



## Teresa Ricca

December 6, 2024

Teresa (Tess) Ricca, went home to be with the Lord on December 6, 2024. She was born in Brooklyn, NY on August 27, 1929 to Eugenia and Frank Natale. She along with her husband lived in North Bergen, NJ before moving to her current residence in Cresskill, NJ.

Tess was preceded in death by her husband Joseph Ricca, her sisters Marie Joslyn, and Anna as well as her three brothers, Ferdinand, Albert and Joseph Perrone.

She is survived by numerous nieces, nephews as well grand nieces, nephews as well as great nieces and nephew with whom she cherished spending time talking to and visiting with whenever the opportunities arose. She will be remembered mostly for her love of family. Often, she would be referred to as the "Family Historian". She saved every photo Christmas card, wedding invitation, birthday card, birth announcement and even love letters from her beloved Joe. Her professional career consisted of various bookkeeping jobs one with Creative Metal Products in Jersey City, NJ as well as a long-term position with the late Senator Gerald Cardinal, NJ.

She was known for being determined, a perfectionist, a great conversationalist, amazing cook, hostess and love of the written word. She always had the largest Webster Dictionary on her kitchen counter which she would use on a fairly regular basis. Her reading material could be anything from cookbooks from different countries to historical novels and current affairs. She loved sharing family history and photos whenever someone came to visit

her.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to her favorite charities: Tunnel To Towers [t2t.org](http://t2t.org), Seeing Eye Dogs, and Carmelite Sisters.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church  
120 Monroe Ave  
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405  
(201) 567-2528

## Interment

DEC 13 (ET)

Mt Carmel Cemetery  
10 Serpentine Rd  
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2822  
(201) 569-8727

# Tribute Wall



“ My father and Uncle Joe were friends from childhood and when my parents remarried, they became a foursome. It was always so exciting to see them when I was a child. I remember some of Uncle Joe’s bad jokes jokes from the 60s and that he always laughed with us not at us. Aunt Teresa was our Jackie Kennedy-smart, intelligent and beautifully dressed. No matter what was going on each time we saw them, she always took the time to talk to me as a human, not a child no matter how childish I was. I let her know how important both of them were to me last year and I am so happy. Rest east lovely lady. Cathy Hickling

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“ She lived a full life and we were all blessed by her in one way or another. Her love of family has spilled over to all of us. I was blessed being her Godchild. I carry with me many memories of times spent together going to NY for a haircut, shopping and sharing the experience of my first Broadway play, Man of La Mancha. As well as a reminder to say YES and not yeah at an early age! I also have many memories of spending time with "Grandma Nonio Jania" at the Ricca house as I was called upon to spend the night to watch Grandma when Aunt Tess & Uncle Joe would go out for some fun every once in a while. I do have to say that my time working with her at Creative Metals Products wasn't quite as positive as she was a perfectionist and I am not. However I was able to learn to appreciate it in others. I will miss the phone calls and the stories. She was a wealth of information and could talk about so many various subjects. I especially will miss our recent discussions on books we read as well as books we each recommended. She is at peace so I am at peace for her. She will be missed. Love & Hugs Andrea

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Andrea Wallburg - December 10, 2024 at 10:20 AM