



Lee Mignosa Tricarico

November 26, 1921 - March 27, 2014

Lee Mignosa Tricarico, 92, wife of the late Dominic Tricarico, of New Britain, passed away Thursday March 27, 2014 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut in New Britain. Lee Emanuella Theresa Mignosa, born in Priolo Sicily, Italy, came to the United States by boat as a child. Her sister Nancy was born one month later. Lee knew only Italian upon entering St. Mary's School. She immediately immersed herself in American culture and the English language yet retained her strong love of her Italian heritage. Her father Salvatore died young from cancer forcing Lee to leave school and help support the family. No one meeting Lee ever suspects she did not possess a high school education. Well spoken and self taught, she was an avid reader many times finishing a book daily.

Lee lost her husband while pregnant with her son Daniel and Anthony at only two years old. She gave meaning to the term Single Parent. With the help of her mother, she raised her sons and instilled in them many of her attributes. Both children went on to complete their higher educations. Lee was a selfless mother who loved and supported her children unconditionally.

Lee was a spontaneously driven to follow her passions, cooking and the opera. Her home was filled with the music of Puccini and Giuseppe Verdi. She was an exceptional family chef, never allowing a visitor to leave her home without taking leftovers. Her famous pasta sauce will be most missed. This passion for cooking has been passed along to her grandchildren and son.

Among her friends, Lee was a style icon with a clear creativity and a dignity that permeated her sense in fashion and personal presentation. Her personality, like her fast in the arts was simultaneously bold and elegant. She has left her three grandchildren with an affinity for fashion, an appreciation for classic opera and good European table manners. Lee loved to play cards with her life long friends. We expect a game is happening right now with those whom have already passed.

Surviving Lee is her son, Daniel Tricarico and his wife Laurie along with three beautiful granddaughters, Marisa of New York City, Gina of Southington and Audrey of New Haven. She leaves her best friend and sister, Nancy Cannova who was an integral part of Lee's life. She also leaves her niece Joan King and her husband Glen along with their children Andrew King and his wife Megan and Sarah Tetto and her husband Michael.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lee will be held 11 AM Tuesday April 1, 2014 DIRECTLY at St. Ann Church 101 North Street, New Britain followed by burial in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Monday evening from 5 to 7 PM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Memorial donations may be made to the Jumpstart Early Educational Program at Jumpstart Development Department 308 Congress St. Boston, MA 02210 or email at donations@jumpstart.org. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Lee's family by "clicking" SEND CONDOLENCES at the bottom of the page.

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“ Dear Nancy & Daniel,
You may not remember me but I am Sam & Jennie Grasso's daughter. Lee was my mother's best friend. I had the pleasure of meeting Lee when mom & I had lunch with her many years ago. The two of them can now have lunch, a game of cards and once again laugh together. Lee was a real "sparkler." The world will be diminished due to her passing. Sincere sympathy, Natalie Grasso Campbell

Natalie Grasso Campbell - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ In our home,we called you "Sweet Lee". We will miss you dearly.

Teri and Andy Field - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Rest in Peace Comare Lee...will always remember your contagious robust laughter...

Pat Jaehnig - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM