



Lucille Torreano Ghiardi

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On June 29, 2012, Lucille Torreano Ghiardi, entered eternal life following an extended illness after suffering a stroke. She was 90.

Lucille was born and raised in Negaunee, Michigan. She resided with 6 siblings, and frequent 'boarders', who had recently emigrated from Italy. Lucille was a graduate of St. Paul High School, and was part of the first graduating class. Lucille learned and mastered cooking from her mother Johanna and family. Lucille later worked for the Michigan Bureau of Pardons and Paroles.

Lucille was married to John Ghiardi on April 7, 1947. She soon began a life abroad in support of her husband who served in the U.S. Foreign Service. Their journey began in Cairo, Egypt, and then to Beirut, Lebanon. John and Lucille then spent the next 13 years in Rome, Italy where her two sons, Christopher and Giancarlo were born. John served as Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Lucille loved to entertain and guide visiting family and friends throughout Italy.

Lucille was a devout and active member of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Bethesda, Maryland for over 30 years. She was a member of the sodality, a choir member, a Eucharistic Minister, she assisted with the set up/cleaning of the altar, hand-washed the church linens/vestments and attended Mass daily during the retirement years.

Lucille enjoyed cooking for those in need, including preparing lasagna and other Italian foods for charities that included the Montgomery County Homeless Shelter, the House of Ruth and S.O.M.E. In the retirement years, John would deliver the bounty of food on a regular basis. Lucille organized other volunteers to assist.



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Lucille had boundless energy and loved to care for the home, her garden, the church and others. Lucille is survived by her sons, Christopher John of Bethesda and Giancarlo Martin of Crofton, Maryland and three wonderful grandchildren, Katie, Steven and James, all of Crofton, Maryland.

A funeral mass will be held at 11 am on Thursday, July 5, 2012 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church 1800 Seton Drive Crofton, MD 21114. A visitation with family and friends will be held at the church from 9:30am to 11am prior to services.

The family requests that any donations be made to the American Cancer Society PO Box 22718 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73123-1718 www.cancer.org or to the American Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 www.alz.org.



Events

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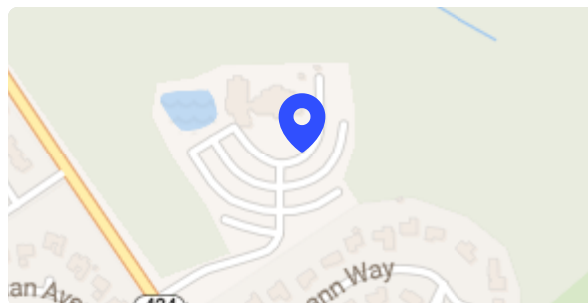
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Visitation

Thursday, July 5, 2012

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
1800 Seton Drive, Crofton MD 21114

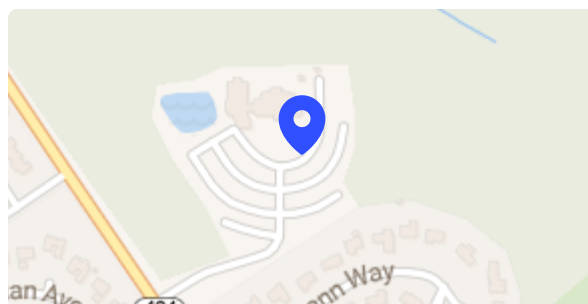


Service

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11:00 AM ET

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Cemetery Details

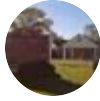
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Tribute Wall

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Lasting Tributes shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 28 at 8:00 PM



Bill Barrette posted:

I have worked at St. Paul Church in Negaunee for 28 years and vividly remember your Mom and Dad coming in the summers! What an elegant lady your Mom was and always so friendly and kind! Heaven has another angel to watch over all of you and your families! On behalf of St. Paul Parish -- I wish you all well. Be consoled in the fact that her life has changed, not ended.

July 5 at 3:54 PM



Fred Torreano posted:

It is such a bittersweet time when we see our last parent enter into eternal life. It brings us to this new plateau of life when it is just the memories that we have to enjoy. This whole family has been given so many happy memories by your parents. Aunt Luce was always the example of elegance through her life and shared her love with all of us. We loved her dearly and will deeply miss her. My deepest sympathy to you both and to your entire family. Love, Fred Torreano

July 5 at 6:08 AM



Constance Cronin posted:

What can be added to the beautiful tributes already made for a most beautiful and elegant lady. Not only was she my godmother but she was always the model of a person I wanted to emulate...her elegance, her kindness, her caring, her inner and outer beauty and her deep and abiding faith. The memories are many and those will always be cherished. As stated by others she is now resting peacefully with her family, many friends and certainly with our Lord. Our love and prayers are with you Christopher, GianCarlo and family and may the memories of a most wonderful mom help you through this most difficult time. Love, Connie and Jim Cronin

July 3 at 6:10 AM



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Shana White shared an album called **New Album Name**.



June 30 at 8:32 PM



Pete Aimone posted:

I'll never forget the times I spent with Uncle John and Aunt Luce at their home in Bethesda, the trips to Italy and visiting them at Sibley. In a sense they were surrogate parents and adopted me into the Torreano/Ghiardi family. We talked about family, travel, food and friends. No topic was out of play! Their worldliness and accomplishments in life were always down played. Aunt Luce would wave it off as nothing. Auntie Luce put up a valiant fight and we all hoped for a reversal. She is now with her many loved ones and I am sure she is smiling down on us with the admonishment to be happy. Sympathy and love to Christopher and Giancarlo, Pete & Pam Aimone

July 1 at 2:46 PM



Tony Torreano posted:

Aunt Luce, We will always remember you for your elegance, smile, kindness, and always having time to talk to anyone. The great stories and slide shows you and Uncle John would bring back from your adventures overseas were always something we anxiously looked forward to. Those times brought to us a world we only read about. The times at camp, the family gatherings, the great food were always a bright spot in the UP summer. I am sure you are rejoicing in the arms of the Lord who you always kept first in your life. You are also having the greatest family reunion with Uncle John, your parents, siblings and all your friends who went before you and were waiting for you. We will miss you and always remember you. With Love, Tony & Suzanne Torreano

July 1 at 5:57 AM



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SG

Simonetta Gedda lit a candle in honor of Lucille.

Dear Lucille, it was an honor for me to meet you and be able to spend time with you. You are the most "charmant", gentle, and lovely woman I've ever met. Thanks for accepting me as part of your family. I will always remember you, with your white dress and beautiful hair, your smile and your devotion to God; your extraordinary ability to cook old Italian dishes. Now you are with John and my aunt Nina and uncle Massimo that were your good friends. Again together for a second, long life. With Love, Simonetta and family



July 1 at 4:55 AM

GG

Giancarlo Ghiardi July 1 at 7:48 AM

Thank you so much, Simonetta. Please pass along the news to our cousins in Italy. I know Mom cherished all of the time spent with you and looked forward to the trips to Italy and when you visited.

GG

Giancarlo Ghiardi posted:

Mom: I have hundreds of vivid memories of good times, of trips, of family reunions, of going to Camp in Michigan virtually every summer, of Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter feasts, of your daily and never ending love and of your smile, energy and strength. You are now again with John. You were and are an inspiration. Thank you for truly being a great Mom. Giancarlo

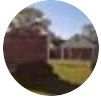
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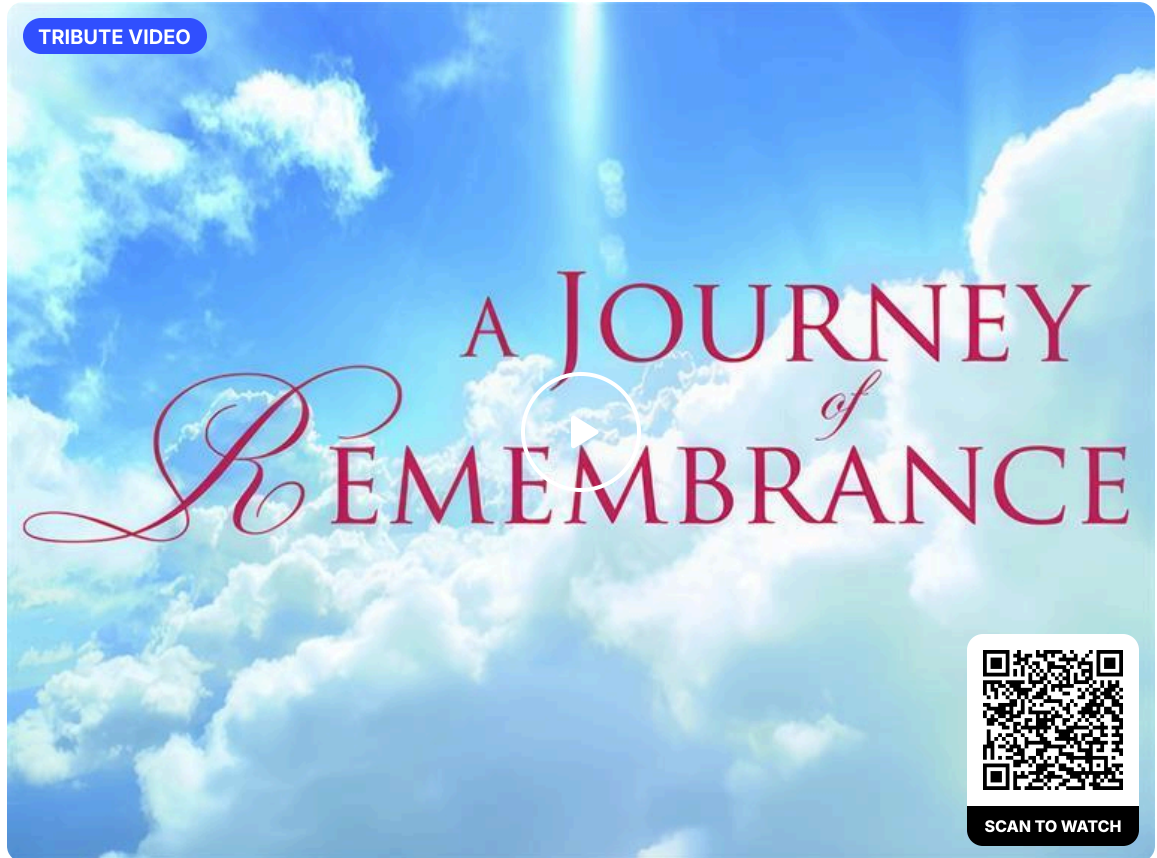
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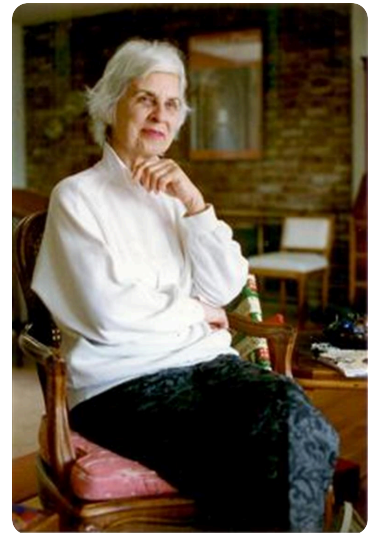
Shana White shared 5 photos to the **New Album Name** album.

July 2 at 1:05 PM



Giancarlo Ghiardi July 4 at 6:58 AM

1980? Giancarlo





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lucille by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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