



MARY ANN CASTIGLIA

January 16, 1956 - March 27, 2025

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, THE FAMILY REQUESTS DONATIONS TO:
SPARTA AMBULANCE SQUAD

P.O. BOX 246

SPARTA, NJ 07871

WHO WAS ALWAYS THERE FOR HER AND TREATED HER LIKE FAMILY

VISITATION:

MONDAY: MARCH 31, 2025

4PM TO 8PM

STICKLE-SOLTESZ FUNERAL HOME

FUNERAL MASS:

TUESDAY: APRIL 1, 2025

10AM

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH

5635 BERKSHIRE VALLEY ROAD

OAK RIDGE, NJ 07438

973-208-0090

INTERMENT:

TUESDAY: APRIL 1, 2025

FOLLOWING FUNERAL MASS

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CEMETERY
ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH

Mary Ann Castiglia (nee Mezzo) who entered this life on January, 16, 1956 and passed into the Life Eternal on March 27, 2025 at age 69.

Born in Newark, NJ, she passed away a resident of Lake Mohawk, Sparta, NJ. She was predeceased by her parents, Fortunata Mary Mezzo (nee DiStefano) and Alexander Frank Mezzo.

She graduated from Union Catholic High School in Union NJ and subsequently took courses at Saint Elizabeth's University in Morristown, NJ completing a Certification in Theology. When she married, she worked in sales for Emeloid Addressograph/Multigraph in Union, NJ who manufactured credit cards. She also later ran her own weight loss consulting business and worked as a paralegal for the law office of V. James Castiglia, Esq. She was passionate about religious education and being a mother who enjoyed crafting, cooking and baking. She touched many lives with her generosity and kindness and was always willing to lend a hand or a listening ear. Always aware of current trends, she bought a Commodore 64 in 1982, one of the first computers available to the public, catalyzing a passion for technology in her husband and later three children that persists to this day. In her last three years she fought a

tough battle with lung cancer. One of her great joys was finally being able to dance with both of her sons at her son Robert's wedding.

She is survived by two loving sons: P. Charles Castiglia II and Robert James Castiglia and his wife, Jillian Castiglia and a loving and dedicated daughter, Alexandra M. Castiglia, who was her primary caretaker in the last 5 years. She is survived by two grandchildren, Cameron Clark Castiglia and Nathan James Castiglia. She is also survived by her former husband and best friend, V. James Castiglia, Esq. and her cat, Oskar.

She is survived by her siblings, Teresa Boutillette and her husband, Michael; her brother Alexander Mezzo and his wife Deborah; and her brother Anthony and his wife, Paula and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of her Life and a viewing will be held between 4 and 8 pm on Monday, March 31st at the Stickle Soltesz Funeral Home, 187 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ 07435. A funeral mass will be held at 10 am at St. Thomas the Apostle R C Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 with a burial at the St. Thomas Cemetery. A repast will follow at Portofino's Restaurant, 5129 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 at

noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Sparta Ambulance Squad, P.O. Box 246, Sparta, NJ 07871 who was always there for her and treated her like family. Her love, laughter and legacy will live on in our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Stickle-Soltesz Funeral Home
187 La Rue Road
(Parallel to Route 23 North between Clinton Road and Union Valley Road)
Newfoundland, NJ 07435
(973) 697-6700
info@sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com
<https://www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Interment

APR 1. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery
5635 Berkshire Valley Road
Oak Ridge, NJ 07438
(973) 208-0090

Tribute Wall

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“ Charlie, Robbie, Alex and Jim,
We will miss our dear Mary Ann. Having been friends and neighbors for nearly 40 years Maryann leaves us with many wonderful memories and inspirations.

Mary Ann was smart and clever and she had many varied interests, the fruit of which she shared with us all. Chef extraordinaire, (meatloaf stuffed with prosciutto, mozzarella or a hard boiled egg!), she kindly brought us the best meals when we were in need. Master organizer of home, (yes she had a wrapping station with thread spools on a dowel) and people, (themed, parties and trips to plays. No one could pack a kid's lunch and dress her baby girl like Mar'. Mary Ann dressed with style and flair and did the electric slide like no one else. She generously shared her interests, wisdom and passions. Only Mar could find THE best vegetable peeler (and at least one of us thinks of her every time she uses it). Mary Ann took care of everyone.

Mar's health challenged her in these last years. But we had Monday Pizza night's out and many fun dinners during which Mar would express her gratitude....."You girl's are so good to me". And we would reply, "We learned it from the best, Mar".

Mar was so proud of you children and kept us up to date with all your achievements. She told us about the dances with you two boys at Robbie's wedding. Alex you turned your self inside and out for your Mom and took care of her so well.

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences. We will never forget her.

Love,

Karen, Pam, Erin, Melissa and Chris

Karen Simone - March 31, 2025 at 01:10 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of **MARY ANN CASTIGLIA**.



March 31, 2025 at 09:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of **MARY ANN CASTIGLIA**.



March 30, 2025 at 03:57 PM



“ *From all the Danfords and O’Connells* purchased the *Lavender Reflections Spray* for the family of **MARY ANN CASTIGLIA**.



From all the Danfords and O’Connells - March 28, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *From all the Danfords and O’Connells* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of **MARY ANN CASTIGLIA**.

From all the Danfords and O’Connells - March 28, 2025 at 01:34 PM

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“ I remember we had every neighborhood kid over on the playground - there was an army of 10 of us. You shoulda seen mom's face when I told her that I invited everyone for dinner. Yet she pulled it out. After helping her clean red sauce and ice cream stains off the wall, we knew it wae a job well done. Mom was ever supporting of her childrens' whimsy.

Robert Castiglia - March 27, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MB

“ I knew Maryann as a very kind hearted person who cared very much for her family. She hosted many parties at her house as well as many exquisite birthday parties for her children from which we have wonderful memories. You will always be in our hearts. Rest in peace.
Love Michael, your brother in law.

Michael J. Boutillette - March 27, 2025 at 09:25 PM

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“ As the oldest of the family Mary Ann was always helping her siblings. If we needed a job she knew someone that was hiring & by golly we got the job. Mary Ann & I always shared a bedroom until she got married & moved out. I thought yes, I have the room to myself now. That joy didn't last long because my best friend was not there anymore. When we were younger Barbie came out with a doll that was able to crack her legs. One night Mary Ann and I were playing with the doll and our mother came in the room & told us to stop cracking our knuckles. We said we weren't cracking our knuckles it was the doll, we both bursted out laughing. Mary Ann, your light will always shine in my heart.
Your loving sister Teresa

Teresa - March 27, 2025 at 08:17 PM