



Ellen Azzarone

November 3, 2023

Ellen Azzarone, 73, of Bergenfield, formerly of Jersey City, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 3rd leaving behind a legacy of compassion, kindness, and a profound impact on all of the lives she touched.

Born in Hackensack on February 28, 1950, she was the older of two daughters to the late Michael and June (Caruso) Longo. Ellen was a longtime special education teacher who devoted most of her 34-year career to the students at Charles DeWolf Middle School in Old Tappan instilling in them a sense of self-worth and a belief in their potential. She possessed a unique ability to connect with her students. She created a safe and inclusive environment where every child felt valued and supported, no matter their challenges. Her impact on the lives of her students was immeasurable.

Ellen was a devoted mother, and her children were the center of her world. She showered them with love, encouragement, and the wisdom to navigate life's obstacles. Her lessons in love, kindness and resilience continue to guide them through their journeys.

As a grandmother, Ellen was a source of boundless joy. Her presence in her grandchildren's lives was a treasure filled with lessons, laughter, and love. She celebrated their accomplishments with unbridled enthusiasm and was a constant pillar of support.

Ellen is survived by her beloved family; husband Louis; children Marisa and Michael; son-in-law Peter Amara; daughter-in-law Jill; grandchildren Ava, Michael, Hailey and Anthony; sister Dorothy; brother-in-law Dominic; nephew

Anthony; niece Kathryn, great niece and nephew, Kaylee and Nicholas; all of whom will carry her memory in their hearts.

Family and friends may gather on Friday, November 10th from 3-7pm at Barrett Leber Funeral Home. 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly, NJ. A memorial mass will be celebrated on Saturday, November 11th at 10am at St. John the Evangelist Church in Bergenfield, NJ. Please join us in honoring her memory and sharing the stories that reflect the love and light she brought to our lives. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to FRA, Family Resource Associates, in Ellen's memory. Ellen believed in making the world a better place for children with special needs, and your contributions will help to continue her mission.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Funeral Mass

NOV **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist RC Church
29 N Washington St
Bergenfield, NJ 07621

Tribute Wall

LP

“ Ellen was always so kind to my boys Keith and Vinny. Condolences to Lou, Marisa and Mike and their Family's. RIP Ellen. The Pantaleo Family



linda Pantaleo - November 10, 2023 at 08:31 PM

RL

“ I could write off the end of a page about how wonderful I thought Ellen was. In the time I have known her, she has always made me feel welcome in the broader family and I did love her a bunch. She was incredibly warm and I loved her great smiling eyes , her quick wit, and the fact that she laughed at my awful jokes harder than the good ones! 😊 I'll miss her dearly, and remember her fondly. I know God is lucky to have her in his kingdom. ❤️ Ron

Ronald Lonergan - November 10, 2023 at 12:00 PM

AA

“ Amanda J. Azzarone lit a candle in memory of Ellen Azzarone



Amanda J. Azzarone - November 08, 2023 at 01:57 PM

AA

“ *My amazing Aunt Ellen... Thank you for all you've done for those I love so very much. I will be forever grateful for the blessings of your time, your love, your humor and your example of strength. You will never leave my heart.*

Amanda J. Azzarone - November 08, 2023 at 01:55 PM

OA

“ *Old Tappan Education Association purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ellen Azzarone.*



Old Tappan Education Association - November 08, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ellen Azzarone.*



November 07, 2023 at 10:20 AM

LS

“ *Lisa Straubinger lit a candle in memory of Ellen Azzarone*



Lisa Straubinger - November 07, 2023 at 08:02 AM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Ellen as part of our districts professional development committee. Her energy and enthusiasm for her students was never ending. Her students were always at the heart of what she did.

Lisa Straubinger - November 07, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ellen Azzarone.



November 06, 2023 at 03:14 PM

CA

“ There are many fond memories of the years spent with Ellen & the entire family. Christmas holidays together at Nanny Ann's were very special with way too much food & lots of presents for Anthony, Kathryn, Marisa & Michael to open. But, the fondest memory was in 1973, the year we drove to Disney World, along with a Nanny Ann. There were 7 of us cramped in the old Cadillac. It was a non-stop ride, switching drivers, with everyone longing to get there. Anthony & Kathryn slept across my lap & Ellen's in the back seat. We were exhausted, but when we finally arrived, the highlight of the trip was riding through "it's a small world" at least 6 times! We sang that song all the way home. Fun times & wonderful memories shared over the years living in Bergenfield. Ellen was a special aunt, mother & grandmother. The memories she created will forever live on in all our hearts...❤️

Carol Azzsrone-Onuschak - November 06, 2023 at 11:31 AM

GD

My Dear Friend Ellen! I have been so blessed to have you in my life the past 10 years. From Day 1 you accepted me as part of Gary's life. I will miss you every Wednesday and Friday, not the same here without you. You were very special to me and my family. Your love for my grand children will always be in my heart. Their faces lit up when we would visit them. You became so special to all of us. I will read your snuggle book to them and always think of you. May you RIP my friend 🙏 All of my love, Ginna and Gary

ginna DeBartolo - November 08, 2023 at 03:45 PM

CO

“ Carol & Jeff Onuschak planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ellen Azzarone.

Carol & Jeff Onuschak - November 06, 2023 at 10:37 AM