



Rosalie Chiarello

November 16, 1942 - May 16, 2024

Rosalie Chiarello was born in Elmwood Park, NJ, to Anthony and Milena Bongiovanni. She spent the first 5 years of her life with her maternal grandparents, Vermiglia and Pietro Forlai and the rest of the Forlai clan, while her father was in World War II. Upon his return from the theater of war she moved to Garfield, NJ, where her loving sister Vern (Gagliano) was born.

Rosalie was an avid reader and passed her love of books on to her children. Rosalie showed an early aptitude for learning and would proudly remind her children she was the only child in her elementary school allowed to check out books in the adult section of the library. Although traditional, Rosalie was also a bit of a free spirit who took it as her duty to inspire those around her to become their most authentic self. She also painted, sculpted, photographed, crafted, and was an amateur astrologer most proudly known as the best cook in a family of excellent cooks.

Rosalie expressed her love through cooking, and she was most happy serving family and friends alike – whether a legendary holiday menu, a 10-course midnight meal or a run-of-the-mill Thursday supper. Rosalie wore many hats,

but none as comfortably as the one she wore as family matriarch. She reveled in offering sage advice and strong opinions. Rosalie provided food and wisdom alike, taking care to nourish the body and soul of those she dutifully served; she was truly the magic that held the family together.

Rosalie is survived by her sister Vern Gagliano, daughters Rome De Bellis (and son-in-law Giuseppe De Bellis), Nicole Chiarello, son Anthony Chiarello, daughter-in-law Michele Gonzalez, 8 amazing grandchildren, 2 beautiful great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Her husband John Chiarello, to whom she was married for over 60 years, pre-deceased Rosalie by six months. She will be greeted by husband John, "babe, what took you so long," while son Charles is hiding the hot dogs.

Cemetery Details

Private

268 Kinderkamack Road
Oradell, NJ

Tribute Wall



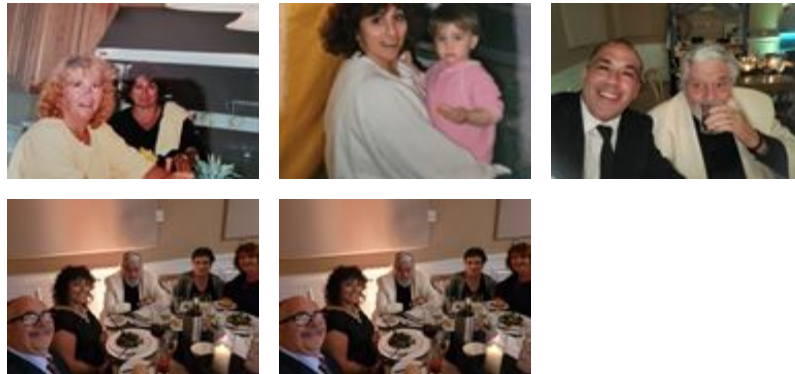
“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosalie Chiarello*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - May 21, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *195 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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“ *Anthony and Julia Scozzafava and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rosalie Chiarello.*



Anthony and Julia Scozzafava and Family - May 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM

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“ Kimberly Lloyd lit a candle in memory of Rosalie Chiarello



Kimberly Lloyd - May 19, 2024 at 09:00 AM

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“ When I met Rosalie I immediately knew she was a beautiful person. She always had a way of finding people's best qualities. I loved going to her house to eat...she would make you anyway 😊, or play cards or domino's or just sit outside and have a glass of wine or three. She will be forever in my heart 💔. ❌🕒 Ro, until we meet again 🌸. Kim

Kimberly Lloyd - May 19, 2024 at 08:59 AM

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“ Rosalie was an amazing cook. She could make the most delectable meal out of nothing, until one day she decided to make a dish called African stew,it had everything in it but the kitchen sink. It was so bad that even John said “Babe!. This is horrible” she kept saying oh no, it's delicious but it wasn't. She eventually threw it away and we did nothing but laugh and had dessert.

Sheila Dipanfilo - May 18, 2024 at 12:06 PM