



Theresa C Delaney

December 31, 2020

Theresa C. Delaney, 78, of Teaneck, New Jersey, passed away December 31, 2020, of complications associated with Multiple Myeloma. Her life ended peacefully on the last day of the year, but her loving heart and bright smile will be with us forever. Whether you were a friend for many years or you had just met Theresa, she made you feel heard, valued and loved.

Theresa was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, teacher and volunteer. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she graduated from Temple University in 1964 with a dual degree in Education and Spanish. She was an accomplished linguist, speaking four different languages, and she enjoyed using her Italian and Spanish whenever she could. During the summers of 1966 and 1967, she attended Vermont's Middlebury College to immerse herself in the study of Spanish, and she continued her Spanish studies in Mexico. It was at Middlebury where Theresa met the love of her life, Bill, and to witness their beautiful partnership was a gift.

Theresa began her teaching career in Philadelphia and taught in various communities before moving to Teaneck. She was passionate about education. For 40 years, she volunteered countless hours in numerous roles to help fund scholarships and programs for Teaneck's worthy students. Theresa was an educational leader and a community pillar.

Her life was defined by her commitment to service and family: Her husband of

more than 50 years, William Delaney; her children, Susan and Matthew, along with their respective spouses, Lawrence Frank and Margaret Delaney; and her grandchildren, Dillon and Caitlin Frank, and William, James, and Sean Delaney.

Theresa was dedicated to her parents: Her father, Blaise (Ben) Coco, Sr., who died in 1993, and her mother, Giovanna Coco, who at 107 still resides in the family home in Philadelphia. It was Theresa's daily tradition to call her mom, chat with her in Italian as well as English, review recipes and sing lyrics she knew her aging mother would remember. Theresa's recall of recipes was staggering. She was an excellent cook who created delicious meals for her family and friends, providing a loving table at which everyone was welcome.

To her siblings—older sister, Genevieve King, and younger brothers, Anthony and Blaise Coco, Jr.—Theresa was the North Star, a true and steadfast guide. She was a model of caring, kindness and dependability. She was whipsmart, with a keen sense of humor, forever poised to share a story or a photograph. She never failed to evoke a broad smile from whomever was listening.

All of Theresa's relatives and friends, no matter their age or connection, remember her many cards and notes, her unflinching remembrance of birthdays and anniversaries, her thoughtful phone calls and gestures. She was always eager to provide a meal on short notice or a ride to the doctor or the supermarket. To them, Theresa was an extraordinary human being who kept a mental calendar of dates significant to the needs of other people.

The love Theresa dispensed throughout her life is reciprocated tenfold. She will be missed by so many. A memorial service for Theresa will be planned when restrictions for gatherings are lifted.

As part of her legacy to the Teaneck Community, contributions may be made to fund a scholarship in Theresa's name.

The link to the website is: <https://www.communityscholarshipfund.org/>

Checks can be written to:

Community Scholarship Fund of Teaneck

680 Albin Street Teaneck, NJ 07666

memo - Theresa C. Delaney Memorial Scholarship

Tribute Wall



“ Theresa C Delaney

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Theresa C Delaney

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Theresa C Delaney

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ I went to Frankford High School, and I had “Miss Coco” for Spanish. She was a great teacher, and a wonderful person. I always enjoyed her classes. I remember when she was getting married, she invited the students in our class to the ceremony. She was a kind and thoughtful person, and I am so glad that I had the opportunity to know her, and to have been one of her students.

Charlene Mayer Hunt
Class of 1969

Charlene M. Hunt - January 14, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ I went to Frankford High School. Graduated in 1967. I remember her as a popular teacher, well liked and respected by staff and students.

Bonnie Sweitzer - January 14, 2021 at 10:43 AM

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“ *Rest in eternal peace, dearest Aunt Theresa. We are grateful for the love you showered us with throughout our lives, and for the lesson you taught us to live each day with purpose, love and joy. We have been enriched immeasurably by your humanity and will honor your example of treating others with kindness, compassion and empathy. We will forever carry with us an enduring image of your beauty, grace and devotion.*

Sending deepest condolences and all our love to Uncle Bill, Susan and Lawrence, Dillon and Catie; Matt and Margaret, William, James and Sean.

Joan Delaney and family

Joan Delaney - January 03, 2021 at 01:22 PM



“ *This is such a perfect picture of Theresa - it captures her love, her optimism and her caring for all. Although we only got together sporadically after our investment club disbanded, she always made me feel as if we were best of friends. She will be missed by so many. Her family was clearly her first love and concern. May her memory be a blessing.*

*My prayers are with you,
Jamie Elkin*

Jamie Elkin - January 03, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Theresa C Delaney.



January 03, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ That's a wonderful picture of Theresa - it so captures her essence. She is already missed and I was only able to see her infrequently. She was so warm, such an optimist and so caring. Her family meant everything to her and my prayers are with them. May her memory always be a blessing.



Jamie Elkin

Jamie Elkin - January 03, 2021 at 09:58 AM



*I send my deepest condolences to Teresa's family. I was just thinking of her this Christmas when I was making one of her recipes for cookies. I haven't made them in years, but things happen for a reason. She was a kind soul with a friendly smile for everyone. She will be remembered by me when I think of Dewey School days, and of course whenever I make her cookies!
With Loving Thoughts, Deborah Norlander*

Deborah Norlander - January 05, 2021 at 11:50 AM