



Gloria Sorrentino Caliando

March 12, 1926 - June 14, 2004

Gloria Sorrentino Caliando, 79, of New Britain passed from this life into eternal heaven on Monday, June 14, 2004. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of those she left behind. Married to James J. Caliando Sr. for 57 years, he was not only her husband but her friend. She was the best spouse, daughter, sister, mother, and friend. Gloria was our bright light. The memories of her will burn brightly in all those who loved her. A life long New Britain resident, she was daughter of the late Orazio and Mary Masoni Sorrentino. Gloria was a graduate of New Britain High School, class of 1944, and worked at Emhart Corporation in Berlin for over 30 years until her retirement in 1988. After retiring, she concentrated on her golf game, joining the Stanley Women's Golf Club. During her membership she held several positions including president, and was awarded the club's first honorary life membership. She not only improved her game, but added many to her already long list of friends. Gloria was a member of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in New Britain.

Besides her husband James, she leaves a daughter, Gail Caliando of New Britain; a son and his wife James and Cathy Caliando of Belmont, MA; two grandsons, her pride and joy, Brian and Michael Caliando; many nieces and nephews; a her many special friends. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by two sisters, Jeannette DiFronzo and Vincentia Sorrentino; and two brothers, Joseph and Robert Sorrentino.

Funeral services are Thursday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at Saint

Francis of Assisi. Burial will be in Saint Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to New Britain VNA, 205 West Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051 or to Wolfson Palliative Care Program at New Britain General Hospital, 100 Grand Street, New Britain, CT 06051. Please share a memory of Gloria with her family on our online guestbook by clicking [guestbook](#) at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

BK

“ Our deepest sympathies on the passing of Gloria. She was a wonderful woman with many special talents. It was a special occasion for me whenever I was invited for dinner - the table, the food, and the company was always the best. Her laughter filled the room and her smile was contagious. Keep those happy memories close to you and they will comfort you in the days ahead. My apologies for not attending services as I was on business travel.

Beverly Kucharski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My heart is full of wonderful memories of a wonderful woman- I can see Uncle Jimmy just rolling his eyes and shaking his head! What great times we had. I remember Aunt Gloria doing exercises at our first house in Pantan- her wonderful style with clothes and her absolute love of life. To this woman me who thought Italian was Franco American Spaghetti- it has just been a love affair with the family! We join in joy and now in sorrow but we will persevere! I am so sorry I couldn't be there. Love to you all-Ann Sullivan

Ann Sullivan - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Aunt Gloria was Italian. In every way shape and form. I LOVE my Italian relatives. Food and Laughter always were in abundance whenever we got together. My last trip to CT was for Cousin Craig's 40th. The morning after the party we all went to Uncle Jim & Aunt Gloria's. What a feast! Aunt Gloria showed us pictures of the CT relatives in a younger day. I had a ball and will never forget it. Thank you, Aunt Gloria, for all you were to everyone. You will be sorely missed in Vermont.

Love,
Michelle Sullivan Eastman

Michelle Eastman - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Words cannot describe how much I will miss my dear friend and golf partner. She loved nothing better than to come to the last hole of our match tied, and God help me if she had the first putt! I will leave her my last quarters for the putts and game. She made my life so much better. God Bless her and Grant her life eternal. Kay Schimanskey

Kay Schimanskey - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Great Aunt Gloria will be missed by our family in Vermont. She always had a big smile and was always happy to see us. You are in our thoughts and our prayers this week and it is good to know that she is no longer suffering. Love Martha

Martha Sullivan DeGraaf - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PB

“Gloria was a special lady who welcomed me and many other new members to the Stanley Women's Golf Club about eight years ago. She taught me what shots you should not take in a tournament and also lit up the golf course with a hearty laugh, especially when she was beating her opponent, Kay Schimanskey. We will all miss her at the golf course but I'm sure she's already played her first round in heaven. May she rest in peace. Love, Pat

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

SB

“What is there to say about a lovely lady. I will forever be reminded of her smile she always had and her laughter. When we got together for family functions she would always be laughing. But of course that is how the Sorrentino's are when they get together. Right now she is at peace with no pain along side with my Granpa Joseph and Grandma Agnes and the rest of the Sorrentino's who have passed on, having some laughs.

Deep hearted sympathies and prayers to Uncle Jimmy, Cousin Gail and Cousin Jim, Auntie Gloria will be missed deeply.

All our love,

*Sheila, Bryan, Jessica & Danielle
The Blotniski's*

Sheila Blotniski - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *What a wonderful lady and beautiful human being!*

I send my love and condolences,

Emily

Emily Rossier - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM