



Sylvia Carnuccio

October 15, 1926 - January 9, 2026

Salvatrice “Sylvia” Carnuccio (née Ristagno) passed away peacefully on January 9, 2026 with her family by her side. Born in Philadelphia to Concetto and Salvatrice “Lily” (née Muscara) Ristagno, Sylvia was 99 years old. Beloved and devoted wife of 75 years to John N. Carnuccio, Sr. Loving mother of John N. (Susan) Carnuccio, Jr. and Patricia (Robert) Schmidt. Cherished grandmother of John Carnuccio, III, Maren (Jeff) Sabella (née Carnuccio), Michael (Kayla) Carnuccio, Kayln (Chad) Chance (née Williams), and Kevin (Lauren) Williams. Great-grandmother to Gia Sabella, Anna Rose Carnuccio, Jaclyn Sabella, Joseph Carnuccio, Thomas Carnuccio, Kathryn Carnuccio, Cameron Chance, Weston Williams, Henry Williams, Caleb Klein, and Kennedy Frye.

Sylvia was the youngest of 5 siblings and is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Rosina “Rosie” and Rosaria “Sadie”, and brothers Vincenzo “Jimmy” and Alfredo “Freddy.”

Her amazing life story is best told as having a meager beginning as the youngest child of immigrant parents, to long-distance love through World War II, to the strength and resilience needed to relocate a growing family to different communities across the country, to dedicating her last decades to her son and his family, and finally living near and doing life with her daughter. Sylvia always has been fiercely loyal to those she loved, selflessly generous to anyone in need, and a beacon of love to all whom she encountered.

In addition to her complete devotion to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Sylvia was proud to serve her church as Sacristan, member of the Altar Society, and Hospitality Committee. Bunco games brought out her feisty side, and in her early years she could be found at the bowling alley where she never met a pin she couldn't topple. If there was music and space to dance, Sylvia and John were up and dancing as long as the music kept up.

More than anything, Sylvia enjoyed hosting her family for holidays, birthdays, and Sunday dinners. Friends were always welcome, and hers was a home full of laughter, delicious food, and an abundance of love.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday, January 15th from 9:00 to 10:30am at Givnish Funeral Home of Marlton (398 East Main Street).

Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11:00am at St. Joan of Arc Church, Marlton.

Entombment will take place at Locustwood Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, please donate in Sylvia's name to the Alzheimer's Association (<https://www.alz.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Locustwood Memorial Park

1500 Route 70 West
Cherry Hill, 08002

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 15. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Marlton
398 E Main St
Marlton, NJ 08053
(856) 452-5090
info@givnish.com

Funeral Mass

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
100 Willow Bend Road
Marlton, NJ 08053

Entombment

JAN 15 (ET)

Locustwood Memorial Park
1500 Route 70 West
Cherry Hill, 08002

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Sylvia Carnuccio.



January 13 at 06:03 AM

WK

“ With love, Terri Keeley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Carnuccio.

With love, Terri Keeley - January 13 at 06:03 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Sylvia Carnuccio.



January 13 at 06:00 AM

TK

“ I had the great pleasure and incredible good fortune of spending a lot of time over the past 2+ years with my very good friend Sylvia Carnuccio. A beautiful woman, inside and out, Sylvia was always the consummate lady. She was unwaveringly devoted to her family. She adored her late husband John, and cherished her memories of him. She loved spending time with her daughter Trish and son John, and enjoyed listening to John’s musical performances, especially his rendition of her favorite song, “Because of You.” Sylvia loved and was proud of her many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and enjoyed her morning cups of coffee in her “Nana” mug. An impeccable dresser, Sylvia could be heard in the mornings asking, “Did I wear this yesterday?” Sylvia aged gracefully, never complaining, always putting others before herself. She had a great sense of humor, and frequently could be heard making others laugh with the mantra, “Getting old ain’t for sissies!” Sylvia was loved by me and all who knew her. I’m grateful I had the great pleasure and privilege of calling her my friend. I will cherish my memories of her forever. ❤️ Terri Keeley

Terri Keeley - January 13 at 05:53 AM

JC

So beautiful!! Thank you, Terri! You were such a good friend to Mom! An angel of a companion and friend!! Love you!

John Carnuccio - January 13 at 11:20 AM

ST

*Hello John - I'm so sorry for the passing of your parents. I remember them well, even though I was young at the time. I remember your Dad's happy laugh and your Mom's perfect hair and smile! You were friends with my brother Michael Burke back then. I wonder if you could put me in touch with your sister Patty. I've looked for her through the years but wasn't able to find her, although I'm surprised and happy to learn that she's living in Marlton, the next town over from where I've lived for many years. It would be so nice to hear from you or Patty. Thanks, Sandy Burke Tams.
smbt@comcast.net*

Sandy Burke Tams - April 12 at 12:11 PM

AE

“ *My sincere condolences to Sylvia's family. I am deeply sorry for your loss.*

My father resided at Artis, where I had the privilege of knowing Sylvia. We came to consider her part of our family. She was kind and gentle soul, and her warm smile had a way of brightening the day of everyone around her. I always enjoyed watching her dance-she had a wonderful spirit and spunk that made her truly special.

I would like to share a photograph of Sylvia with my dog from a day I remember fondly. She was eager to hold him, and the moment captured reflects the joy she brought to those around her. She will be deeply missed.

Amy Evans



Amy L Evans - January 12 at 08:14 PM

LC

“ *She was an incredible person and was a perfect match for my Uncle John. They were like two love birds and great role models*

Larry Carnuccio - January 12 at 08:13 AM