



Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares

May 9, 2024

Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares, of West Hartford; lovingly known as Mariuccia, passed peacefully on May 9, 2024, surrounded by loved ones. She leaves her husband of 67 years; Salvatore P. Lenares, daughter Jo Ann Devine of Hartford, sons Paul Lenares and spouse Benae of Manchester and Peter Lenares, of Millsboro, DE. Grandchildren; Alison Devine Baldwin and spouse Paul, of Savannah, GA., Patrick Devine of New Britain, Vincent Lenares and Massimo Lenares, of Manchester. Maria was pre deceased by; her sister, Santina Amenta and spouse Eduardo, her brothers; Vincenzo Genovese and spouse Lucia and Pasqualino Genovese and spouse Rosetta, and godson Edward Amenta. She is survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and godchildren; all who held a special place in her heart. Maria was born on May 10, 1934 in Canicattini Bagni, Sicily; daughter to Lucia Mozzicato and Carmelo Genovese. She came to the United States in 1950. Maria's first job was at Royal Typewriter in West Hartford. She was later employed, for 25 years, at The Wiremold Company in West Hartford before retiring as a lunch lady for the West Hartford Public schools. Maria is a former member of the Daughters of Canicattini Bagni. Maria was a devout Catholic; a parishioner and Eucharist Minister at the Church of St. Timothy in West Hartford. She loved gardening and spending summers in Old Lyme at the family's CT shore house. Preparing Sunday supper was one of Maria's favorite things to do; cooking and sharing recipes with family and friends is a legacy that will live on. Maria was deeply connected to her Sicilian heritage; traveling back to

Sicily to visit her family often. People who knew Maria described her as loving, kind and gentle. She was selfless; always putting others first. She was often referred to as a "Saint", she definitely had the patience of one. She had a smart wit and a great sense of humor. Maria spent her last days surrounded by loving family, nieces, neighbors, friends and wonderful caregivers. All feel so blessed to have known such a wonderful woman, who deserves eternal happiness and life. Her greatest joy was her family, who will forever keep memories of her in their hearts. Special thanks to hospice nurse, Trung and his team from the Farmington VNA and caregivers from Dynamic Touch; especially Latania, who was by Maria's side till the very end. Family and friends may call on Wednesday, May 15th from 4-7PM at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford. Funeral mass will take place on Thursday, May 16th at 10:00AM at The Church of Timothy in West Hartford, 1116 N. Main St. West Hartford. Donations may be made to the Elizabeth Park Conservancy; for a tree dedication in loving memory of Maria Lenares. Elizabeth Park Conservancy, 1561 Asylum Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117 or on their website [ElizabethparkCT. Org](http://ElizabethparkCT.Org)

Live Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/EyIQ84ZU-wM?feature=share>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
(860) 233-5131

Tribute Wall



“ Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares



Molloy Funeral Home - May 14, 2024 at 03:16 PM

CZ

“ Maria wasn't just our neighbor; she was like a grandma to our family. From the moment we moved in, she and Sal welcomed us with open arms and a basket full of delicious food. We'll never forget that feeling of warmth and kindness.

Her kindness extended even further when my son Chengchen was younger. When we couldn't find after-school care, Maria and Sal stepped in without hesitation. They looked after him for months, giving us a huge helping hand during a stressful time. There were countless other times too, like when we had extra guests and Maria offered her extra space without a second thought.

We have so many fond memories of spending time with Maria and Sal. We'd visited their beach house and enjoyed the delicious meals Maria cooked – especially the Italian pizza, cookies, and noodles! Seeing them walk to church together every Sunday, was truly inspiring. It was an honor to celebrate milestones with them, like their 60th anniversary and Sal's 90th birthday.

We'll miss Maria. Her kindness, generosity, and elegance will always be a cherished part of our lives.

Caibin & Jinming

Caibin Zhang - May 15, 2024 at 09:49 AM

RK

“ Rachel, Patti and Kip purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.



Rachel, Patti and Kip - May 15, 2024 at 09:30 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.



May 15, 2024 at 08:25 AM

JK

“ Mariuccia was one of the kindest and finest ladies I have known. When my son Patrick (Ganci) was just a toddler, she helped us so often, caring for him like one of her own. He always loved to go and see her and Compare Sal. She was gentle and she was generous. she will be missed. She will be ever remembered.
Julia Kelly

Julia Kelly - May 15, 2024 at 07:37 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.



May 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

SF

“ *Schatzker and Fig planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.*

Schatzker and Fig - May 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

AR

“ *Andrew R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.*

Andrew R. - May 14, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.*



May 14, 2024 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ *Caibin & Jinming Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.*



Caibin & Jinming Family - May 14, 2024 at 06:24 AM

P&

“ Peg &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.

Peg &. - May 13, 2024 at 05:58 PM

MH

“ Meg Lacher, Tim Glasby, &Jorden Holder purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.



Meg Lacher, Tim Glasby, &Jorden Holder - May 13, 2024 at 05:16 PM

MH

“ Meg Lacher, Tim Glasby, &Jorden Holder planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.

Meg Lacher, Tim Glasby, &Jorden Holder - May 13, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TF

“ The Bucalo Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.



The Bucalo Family - May 13, 2024 at 03:06 PM

TF

“ The Bucalo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Francesca Genovese Lenares.

The Bucalo Family - May 13, 2024 at 03:06 PM

SD

“ Uncle Sal, Peter, Paul, Benae & JoAnn,
Zia Mariuccia will forever be in our hearts!
She was a second mom and grandmother to
so many of us in the family. We will all cherish
the wonderful memories we have made with
her and never forget her great smile and kindness to everyone.
Sending much love and light.



Sue & Dave

Sue Dederer - May 13, 2024 at 01:10 PM

PI

Dearest zioTuriddu, Jo Ann, Paul, Peter and all the family. My
condolences for the big heart of Mariuccia, proud to knew her in Italy.
Hugs and love to all of youe. Pino De Maria, Bologna Italy

pino - May 13, 2024 at 02:45 PM

SS

CI UNIAMO AL DOLORE DI SALVATORE, I SUOI FIGLI E I NIPOTI
TUTTI PER LA PERDITA DI MARIUCCIA DONNA AMOREVOLE E
SEMPRE PRESENTE E SOPRATUTTO DISPONIBILE CHE LA
TERRA TI SIA LIEVE,
CONDOGLIANZE DI ❤️❤️❤️
UN'ABBRACCIO A TUTTI DA
SALVO E CONCETTA CON I FIGLI CHE R.I.P

Salvo Silvestre - May 13, 2024 at 03:57 PM