

Rosemary Ann Curtis

May 11, 1944 - October 19, 2018

Our beloved mother, Rosemary Curtis entered into heaven on October 19, 2018. She instantly made it a better place. No doubt, she was excited to see her mother Mary, her father Anthony, and brother Leonard, all of whom had predeceased her.

We are certain that her first order of business was to 'clean and straighten the place out.'

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, Rosemary Fetchko attended Piscataway High School, and Trenton State College, where she studied to be a teacher. After graduation, she was married to our father Steven, and then taught Business Administration at North Bergen High School, until her the birth of her children, Glenn, and Jill.

Growing up, our mother loved to attend our baseball, soccer, football, and cheerleading events. She was always in the stands, rain or shine, often yelling the loudest, and never afraid to stand out or make her mark. And, upon the birth of her grandchildren, Morgan and Madison, she continued to do so, sometimes traveling far, and sitting in some pretty harsh conditions. No matter, her kids and grandchildren always came first. Always. Period! In fact, the day before she passed, she got to see her granddaughter Morgan on the soccer field, and her granddaughter Madison competing in a gymnastics meet. Her heart was clearly filled with joy, and her voice perhaps a little hoarse from cheering. She loved every second of it.

Our mother was many things: Smart, pretty, generous with her time and

money, and easy to approach and to have a conversation with. When you were wrong, she'd let you know. But then again, when you did a good job, she was the first to offer you praise and always the first to come up to you, talk to you, call you, text or email you after a bad day. Then again, if you felt sorry for yourself for too long, she'd also bluntly tell you to 'suck it up and be tough.' Anyone who came into contact with her, knew her great sense of humor and ability to laugh, even at herself. She was also a caring person, who would, without second thought, give you the shirt of her back if she thought you might need it, even if it left her cold. Slipping a piece of candy in your pocket, or writing you a kind note, or giving you a big smile for no other reason than she loved you, was just her way of doing things.

Mom liked things that were fancy, and from time-to-time, liked to be pampered, and to get her hair and makeup done. But then again, she wouldn't think twice about getting her hands dirty, and was never, ever afraid of work... especially if it meant helping her kids or grandchildren. She loved to walk, lift weights, and go to Aerobics class, which she still went to several times a week. As much as the exercise, she loved interacting with friends, which for her, were easy to make.

Rosemary loved plays, music, especially Elvis, visiting with family and friends, reading, playing cards, and talking politics. No matter what she did, she would always make her mark, and everyone knew when she was in the room. Mom was a cheerleader in high school, and was always athletic. She was an excellent skier, and used to whip us big time when we went bowling as kids. We are beyond certain that she is looking down on us right now, doing her best to make sure that the wind will always be at our backs, putting in a good word for us to the big guy in heaven, and bragging to others who have gone before us about her kids and grandchildren, which she absolutely lived for. We are also a thousand percent certain, and this is the most important part: That she would want you to think of the good times we've all had, and remember that she lived a great life, and to no matter what, keep moving forward, full-force, and living every second of your lives with as much joy as you can

muster, and as much love as you can stuff in your hearts. We love you mom!!!
You are always in our hearts, forever and ever. Amen. In lieu of flowers
donations in her memory may be made to: Children's Specialized Hospital
Foundation, 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside, NJ 07092 would be
appreciated.

Cemetery Details

St. Catherine Cemetery

Sea Girt, NJ

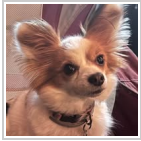
Previous Events

Funeral Mass

OCT **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Innocent's Church
3455 West Bangs Avenue
Neptune, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Jill Curtis lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis*



Jill Curtis - November 07, 2018 at 09:27 PM

GL

“ *Glenn lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis*



Glenn - November 01, 2018 at 02:23 PM

AM

“ *Arlene Marchica lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis*



Arlene Marchica - October 26, 2018 at 09:31 PM

AM

“ It is so sad to think we'll never see that smile again, but we're believers that we need to dwell more on the good and more on the time we had with her; she had a beaming personality and a positive glow about her. She always had a compliment to give, and she always thought to ask, "how are you?" or "how is everything?" before ever talking about herself. She was completely selfless. Without question, family gatherings will never be the same, but we know she'll be there alongside us all: laughing, smiling, and watching over us. Rest in peace, Rosemary. We love you! - Amanda & Mark Chalmers

Amanda Marchica - October 26, 2018 at 06:02 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis



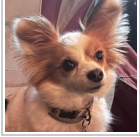
Bongarzone Funeral Home - October 26, 2018 at 08:33 AM

GC

“ GLENN CURTIS lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis



GLENN CURTIS - October 26, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ *Jill Curtis lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Ann Curtis*



Jill Curtis - October 25, 2018 at 11:08 PM



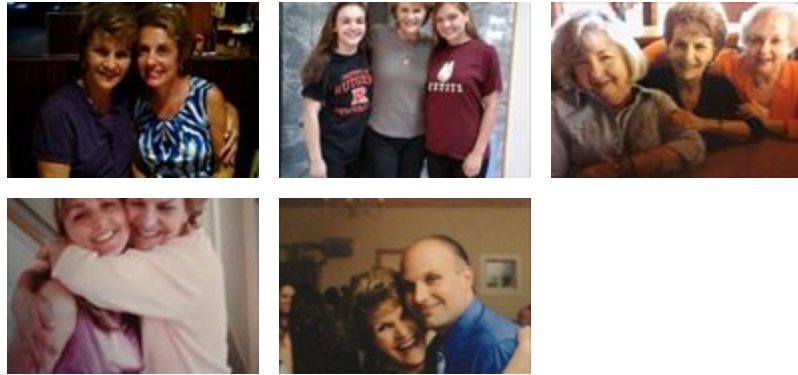
“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jill Curtis - October 25, 2018 at 10:09 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Photos*



Glenn Curtis - October 24, 2018 at 07:27 PM

HD

“ We are so very sad to hear about Ro’s passing. We were neighbors in Holmdel when Glenn and our Danny were friends when they young. She was a wonderful, kind person and always sharing a smile. I remember when her parents were visiting and the fun we shared. Time passes and unfortunately we lost touch. I vividly recall when Elvis died and she called me. We were so sad, I don’t know who loved Elvis more, she or I! I will pray for her. Glenn our deepest sympathy to you and your sister. Jill was just a baby when we lost touch.

Helen and Paul Deocampo

helen deocampo - October 24, 2018 at 05:27 PM

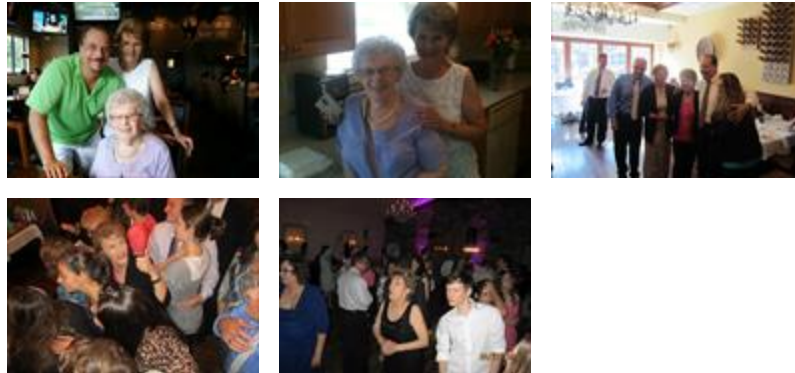
JC

Thank you so much for sharing you sweet memories Mrs. Deocampo,, although I was little at the time, she always had very nice things to say about you and your husband .. thank you for being a wonderful friend to her and making her smile!! Love, Jill

Jill Curtis - October 24, 2018 at 07:23 PM

TO

“ 7 files added to the album Photos



tom - October 24, 2018 at 03:34 PM

MC

“ I'll never forget the fun times and many laughs we had while we were coaching our girls as Holmdel Cheerleaders. Michelle and Jill were very close back then and I knew I could always count on you to keep an eye on them when they were with you. Though we didn't speak much in the past few years, I will always remember you and miss your beautiful smile. Rest in peace dear Roe.....Love, Michelle

Michelle Cannizzaro - October 24, 2018 at 01:06 PM

JC

This made me so sad to read, Michelle because I remember all of the hilarious times our families have spent together when we were kids. Michelle is my all time favorite best friend that I had when I was growing up and I just remember all of us always laughing .. you and my mom were hilarious together!! She loved you so so much!! Thanks for being a great friend to her all of those years xoxox love Jill

Jill Curtis - October 24, 2018 at 07:20 PM

TC

“ Our sincerest condolences to Glenn and Jill for their and our loss. Rosemary was a beautiful person, my godmother, cousin and second cousin to my children. She could capture you with her smile and she was always a realist, telling you how it is. We enjoyed our family gatherings whether for the holidays or special events and she was always a joy wearing her special smile. She will be missed but she will live on through her children, grandchildren, family and those who had the pleasure of knowing her. God works in mysterious ways and he sure picked one of the best ones. We love you and you will be sorely missed.

Thomas J. Czochanski III, Yvonne, Nicole and Natalie

Thomas Czochanski - October 23, 2018 at 10:10 PM

JC

*Thank you Tommy, Yvonne, Nicole and Natalie ,
We love you and I know how much my mom loved you and how much
fun you all had together! She's a great woman, and was lucky to have
such a great family! Love, Jill*

Jill Curtis - October 24, 2018 at 06:16 PM

LM

“ *My sincere condolences to Glen and Jill for your loss. My
relationship with the Tvardzik/Fetchko/Curtis family goes back many
years. The best memories I have are the family gatherings on the
Holidays, they were always filled with laughter and a good time.
Rosemary always was a kind and caring person and she would not
only talk to you but she would listen to what you had to say. I found
her to be intelligent, knowledgeable and would offer guidance if you
asked. As time passed and our families and children got older we
always looked forward to events that would bring us together. I
personally will miss her.*

God Bless.

Lenny Marchica Sr.

*No words can actually express my sympathy and sadness. May
God give you the strength to carry on. Your mom, my cousin Ro,
was taken too soon! All the memories will remain in my heart. She
was more of a "Big Sister" than a cousin and I will miss her dearly!
My comforting thought is picturing her and your grandmother, my
Aunt Mary, singing and dancing at an Elvis Presley concert.*

Sincerely,

Arlene

Leonard F Marchica - October 23, 2018 at 09:42 PM

JC

Arlene and Lenny, she genuinely loved you so very much.. Arlene I am sure she will miss the cigarette breaks and talks you had and How you and Lenny always made her laugh. All three of you would always laugh and that made me so happy because I can see how loved she was. Thank you so much for the nice words, believe me, she would be honored to know how much she was loved and all of the nice things everyone is saying. Thank you for always being there for her. You both are amazing. Love, Jill

Jill Curtis - October 23, 2018 at 10:03 PM

LM

“*Rosemary was my pride and joy, she was also my beautiful God-Daughter. She was always happy and enjoying herself and was admired by everyone. I will miss her very much and I am glad we spent time together in June.*

*Love you, Rosemary, you will always be in my heart.
Aunt Ann (Annie)*



Leonard F Marchica - October 23, 2018 at 08:25 PM

JC

Thank you so much for the sweet words Annie, she loved you so so much!! As a matter of fact I saw she had on her list for her shopping trip this week to “buy Annie’s birthday card!” And your birthday is proudly marked on her calendar,, she is in such peace enjoying Elvis now! ., we love you Aunt Annie and thank you for always loving and taking care of my mom her whole life xoxo love, Jill

Jill Curtis - October 23, 2018 at 09:57 PM

LM

“ Rosemary was a very kind and lively person that I had the pleasure of knowing. No family function was complete without Aunt Rosemary coming! Seeing her, Jill, Glenn and family was always a guaranteed great time. She was a fabulous woman who made me, and I'm sure everyone she knew, feel warm and comfortable.

I am very sorry for your loss. I know for a fact, that she's smiling down on everyone, commenting how "Gorgeous" we all are! I'll miss you very much Rosemary!

Lenny Marchica - October 23, 2018 at 02:03 PM

JC

Aww Lenny, thank you so much! She was a funny gal., and she was always there with a compliment! We love you!! Xoxo Jill

Jill Curtis - October 23, 2018 at 09:05 PM

AD

“ *It was a pleasure every time I got to see you ! It wasn't often unforntately, but I remember you always being so welcoming every time I would come over to see Jill. I know you will be watching over Jill and your family. Rest peacefully*❤❤❤



ashley dabonka - October 22, 2018 at 10:04 PM

JA

“ We Will miss you Ro! You made such an impression, not only on me all these years we have been family - but also, on my two boys. You were always so personable, friendly and loving, we felt that at each family party. My son always remember you telling him, every time you saw him, how handsome he was....and if he was married yet. The funny thing, he is now only 17 years old. We love you and will miss you and your positive spirit.

Jackie, Rich, Luke and Josh Boyle

Jackie - October 22, 2018 at 05:11 PM

GS

“ I am one of the girls from aerobics class. Your Mom and I were the devils. Always laughing about something and making jokes. I will really miss her. 😭 Gail

Gail Sergewich - October 21, 2018 at 01:55 PM

JC

Thank you so much, Gail! As you know, my mom cherished her aerobics and all of you lovely ladies for so many years! She is a ham, so I can imagine how much fun you two made the class.. thank you for being her friend for all of these years and for the kind words! Love, her daughter, Jill Curtis

Jill Curtis - October 23, 2018 at 10:07 PM