



## Esther Masiello

February 25, 2010

Esther Masiello, of Paramus, NJ died on Thursday, February 25, 2010. She was born to the late Caterina and Donato Morante on September 9, 1911 in Salle, Italy. Esther immigrated to American in 1919 with her mother and older sister, Mary, where she resided for 38 years in Astoria, New York. She often entertained her family and friends with vivid memories of her month-long, transatlantic journey and a week spent living on Ellis Island. On her 80th birthday, she returned to the now-renovated museum and talked to the many tourists who surrounded her that day. Esther married the late Thomas Masiello in 1932, and moved to Paramus in 1957. She was devoted to caring for her beloved husband and entire, extended family. She was an active member of the Paramus Congregational Church for 49 years. She loved to entertain, cook, sew, knit, read, tend to a large garden, and spend time with her family. Esther is survived by two sons, Donald Masiello; Richard Masiello and his wife, Patricia; her daughter, Janet Masiello and her husband, Salvatore Lauro; her sister, Emily DiBenedetto and husband Ettore; six grandchildren and their spouses: Thomas and Sharon, Donna and Wayne; Debra and Michael; Dean and Beverly; Christine and Mario; Livia and Paul; nine great grandchildren; nieces; nephews and friends. Friends and family are invited to arrive for visitation at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ on Sunday, February 28th from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Friends and family are again invited on Monday, March 1st at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home before her funeral service begins at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at George

Washington Memorial Park in Paramus, NJ. Memorial contributions, in Esther's name, may be made to the Paramus Congregational Church, 205 Spring Valley Road, Paramus, NJ 07652.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Masiello*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Esther Masiello*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Esther Masiello*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *So sorry folks, we just heard about this,,two weeks later. Must be because we are so remote here. I have to smile when I think of your mom, I still remember her at Sandra's 60th birthday party. She was using her walker then,and I was helping her out of the car and into the reception area,, and she made like she was sprinting,,,, just to get me, I thought she was falling! She thought it was so funny, she said she almost pee'd? her pants. What a great person. much love to you folks michael###imported-begin###michael dibenedetto###imported-end###*

March 12, 2010 at 07:55 AM



“ Dear Janet, So sorry for the loss of your mother. Your mom was great and always welcomed me into your home. I will never forget all the meals I had at your house. I had never tasted anything more delicious than her cooking, in fact I think she had a great influence on my interest in food today. She and your dad included me in some of your family outings, which I have never forgotten. She was energetic and positive. I know you will miss her, she is with your dad now and will be happy. Love, Cathy Canzani###imported-begin##Cathy Canzani###imported-end##

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March 11, 2010 at 02:17 PM



“ Aunt Esther always made me feel welcome, like she had all the time in the world to spend while we were together. She helped me with sewing, told me wonderful stories about her life and shared delicious treats with me. I will always remember her for her warm smile, graciousness and hospitality. I am grateful to have known her am truly sorry for your loss.###imported-begin##Catherine Baxter (Venutolo)###imported-end##

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March 02, 2010 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Janet, Sal, Livia, Paul and family... Your Mom, Janet, as you know was such a special person who had that way about her that everyone felt welcomed and loved the minute she said "hello". She always made me feel not as a just Janet's friend, but as a member of her extended family. I have wonderful memories of visits to your house and sitting at the kitchen table having "something" to eat, which was mandatory when visiting the Masiello home. Though we may feel sadness, we also know that she has taught the living how to live a life of generosity and love. And that is an enduring legacy. Rest in peace, Mrs. Masiello.##imported-begin##Judy Manni##imported-end##

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March 02, 2010 at 11:30 AM



“ Aunt Esther always made me laugh and inspired me with her energy and upbeat appreciation for family and love. Her stories were always good and ill never forget when she and uncle Tommy visited my family when i was young. I was a sitcom listening to them tell stories and react to each other. I made sure I was always home when they visited. If I visited her she would always have pizzelles ready not to mention a menu of food, pictures, and laughs. I brought my kids when they were younger and they all remember Aunt Esther as I did to this day. We will always miss you and look to the day when we are reunited once again.##imported-begin##Robert D. Masiello##imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 05:17 PM



“ Aunt Esther, you are my GREAT GREAT Aunt. I was very interested that when you came to America, you were on a boat for a whole month and you were only a few years younger than I am today. That would be a lot of fun. Thank you for teaching me how to play the piano. I remember that day. That was fun! My Mom said we have to learn how to make your pizza cookies from scratch now and I hope that is soon. We ate the store bought ones after we got home from your funeral. I will always remember you. Love, Dante###imported-begin###Dante Pennacchia III###imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 09:38 AM



“ So very sorry for the loss of your "Mom", sounds like she had a wonderful life, I will Pray for her and your family. Marine Chet Beams###imported-begin###Marine.. Chet Beams###imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 07:50 AM



“ Aunt Esther, time passes, life happens, distance separates but your great aura of love was always there. We knew we would always be greeted with your beautiful sparkling eyes, a huge welcoming smile and a great big hug! My son, Dante, remembers his Great Great Aunt Esther and was sad when he heard the news but then he said, "Aunt Esther would make Jesus smile. Also Pop Pop (your nephew)and Ketchess (our laborer) would be there to welcome her into heaven." Aunt Esther, thank you for introducing the fun of playing the piano to my son as he enjoys playing it and has since taken lessons. In your honor, we ate pizzelles for snack tonight and we then decided we need to learn how to make them from scratch as you did. You'll always be in our hearts and in our thoughts. Love forever, Tina###imported-begin###Tina Pennacchia###imported-end##

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March 01, 2010 at 01:23 AM



“ Dear Janet Sal and family, Please except my condolences on the loss of your mother. I am so happy, that I got a chance to know Esther, and to take care of her for a short time. She made me feel like a part of the family. Patricia Cyran###imported-begin###Patricia Cyran###imported-end###

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February 28, 2010 at 11:20 AM



“ We will always remember Esther's kindness and hospitality. We are sorry for your loss. She will always be in our prayers and thoughts. Elisabeth Willemsen/Venutolo, Felicia Cowie and family.###imported-begin###Elisabeth Willemsen(Venutolo) and Felicia Cowie###imported-end###

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February 28, 2010 at 09:33 AM



“ It's sad that this tower of a woman has left us. Esther and Tom were beautiful people. They were beautiful because they were always giving and rarely asked for anything. They were always there for you. And behind the food that was always graciously offered or the tools I often needed from Tom, was the feeling of love. Their warmth was soothing and a comfort in our often difficult lives.###imported-begin###Sten Gould###imported-end###

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February 28, 2010 at 12:46 AM



“ We were so sorry to hear about Aunt Ester. We are thinking of you all from a distance during this difficult time. We will always have fond memories of her. Love, Laurie, David and Adam Hellinga###imported-begin###Hellinga Family###imported-end###

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February 27, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ I cannot say enough good things about the best neighbors my family and I could've ever had. Both Esther and Tom were wonderful people. They were like a second family to me. They extended thier compassion for people beyond thier own family. As strange as it may seem, I felt that I had another "father and mother" to talk to if I couldn't communicate with my own parents. I'll never forget all those good meals. What a great cook and hostess Esther was. She cared about me, as did Tom, and I cared about them deeply. That compassion had a profound impact on my life. I shall never forget either one of them. Though she was ready to "move on", and not having the quality of life that she wanted, I will miss her. May she have a good journey, and be reunited with Tom in a "better place". Her memory, as well as Tom's will be forever in my heart.##imported-begin##Jeff Gould##imported-end##

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February 27, 2010 at 02:00 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy to your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Dawn, Bobby, & Kayla##imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 10:53 PM



“ To a wonderful woman, Esther, always loving, and caring, you will truly be missed....Whenever I stopped by to see you, you always had such a bright smile, but the one thing you always told me was that you just wanted to leave now, and be in peace...I am sure you are in a better place now... My prayers and wishes go out to you and your family...God bless you and rest in peace##imported-begin##Asim Siddiqi##imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 10:03 PM



“ We are very sorry to hear about Aunt Esther. We will miss her. Love, The Nelson Family Keith, Amy, James and Faith.##imported-begin##Keith Nelson##imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 10:01 PM



“ Dear Janet, Donald, Richie and family: We are so sorry that we cannot be with you at this difficult time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I have such fond memories of Aunt Esther- the way she always made you feel at home, her sense of humor, her delicious meals, and of course her famous pizzelles. Everytime we visited she would always say, "Come on Angela, you have to eat something." We will miss her!! Angie and Bill##imported-begin##Angie Nelson##imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 10:01 PM



“ Dear Janet, I am truly very sorry for your loss. Esther was one of the first neighbors we met when we moved here about 22 years ago. We have shared countless memories with your mother. She was a genuinely caring and loving person with a good heart. We will never forget her hospitality, she always took the best care of her guests and visitors. I feel blessed to have known a neighbor like her and even though she is not with us anymore, she will always be remembered by my husband, myself and my children. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. The Siddiqi Family##imported-begin##Tahira Siddiqi##imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 09:50 PM



“ Don I am very sorry for your loss. Please accept my condolences by E-mail as my New Grand Daughter is being Baptised at the same time as the Viewing. I will properly give you my condolences in person at our next meeting. Often Tested, Always Faithful, Brothers Forever. Marine James N. Pombo###imported-begin##James N Pombo###imported-end##

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February 26, 2010 at 07:22 AM



“ Dear Janet, Donald, and Richard: Your mom was one of the most important people in my life as I was growing up, and she will be forever in my heart. My family was so fortunate to have her and your dad as next-door neighbors. I will never forget all the wonderful times spent sitting at your mom's kitchen table, feeling like part of your family, enjoying the company of everyone who'd drop by, and eating one delicious dish after another. I still think of your mom every time I eat certain foods or hear a particular phrase. What a special woman Mrs. Masiello was! Her memory will live on through the many people she touched in her long and giving life. My love and deeply felt condolences to you and your families. Jane###imported-begin##Jane Gould###imported-end##

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February 25, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Dear Janet, Sal and Family, We are sorry for the loss of your mother. We enjoyed reading about her life. She was truly blessed with a beautiful, long life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love, Pat, Antoinette & Pietro###imported-begin##Colarullo Family###imported-end##

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February 25, 2010 at 07:25 PM



“ Grandma, you’ve wanted to go for awhile. I wish you could have stayed here forever, but that would have been selfish of me to keep you from returning home. I am comforted to know that you have peacefully been reunited once again with your “true love” Grandpa. Nonetheless, I will miss you terribly. I will be reminded of you everyday no matter what I do. I will undoubtedly think of you when I am cooking, as I always do. I will think of you whenever I look at an expiration date. I will think of you when I have to sew something (and wish you were still here to do it.) I will think of you when the flowers bloom and remember the beautiful garden you kept. I will think of you whenever I eat chocolate and sneeze immediately afterwards just like you always did. Grandma, I will always think of you. I love you. Your granddaughter, Debra###imported-begin###Debra Masiello###imported-end###

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February 25, 2010 at 07:23 PM



“ One of the last times I was at her house to cut her hair she almost bolted out of the chair to make me a cup of tea. Irene could not believe it! She always was well put together, lipstick and earrings at 88. She always remembered my children, so sweet. She will be missed. The Moretti Family###imported-begin###Gina Moretti###imported-end###

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February 25, 2010 at 07:01 PM