



Grace De Maio

June 29, 1932 - June 15, 2025

Grazia De Maio, a cherished soul known fondly as Grace to her friends and family, entered into eternal rest on June 15, 2025, after 92 years of a life well-lived and loved, her journey concluding peacefully due to natural causes in Manalapan, NJ. Born on June 29, 1932, in Brooklyn, NY, she was a beacon of unyielding love and faith.

Grace was the beloved daughter of Nicolo and Maria Castrogiovanni and stood as the sixth sibling in a vibrant family of eleven. In her early years, the bustling streets of Brooklyn were her playground. Though she was predeceased by all her siblings – Mary, Connie, Frankie, Phil, Danny, Anthony (Duke), Anna, and Clara – and their spouses, in-laws, and her cherished four nephews, the legacy of their shared laughter and love endures.

Her heart found its match in Alfred (Freddie) De Maio, to whom she was a devoted wife for fifty six years until his passing in 2016. Their love story, ripe with shared dreams and mutual respect, lives on through their children, Suzanne and Peter Fiorentino, Joseph and Risa De Maio, and Janet and Stephen Baran, and grandchildren Andrew (and his fiancée Alyssa), Brianna, Alyssa, Stephen, and Joseph – each a testament to Grace and Freddie's enduring affection and parenting.

Grace's life was exemplified by her unwavering Catholic faith, which guided

her through life's ups and downs and inspired her compassionate spirit. Her commitment to her religion was evident in her selflessness and love that she extended not only towards her family but everyone she met. She took care of her many siblings in their time of need. She was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking delicious meals for her family and reminiscing about her days growing up in Brooklyn on 21st Street.

Grace's absence leaves an immeasurable void in the hearts of her loving family, her sister-in-law Alba De Maio, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Yet, they take solace in the knowledge that her legacy of faith, love, and service will continue to shine through the lives of those she has influenced.

In celebrating the life of Grace De Maio, we honor a woman of exceptional warmth and generosity, whose life stands as a profound testimony to the power of love and selflessness. She has returned to her Creator, but her spirit endures, a guiding light for all who had the privilege of knowing her. As we bid farewell to Grace, we find comfort in the belief that she is now singing with the angels in the presence of her Lord, her voice forever a melody of hope and devotion.

In lieu of flowers the family asks to please consider making a donation in Grace's memory to Tunnels to Towers at www.t2t.org/donate or to the St Francis Breadline at <https://give.stfrancisbreadline.org/page/137805/donate/1>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 4:00 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.hegartyscaliafuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUN **20**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist
250 21st Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

Interment

JUN **20** (ET)

Greenwood Cemetery
500 25th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love Joe and Diane Garbato and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Grace De Maio.



Love Joe and Diane Garbato and family - June 19, 2025 at 02:36 PM

LF

“ Love, The Evangelista Family purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Grace De Maio.



Love, The Evangelista Family - June 19, 2025 at 10:04 AM

CP

“ Courtney Panerali purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Grace De Maio.



Courtney Panerali - June 18, 2025 at 09:47 PM

LR

“ Love, Aunt Annie & Uncle Rich purchased the Comfort & Sweetness Gift Crate for the family of Grace De Maio.



Love, Aunt Annie & Uncle Rich - June 18, 2025 at 12:03 AM

AS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire DeMaio family at the loss of your wonderful matriarch❤️. Sure wish we had gotten to see her one more time.

My favorite memory of Grace was many years ago. I was selling chances in the front of OLPH in Bklyn with the twirlers. In walks Mrs DeMaio. I question

“What are you doing here?” The church was empty. She responded “I came to visit my friends.” When I questioned “Who?” She responded “Jesus, Mary and Joseph.” I admired her deep faith and was so grateful she shared it with me. We are sure she is resting in the peace she so deserves.❤️🙏 Annie and Rich Scott, Richie, Sarah and Ali

Ann Scott - June 17, 2025 at 11:42 PM

RS

“ Grace DeMaio was a force to be reckoned with, a woman for whom I had the greatest respect. She always put her family first; she lived her life for them with infinite love and devotion. She had a steel backbone and, she said what she meant and meant what she said. She will be missed by me & by my husband, John Scanlon.

Rest in Peace, Gracie!

With love, Regina Scott

Regina Scott - June 17, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MC

“ I'll never forget our little telephone talks!
I would call Gracie on my walks! She was always so upbeat and
would always recall life on 21st in Brooklyn NY!
Ahh yes the good old days!
She adored her children and her grandchildren were her everything!

I will miss our talks and miss your humor!
Rest in sweet eternal peace Gracie 🕊️
Never to be forgotten!

Maria Cintorrino

maria Cintorrino - June 17, 2025 at 04:35 PM

KS

“ My condolences to the entire family. I liked Grace very much, she
was kind and thoughtful, and was so very interesting to talk to. She
led an interesting life, and she realized the importance of every day.
Her kindness towards my mother is something I will never forget
and I will always be grateful to her for that. Rest in peace Grace.
Much respect for a life well spent. Karen Steinberger. Neighbor and
friend.

Karen Steinberger - June 17, 2025 at 01:39 PM

WC

“ With heartfelt Condolences purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Grace De Maio.



With heartfelt Condolences - June 17, 2025 at 11:15 AM

LM

“ *Love, Steve, Bambi & Marilyn purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Grace De Maio.*



Love, Steve, Bambi & Marilyn - June 16, 2025 at 10:21 PM

PF

“ *Peter and Risa Tacopino and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Grace De Maio.*



Peter and Risa Tacopino and family - June 16, 2025 at 10:12 PM