



## Carmela Portanova

February 28, 1933 - May 26, 2020

Carmela "Carm" Portanova, 87, of Stamford, CT passed away peacefully on May 26, 2020. She was born on February 28, 1933 in Stamford to the late Frank and Filomena (Pigro) Cavaliere. She graduated from Stamford High School in 1951.

Nothing mattered more to Carmela in life than her family; they were the center of her world. She was deeply religious and was an extremely patriotic American. Her favorite pastimes included taking trips to Mohegan Sun with her husband, playing cards with her friends, dancing, wearing glamorous accessories, and spending time at her beach house in Milford (especially to celebrate the Fourth of July).

Carmela is survived by her four devoted children: Debra Nelson; Susan Rogliano; Michael Portanova and wife Robin; David Portanova and wife Laura. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren, who adored her: Elizabeth McFarlane (Greg); Jacquelyn Nelson (Gil Newman); Catherine Rogliano (Michael Falvey); Anthony and Nicholas Portanova; Alexa and Jonathan Portanova. Carmela was beloved by her three energetic great-grandchildren: Avery, Graeme, and Aedan McFarlane. She cherished her relationships with her siblings, and is survived by: brother Carlo Cavaliere (Barbara); sister Theresa Savitz (Donald); sister Beatrice Cooke (Michael Garvey); brother Dominick Cavaliere (Lois); sisters-in-law Carmella Cavaliere

and Marie Portanova. Carmela loved her special cousins Pauline Morgan (Phil) and Judy Cavaliere, as well as her very best friend and soul sister Betty Garofalo. She treasured her large extended family, including numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Carmela is predeceased by her husband of 62 years and the love of her life, Anthony Portanova; sons-in-law Barry Nelson and Robert Rogliano; brother Frank Cavaliere; and brother-in-law George Cooke.

Carmela's family would like to extend a special thanks to Visiting Angels — especially longtime caregivers Marie, Rosemonde, and Marlene — for the loving care they provided over the last few years. Thank you to Sunrise Assisted Living of Stamford's staff, residents, and families for their care, friendship, and love.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Carmela's honor to Stamford Education 4 Autism (SE4A) online at <https://stamfordeducation4autism.org> or via mail to 1127 High Ridge Road, PMB #315, Stamford, CT 06905.

The family is holding a Private Visitation and Prayer Service on Sunday, May 31st at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. Burial will be held privately.

A webcast of the services will be live streamed at 1pm, for family, relatives and friends to be able to take part in her services. To attend, please select "webcast video" on Carmela's obituary at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com).

The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. To leave a condolence message for the family you may visit the guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on [Facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).



# Previous Events

## Prayer Service (Live Streamed)

MAY 31. 1:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bosak Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Carmela Portanova*



**Bosak Funeral Home** - May 29, 2020 at 01:27 PM

BW

*Debbie, Susan, Michael and David,  
I'm so very sorry for your loss. I loved seeing your Mom when I would go into the store. She was such a lovely, upbeat lady! I pray your cherished memories will carry you through this difficult time. 🙏❤️*

**Beth Watters** - May 29, 2020 at 07:06 PM

AL

*to robin and micheal and anthony and nicholas and family  
My deepest sympathies to you and your family in time of sorrow. May she rest in peace in the gates of heaven. Always treasure the memories you had with carmela always God Bless ann and melanie luchetta*

**ann luchetta** - May 29, 2020 at 08:46 PM

BE

*This is a wonderful idea, I'm so glad I'm able to attend via video. You are a wonderful family and I've been blessed to know you. I will miss your mom and our ice cream eating, nascar watching visits. I am watching at the nuns and have placed her and you all on the prayer board.*

**Beckie** - May 31, 2020 at 01:10 PM

BA

*Debbie, Susan, and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I loved her smile and the pride she had in you and your beautiful families. She was so lucky to have your love and endless support – you were THE BEST daughters a person could ask for. I hope to be able to hug you soon, Barb Aronica*

Barbara Aronica - May 31, 2020 at 01:11 PM

LC

*Beautiful prayer service. Love, Uncle Carlo, Aunt Barbara and Leslie*

Leslie Cavaliere - May 31, 2020 at 01:19 PM

BT

*The service was beautiful. Love to all the family* ❤️❤️❤️

Barbara Rogliano Tracy - May 31, 2020 at 01:21 PM

LW

*Sending you all our warmest wishes and virtual hugs! With love and support, Lisa and Steven, Sam, Tammy and Olivia Wise*

Lisa Wise - May 31, 2020 at 01:22 PM

JP

*Debbie, Susan, Michael, David Thank you for sharing her service on the web for me to be there for the family.  
RIP Carmella you will always be in ours hearts.*

John Portanova - May 31, 2020 at 01:26 PM

VJ

*My Dear Cousins, Thank you for sharing your Mom's service during this sad time.  
Rest in Peace Aunt Carm.*

Victor Portanova Jr - May 31, 2020 at 01:39 PM

RB

“ Dear Portanova and Cavaliere Families  
We are truly sorry to hear of Carm's passing. We always enjoyed her company, along with Tony , especially when playing cards. She surely will be missed  
Our Sincere thought are with all  
Rosemarie and Manny Blosio

Rosemarie Blosio - June 03, 2020 at 03:57 PM

HA

“ Dear Debbie, Susan, Michael, David and Family  
Our deepest condolence to you all. She will be so missed. We have fond memories of her and Tony. They will not be forgotten. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayer go out to you all. May God give you strength and peace at this time.  
Bless you all.  
Henrietta & Art Adams

Henrietta Adams - May 31, 2020 at 01:50 PM

PM

“ Philip Morgan lit a candle in memory of Carmela Portanova



Philip Morgan - May 31, 2020 at 01:20 PM

BT

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending my love and prayers to the family❤️  
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Barbara Rogliano Tracy - May 31, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ From Uncle Carlo, Aunt Barbara and Leslie, we are so very sorry for your loss ---our loss too! We wish we could be with you to support you during this time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Remembering the good times will sustain you and all who loved your Mom. Love and prayers

Leslie Cavaliere - May 31, 2020 at 11:30 AM



“ To Deborah and Susan our condolences to you and your family on the passing of Carmella  
Joan and Harvey Goodman

Joan Garvey Goodman - May 31, 2020 at 08:55 AM

AN

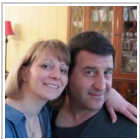
To the Portanova family,  
My heartfelt condolences for the passing of your beautiful Mom. My she RIP in the arms of ur Dad. Hope you all find comfort in all the memories you hold in your hearts. RIP Carmela 🙏❤️ Anna & Lenny Norman

Anna Norman - May 31, 2020 at 09:50 AM

MS

My sincere condolences on the loss of your sweet mother.  
—Mary Spagnuolo

Mary Spagnuolo - May 31, 2020 at 12:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Michael Portanova - May 30, 2020 at 08:46 PM

FS

“ *BEATRICE, PORTANOVA & CAVALIERE FAMILIES, SO SAD ABOUT CARM, SHE WAS SUCH A KIND & SWEET LADY, WE WILL ALL MISS HER, “ REST IN PEACE CARM” WE WILL ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN SOMEDAY... LOVE PRAYERS & SYMPATHY CAROLE & FRANK SCARVEY*

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**FRANK & CAROLE SCARVEY** - May 30, 2020 at 04:56 PM

LW

“ *Dear Debbie, Susan, Michael, David and Family,*

*Our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mom and Grandma. May you be comforted by all of your wonderful memories.*

*Thinking of you all during this sad time and sending our thoughts and prayers.*

*Gerry, Lynn & Kathy Woodhall*

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**Lynn Woodhall** - May 30, 2020 at 02:58 PM

HS

“ *Sending our sincere condolences to the family upon the passing of Carmela. May many pleasant memories sustain you and provide smiles at this difficult time.*

*Hedy and Maury Siegel*

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**Hedy and Maury Siegel** - May 30, 2020 at 09:53 AM

CS

“ So sorry to see that your Mom died. Have thought about you girls for weeks hoping I could come and see you at the store, but couldn't will certainly come to visit when this awful virus is gone my thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless . Carol sabia

carol sabia - May 30, 2020 at 07:55 AM

BV

“ My mom Mary Ann Vetti and Bob and Barbara Verrastro send our sincerest sympathy on the passing of Carmella.

barbara verrastro - May 29, 2020 at 10:28 PM

SP

“ Mike and Dave,

*Our deepest sympathies to you and your families.*

*May loving memories of your Mom ease your loss and bring you comfort.*

*Stephen W. Pietrzyk and family.*

Stephen Pietrzyk - May 29, 2020 at 06:30 PM

VJ

“ Debra, Susan, Michael, David, I am so sorry for your Mom's passing. I have and hold forever in my heart treasured memories of your Mom and Dad . Rest in Peace Aunt Carm.



Victor Portanova Jr - May 29, 2020 at 05:59 PM