



Clara Helen Lomangino

March 28, 1915 - June 4, 2023

Clara Helen Lomangino passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 108 on June 4, 2023. Clara was a woman small in stature but with a larger-than-life footprint.

She was born in Brockway, Pennsylvania to parents Joseph Matrisciano and Mary Riboldi in 1915. As an adolescent and later an adult, Clara lived through some difficult times during the Great Depression and World War II. Her generation was later recognized as The Greatest Generation.

Following a 7-year courtship with Fred O. Lomangino, the couple married. Here she carved out an additional role for herself as wife and mother, caring for the home she shared with her husband and children, Fred and Carol,- first in Brooklyn and later Freeport, Long Island. She entered the workforce during the 1950s when only a small percentage of married women were seeking employment. She was first employed as a switchboard operator for the NY Telephone Company in Freeport, NY, and subsequently in 1960 found employment at the Long Island Trust Bank in Garden City, NY, where she became a head teller and supervisor. During these working years, Clara always made sure she was home in time to prepare dinner for her family.

After retirement, she volunteered at South Nassau Hospital as a hospital aide, even though it meant paying for her own uniform and following a rigorous work

schedule. She also found time to be involved in her community, joining the secretarial staff of the Freeport Chamber of Commerce.

And in her spare time, her hands have crafted Afghans, bedspreads, woolen hats and scarves, elegant shawls and baby gifts - and according to her son, she was the world's best soup maker.

Although born in the early part of the 19th Century, she was still a relevant citizen of the 21st Century in large part due to her unwavering dedication to keeping herself educated and informed of current events. As the go-to-family person for anniversaries and birth dates, her exceptional memory was unmatched. Her cognitive skills endured for 108 years, which was a blessing for us all!

Survived by: Son Fred Lomangino & Karla Lomangino; Grandson Stephen Sparaco; Grandson Lee Sparaco & JoAnne Sparaco; Great-Grandchildren: Gina, Elena, and Joseph; and many nieces and nephews

Predeceased by her daughter Carol Sparaco (Lee Sparaco, Sr.), Sister Rose De Leon (Philip De Leon), and Sister Ida Harte (Bill Harte)

A repass luncheon will be provided following the services at the cemetery. Details will be provided at that time.

Cemetery Details

Pinelawn Memorial Park

2030 Wellwood Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 11. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Hungerford & Clark Funeral Home
110 Pine St.
Freeport, NY 11520

Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Our Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
87 Pine St.
Freeport , NY 11520

Burial

JUN 12. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Clara Helen Lomangino.*



June 10, 2023 at 12:06 AM



“ *Martha & Elaine Krobath purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Clara Helen Lomangino.*



Martha & Elaine Krobath - June 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Clara Helen Lomangino.*



June 09, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara Helen Lomangino.*



June 09, 2023 at 07:33 AM

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“ We miss you Clara girls from the Lemon tree

mindy - June 08, 2023 at 10:40 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Clara Helen Lomangino.



June 07, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Clara was my neighbor for 50 years my wife and her were very good friends. When my wife told her years ago that she did not know any Italian style cooking, Clara taught her how to prepare many dishes

John Cummins - June 05, 2023 at 07:12 PM

JD

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Janet Durkin - June 07, 2023 at 10:27 PM

JD

For 55 years Clara has seen many children grow up on our Martha Street. My kids were just 2, 5 & 6 years old when we moved here. Clara enjoyed watching them grow up. They even delivered pennysaver & newsday to her door for many years. We attended her 100th Birthday Party & Clara was there to hold my hand at Hungerford when my Bob passed away. Amazing woman she was. Rest easy now Clara with your Freddie. You will be missed on Martha Street.

Janet Durkin - June 07, 2023 at 10:39 PM