, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmela Occhipinti.



July 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM

ER

“ Our condolences to the Occhipinti family from the Rodriguez & Caba family.

May God bless her soul 🙏

*Philippians 4:7 “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

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**Eddie Rodriguez** - July 07, 2025 at 07:17 PM

SZ

“ Gram, the light of my life. You are the person who showed me that happiness is the real treasure in this world. You always supported me and loved me unconditionally. This is one the hardest days of my life, but I am so grateful for the 32 years of love, laughter, and memories. I can not wait to grow my family and teach all my children about the beautiful light that was my grandmother. I only hope to bring your memory into the future as best as I can. Visit me in my dreams. I love you, my Vita Mia



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**Sara Z.** - July 07, 2025 at 06:39 PM