



Margaret Lena Costello

May 16, 1942 - February 22, 2021

Margaret Lena Costello of Stamford, CT passed away surrounded by her family on the morning of Monday, February 22, 2021 after a short but very difficult battle with cancer. She was 78 years old.

Lena was born on May 16, 1942 in Philadelphia, PA to the late Theodore Ellerkamp and Dorothea Gussmann. She attended Little Flower Catholic High School for Girls in Philadelphia and received her nursing certificate from St. Agnes School of Nursing. She then received her B.S. in Nursing from Pennsylvania State University. She was part of the first graduating class of nursing students from Penn State.

In 1963, she met her husband, Charles F. Costello, in Philadelphia while he was on leave from the U.S. Navy. They married on June 15, 1968. The couple moved to Boston where she took a job as the Pediatrics instructor at Children's Hospital Boston.

Lena was a devoted mother to her three boys, putting aside a career she loved to raise her sons. Days and nights were spent helping with schoolwork, driving to sporting events, arranging activities, and taking care of the home. Lena would eventually return to nursing, spending over two decades at The Pediatric Center in Stamford. She most enjoyed her experiences and interactions with patients and staff.

Her true love was her husband. Married for 52 years, they supported each other, raised a family together, and enjoyed many vacations from the Jersey Shore to Marco Island. Church was a big part of their lives. They attended Mass weekly and lived each day loyal to their family and faith.

Lena enjoyed many things, from gardening to yoga to baking, but nothing brought her more joy than the time with her grandchildren who affectionately called her “NaNa.”

Lena is survived by her husband, Charles; her three sons: Charles, Thomas, and Matthew (Stephanie); a sister, Trudy Macdonald; two brothers, Theodore and Bernard Ellerkamp; five grandchildren: Emma, Noah, Melody, Brody, and Andy; and by various nephews, nieces, and cousins. She was predeceased by her parents as well as by a brother, Joseph.

Family welcomes relatives and friends on Monday, March 1st from 4 pm-8 pm at the Bosak Funeral Home at 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 2nd at 10:30 am at the Parish of St. Cecilia-St. Gabriel at 1184 Newfield Avenue in Stamford. Her burial will follow at the Queen of Peace Cemetery, Rock Rimmon Road, in Stamford.

In compliance with state mandates and the safety of all those attending her funeral services, it is mandatory to wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook to share memories with her family at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Cemetery Details

Queen of Peace Cemetery

Rock Rimmon Road
STAMFORD, CT 06904
(203) 322-0455

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

The Church of Saint Cecilia
1184 Newfield Ave.
Stamford, CT 06905
(203) 322-1562
stceciliastamford@optonline.net
<https://www.stceciliastamford.org/>

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Lena and Charlie were regulars at yoga class with Rita Treager at the Tully Center. They were such lovely people. I just learned about their passing today. I hadn't been back to Tully in years. When I was really worried about helping my own Mom negotiate her dementia and end of life, Lena and Charlie gave me such good, kind and helpful advice. Lena always took a few minutes to chat with me after yoga, and Charlie advised me on finding an eldercare attorney. They were wonderful, kind and good-hearted people and I am saddened to hear that they have both passed. I think of them often.*

Melissa - October 16, 2024 at 10:56 PM

GB

“ *I just heard of Maggie's passing and was so sorry to hear that. At our reunion, I told Maggie how her dear sweet parents sewed the lining of my coat when I was visiting her. We were still in Nursing school. I believe her parents were tailors. Maggie was so happy to hear how much I appreciated their kindness that she sent me a beautiful letter after she returned home. I still have the letter and will be more than glad to share it. So sorry for your loss. Maggie and your family will be in our prayers.*

Gloria Cammarata Bertz - August 15, 2021 at 07:31 PM

BF

“ *I just heard today of Maggie's passing. Many memories from our St. Agnes Nursing School days came to mind. She was Ellercamp and I was Durachka so our rooms were close together. We had many good times. Sorry for your loss. I know she will be missed. Sweet memories of her will keep her in your hearts forever.*
Brenda Durachka FRITZ

Brenda Fritz - July 27, 2021 at 07:20 AM

TC

“ We are so so sorry for your loss. Our deepest condolences,

The Colohan family

the Colohans - March 24, 2021 at 08:09 PM

ER

“ So sorry to learn of Lena's passing. I knew her for many years starting with St.Cecelia's school. Lena was also an up the street neighbor. i would see her at Tully Fitness center where we both would share what was going on in our families. She was warm, friendly, smiling and always willing to take the time to talk.

Ellen Reardon

Ellen Reardon - March 14, 2021 at 11:00 AM



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Trudy Macdonald - March 03, 2021 at 06:25 PM



Marge, Trudy and Marianne at Easter a few years ago.

Trudy Macdonald - March 03, 2021 at 06:26 PM

AC

“ I am so sad to hear about Lena, my lovely neighbor. I walk by her house nearly every day with my dog, Frankie, and many times she came out to pet him. She was funny and sweet and kind and I will miss her.

Angela Carella

Angela Carella - March 02, 2021 at 11:05 PM

SJ

“ I am so sorry to hear about Lena. As Kim mentioned, the whole Costello family was a big part of our childhood. My condolences, hugs and prayers to Mr. Costello, Charlie, Tommy and Matthew.

Stacey Silverman Jones - March 02, 2021 at 05:06 PM



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Kyle Macdonald - March 01, 2021 at 07:58 PM

ST

“ I am so sorry to hear of Lena's passing. She was a wonderful woman and friend. I knew her from St Cecilia school and parish. She will be missed by so many.

Susan Tidrick

susan Tidrick - March 01, 2021 at 01:54 PM

KS

“ My deepest sympathy to Charles and the boys. Your family was a big part of my childhood. I had the pleasure of reconnecting with Lena and Tommy, as his children were in the class I taught, so it was so nice seeing them regularly again. Lena was so caring and always smiling. She will be greatly missed. Hugs and sympathy to you all.

Kim Silverman - March 01, 2021 at 12:10 PM

JK

“ Our condolences on Marge's passing. She was so loving and vibrant. We always looked forward to seeing her and Charlie every Easter at the Paulist Center and then for dinner at Trudy's house. She will be missed and her memory cherished.
Ted, Janet, Julia and Chris Kuklinski

Janet Kuklinski - February 28, 2021 at 03:25 PM



Thanks for sharing Janet. We appreciate it. Xoxo Kyle

Kyle Macdonald - February 28, 2021 at 03:54 PM

BE

My God Bless and Keep You ! Bro and (in Spirit) Bernard

bernard ellerkamp - March 01, 2021 at 09:24 PM

CC

“ I am so sorry for your loss - Lena (Margie to me) was a lovely person. Having visited with her many years ago at holidays at Trudy's house, I really enjoyed getting to know her better a couple of years ago on our trip to St. John. I will miss her too.
Candace Chang

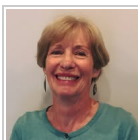
Candace Chang - February 28, 2021 at 10:23 AM

AM

“ I don't have any photos I can find at the moment, but I referred to Margaret as "Aunt Lena"! I saw her numerous times in Ocean City, NJ, and she was always such a bright light! Her husband is my "Uncle Charlie" and my dad's cousin. I always tell him that he looks so much like my father did, it makes me nostalgic. They took me under their wing these past few years, and are in my thoughts and prayers, now and always.



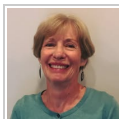
Aimee Messer - February 28, 2021 at 09:58 AM



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Trudy Macdonald - February 27, 2021 at 02:12 PM



This picture is of Marge and our dear Tanta Rosa.

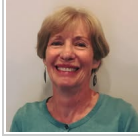
Trudy Macdonald - February 28, 2021 at 11:05 AM



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Trudy Macdonald - February 27, 2021 at 02:11 PM



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Trudy Macdonald - February 27, 2021 at 02:09 PM

SB

This is a great picture. Mrs. C always had a smile on her face. I will miss her visits. Stephanie Berard (Matt's mother in law)

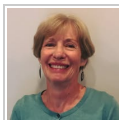
Stephanie Berard - February 28, 2021 at 03:55 PM



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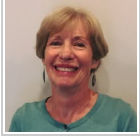


Trudy Macdonald - February 27, 2021 at 02:08 PM



My sister was always there to help celebrate Christmas and Easter holidays. She was there to celebrate with me and my boys special events like first communions, graduations and vacations. She was a competitive Scrabble player and more recently almost always won. The two pictures above were taken in San Diego with my son Andy. I will miss her terribly.

Trudy Macdonald - February 28, 2021 at 11:04 AM



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Trudy Macdonald - February 27, 2021 at 01:59 PM

PS

“ Our condolences to the Costello family. Will miss seeing you and lina on your walks in the summer time. Prayers are with you and the boys, we saw them grow up. The Silverman family

peg silverman - February 27, 2021 at 12:11 PM



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Trudy Macdonald - February 26, 2021 at 03:37 PM

TS

“ Spent 8 years sitting next to each other in grade school and many nights going to St Joe's dances. Spent many family picnics and weddings together also. Have recently made breakfast dates in August with Marge & Charlie when they visited OCNJ. Marge was a lovely person, great wife & Mom & Nana and one of my favorite cousins. She will be missed by all an me too.

teresa sinclair - February 26, 2021 at 03:02 PM