



Theresa Marie Rizzo

July 8, 1926 - December 12, 2018

Theresa Marie Dagostino Rizzo, born on July 8, 1926 in Stamford, Connecticut, passed away on December 12, 2018.

A beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, Theresa was a woman of great wit, intelligence and love for all those around her. She valued a life spent sitting around a table with those she cared about, telling stories about her family and her lifetime of experiences, of which there were many, while enjoying the best Italian food she could make or find. Theresa lived a life filled with love, travel, and fabulous experiences. She prided herself on being able to take her family around the globe and pass down traditions and important lessons, all of which her family will never forget.

Theresa was a hard worker who was passionate about the careers she had for nearly 75 years. While she worked for the City of Stamford as part of the Board of Education for almost 30 years, she felt her true calling and professional passion was in tax preparation for H&R Block, where she worked for nearly 50 years. Theresa felt that doing taxes was her way of helping people and giving back, which was validated by the clients who came to consider her family after she did their taxes for many years.

Daughter of the late Marianna Aruzza Dagostino and Dominick Dagostino, both Italian immigrants, Theresa was proud of her Italian heritage and visited

the country many times throughout her life. Few things brought her greater joy than to visit family across the Atlantic, introduce her children and grandchildren to their roots, and speak the Italian language with anyone who would listen.

Theresa was, unfortunately, preceded in death by her wonderful son, Ernie D. Rizzo, her loving and devoted husband, Gino L. Rizzo, and her devoted daughter, Irma M. Rizzo. Theresa was also predeceased by her brothers, Frank Dagostino and Edward Dagostino.

Theresa will be sorely and deeply missed by her daughter, Marianne Rizzo Gutierrez; her grandchildren, Nicole Luisa Gutierrez and Christopher Ernest Gutierrez; her sister, Georgianna Cesarelli; her brother Michael Dagostino and his wife MaryJane; and the rest of her loving family and friends who will cherish her memory forever.

A wake will be held on Tuesday, December 18th from 4pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 19th at 10:30am at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, 37 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. The interment will follow mass at St. John R.C. Cemetery in Darien.

Donations in Theresa's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or online at www.stjude.org.

Theresa's funeral arrangements were made with Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. If you'd like to leave an online message of condolence please visit the family guestbook on bosakfuneralhome.com or on facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

DEC 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
37 Schuyler Ave.
Stamford, CT 06902
(203) 324-9544
sacredparish@optonline.net
<http://stamfordsacredheart.org/>

Burial

DEC 19. 11:45 AM (ET)

St. John R.C. Cemetery - Darien
25 Camp Avenue
Darien, CT 06820
(203) 322-0455
http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm_darien/stjohn1.htm

Tribute Wall

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“ I will truly miss who I kerchief her to be as "Granma Terry" I will always remember her smiling face and wonderful gifts from abroad. My condolences to all of the family. Blessings to you all and may you all receive comfort from God.
Sincerely Shirlette M. Moore

Shirlette Moore - January 12, 2019 at 07:18 AM

JL

“ Marianne, Nicole, Christopher,

My sincerest condolences on the loss of a most special lady in your life. She was an inspiration to everyone especially how she navigated the sadness in her life. Her love and generosity and creating so many special experiences for your family will give you comfort and stories to share with others to keep her spirit alive.

She will be sadly missed but knowing she has joined Mr. Rizzo, Ernie and Irma in eternal peace brings great comfort.

Jerry, Doug & Barbara

Jerry Longo - December 16, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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“ May Mrs. Rizzo rest in eternal peace. In my mind the picture I have of her reuniting with her husband, son and daughter warms my heart. She was blessed with an incredibly full life of family, friends and travel. To Marianne and family, may the beautiful memories of your awesome mom, grandmother and friend give you peace and comfort during this sad time.

Peggy Barthold - December 16, 2018 at 09:50 AM