



Denise Anne Costa

July 16, 1958 - November 18, 2025

Denise Anne Costa, of Mount Laurel, passed away on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 in Philadelphia. She was 67.

Born in Bologna, Italy, Denise was the dear daughter of the late Dr. Joseph DeLorenzo and Helen DeLorenzo (nee Gervasi). She was the beloved wife of Nicholas Costa, and loving mother of Nicholas Costa (Kyla), Danielle Costa (Maurizio), Christina Frakes (Dan), and Corinne Main (Josh).

Denise moved to the US with her family when she was 9 months old. She was a graduate of Moorestown High School and of the University of Delaware. She worked as a teacher, a legal secretary, and as an assistant to her father in his medical work before meeting her future husband in his law firm. She devoted her life to raising her four children and taking immense pride in creating a beautiful home and fond memories for her family. She also enjoyed a part-time career as an artist and crafter.

Denise was strong, passionate, wise, eloquent, and beautiful. Capable and creative, she could accomplish anything she put her mind to, from painting a ceiling to building a garden fountain, from growing flowers to sewing a doll's house out of felt. She was a true artist, with an eye for detail and beauty that she could apply to clothing, makeup, food, or furniture arrangement as easily as she could apply it to paint, pencil, or needlepoint. She was the epitome of elegance, the perfect hostess, and the keeper of traditions and holidays for her extended family.

She dedicated so many years of her life to raising her four children, their

accomplishments in the varied fields of medicine, literature, education, analysis, retail, and entertainment can in large part be considered her own. Denise was an involved parent, encouraging her children in independent thought and moral reasoning as well as creative pursuits. She gave them the best possible head start in life through her keen and balanced attention to their developing characters. Everything she did for them was done with the greatest patience and love.

Those who knew Denise will remember her as nurturing and considerate—the way she always strove to make people feel welcome and comfortable, the way she asked after others even when she was suffering, the way she gave generously and unhesitatingly to anyone who needed her. Putting others first was as natural to her as breathing, a central belief of hers that guided her actions. She was a role model to her younger siblings, a true helpmeet to her husband, an idol to her children, and a surrogate mother to countless of her children's friends. She knew intimately the heroic work of daily care for the terminally ill, having supported both of her parents and her sister-in-law during their last days. She was kind and attentive to everyone, and her only fault, if she had one, was not being kind enough to herself. We are grateful and blessed to have had this remarkable woman in our lives, and she will guide and inspire us always.

Denise is survived and missed by her loving husband and children, as well as her brothers, Joseph DeLorenzo (Lauren) and Steven DeLorenzo (Maria), and her sister Michelle Fioretti. Her memory will live on in her 11 grandchildren, Galahad, Jason, Evangeline, Cordelia, Eliza, Alessandra, Benjamin, Serafina, Samuel, Noelle, and John.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated at 12 Noon, on Saturday, November 29th at St. Mary of the Lakes RC Church, 40 Jackson Rd, Medford, NJ 08055. Relatives and Friends may visit with the family on Saturday from 10am – 12 Noon at the Church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

Previous Events

Family and Friends Received

NOV **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of the Lakes R.C. Church
40 Jackson Road
Medford, NJ

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

TT

“ I am so sad to just read this
I am heartbroken
Denise was just a lovely person and wonderful friend when I needed
It was a pleasure to know her
She was truly loved

Terri Taranto - February 03 at 08:07 PM

AA

“ Mrs. Denise was a beautiful woman. From the short time I've known her as my patient at Hospital university of Penn. She was always so sweet and kind to me. My prayers are with her family. I am so happy she came across my path.



Alexandria Amos - November 29, 2025 at 04:26 PM

JF

“ Jim, Linda Main and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Anne Costa.

Jim, Linda Main and family - November 28, 2025 at 01:08 PM

JF

“ Jim, Linda Main and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Denise Anne Costa.



Jim, Linda Main and family - November 28, 2025 at 01:08 PM

RC

“ Cousin Doreen just informed us (Sandi and Rich Ciambrone) of the sad news. Please know that she and your family will be in our prayers. God bless.

Rich Ciambrone - November 26, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Denise Anne Costa.



November 25, 2025 at 09:24 PM

GG

“ Glenn Grossmann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Denise Anne Costa.



Glenn Grossmann - November 25, 2025 at 12:30 PM

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“ Glenn Grossmann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Anne Costa.

Glenn Grossmann - November 25, 2025 at 12:09 PM

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“ Glenn Grossmann purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Denise Anne Costa.



Glenn Grossmann - November 25, 2025 at 12:09 PM

VK

“ Vince and Kate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Denise Anne Costa.

Vince and Kate - November 24, 2025 at 10:05 AM

VK

“ Vince and Kate purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Denise Anne Costa.



Vince and Kate - November 24, 2025 at 10:05 AM

ML

“ Denise was always kind, beautiful, funny and I will miss her. I had the pleasure of knowing her since high school. Beautiful inside and out her whole life. She will be missed. ❤️🙏

Mary Beth Leshner - November 22, 2025 at 09:37 PM