



Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico

April 12, 1936 - September 26, 2019

Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico, 83 of Center Township, passed away at home surrounded by the love of her family on September 26, 2019.

Born April 12, 1936 in Pacentro (L'aquila Abruzzo), Italy, Maria was the daughter of a butcher (Antonio Battaglini) and homemaker (Maria Cristina Centofanti) and lost her parents at a very young age. Maria immigrated through Ellis Island in 1959 with her sister Amelia, and settled in West Aliquippa with their adoptive parents David and Lucia Cicccone. It wasn't long before she met the love of her life, Vittorio DiGiandomenico who she married July 9, 1960. Soon after, their family expanded with the birth of twin sons, Clemente and David. Maria tended to the family while Vittorio labored at A&S Railroad as a trackman, later moving up the ranks as a foreman. The family expanded once again 1966 with the birth of Maria Cristina and again in 1974 with the birth of Antonio. Maria lost her beloved husband of 25 years in 1985 and found the strength to keep her family grounded with her faith, love and true grit.

Maria took over as family breadwinner, working at Gino's Catering for over 35 years until the business closed. Over these years, many customers were entertained by Maria's stories and their bellies filled with her delicious cooking. She even had a moment of fame when asked to serve as an extra in the movie One for the Money.

Maria's life always revolved around her family. She looked forward to hosting family gatherings during the holidays, as well as numerous birthday parties for her nine grandchildren.

Aside from her husband, Maria was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Alberto Fronzaglia; brother and sister-in-law, Alessandro and Rita Battaglini; and other DiGiandomenico family members.

Maria leaves behind her beloved sister, Amelia Fronzaglia; her children: Clemente DiGiandomenico, David DiGiandomenico, Maria Cristina (David) Gieske, Antonio (Kimberly) DiGiandomenico; grandchildren: Alan (Molly) DiGiandomenico; Leah (Steve) Markovitz; Melynda (Stephen) Marone; Melyssa DiGiandomenico; Phillip, Victoria and Olivia Gieske; and Isabella and Ana DiGiandomenico; two great grandchildren: Gabrielle and Aleena DiGiandomenico; nieces: Christine (Gabriel) Mancari, Sandra Fronzaglia, and Cristina (Chris) Murray and several other DiGiandomenico family members.

The family would like to thank the nursing staff on the 7th floor of Heritage Valley Sewickley Hospital and Good Samaritan Hospice for the wonderful care that was extended to their mother.

Visitation will be Monday 2-4 and 6-8 pm in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home Inc. 2026 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, 724-375-0496. Departing prayers will be begin at 9:15 am followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 am at St. Titus Roman Catholic Church (Aliquippa). Entombment will follow at Sylvania Hills Cemetery and Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and the St. Anthony Congregation.

Cemetery Details

Sylvania Hills Memorial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.
2026 McMinn Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001
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Visitation

SEP 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Titus Roman Catholic Church
952 Franklin Ave
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Tribute Wall

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“ *Connie Bucenell-Fox lit a candle in memory of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico*



Connie Bucenell-Fox - September 30, 2019 at 03:37 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 30, 2019 at 12:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 30, 2019 at 09:33 AM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 30, 2019 at 08:51 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico.



September 30, 2019 at 02:31 AM



“ Carmella Dambach lit a candle in memory of Maria (Battaglini-Ciccone) DiGiandomenico



Carmella Dambach - September 29, 2019 at 09:26 PM



Dear Tony and family, Our deepest sympathy to all of you. Cathy would always tell us stories of your wonderful mother, Momma D. - Ollie and Carmie Dambach (Cathy parents)

Carmella Dambach - September 29, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ Prayers and thoughts to your family I work with Maria at Gino catering on Neville great woman will be miss Marco battaglini from coraopolis

Marco Battaglini - September 29, 2019 at 07:21 PM

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“ *The Markovitz Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Maria (Battaglino-Ciccione) DiGiandomenico.*



The Markovitz Family - September 29, 2019 at 06:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglino-Ciccione) DiGiandomenico.*



September 29, 2019 at 02:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglino-Ciccione) DiGiandomenico.*



September 29, 2019 at 02:18 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglino-Ciccione) DiGiandomenico.*



September 29, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 29, 2019 at 09:02 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 28, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *On behalf of the St. Anthony Congregation, we wish to express our deepest and sincerest sympathy to Maria's family on her passing. She was so devoted to our beloved St. Anthony of Padua and wholeheartedly supported the Congregation in many ways and especially by her fantastic Italian culinary skills. Our annual spaghetti dinners wouldn't have been successful without her special touch and knowledge in the kitchen. We'll miss her humorous Italian stories that she would tell us, and also the funny bickering between she and Amelia. They made it fun for all of us. We will miss you Maria, and know that St. Anthony will guide you through the gates of heaven. R. I. P.*

Louise Battalini - September 27, 2019 at 04:46 PM

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All our thoughts and prayers for the entire beautiful family. Our family has been so blessed in being apart of it, even for such a short time. May God, His Holy Mother Mary and St. Anthony and all the angels escort her to heaven. God Bless you all. Special love, to Amelia, Cristina, & Sandra.

Pat and Skip Murray - September 28, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 27, 2019 at 12:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 27, 2019 at 12:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria (Battaglini-Cicccone) DiGiandomenico.*



September 27, 2019 at 09:54 AM