



Rosemarie Santangelo

March 15, 1927 - August 26, 2025

Rosemarie Santangelo of Asheville, NC, passed away on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at Brooks Howell Home in Asheville. She was born on March 15, 1927, in Brooklyn, New York, to Michael and Anna (Stabile) Marriello of Queens, New York, and raised in St. Albans, New York.

Rosemarie was preceded in death by her husband, Jack J. Santangelo; her parents, Michael and Anna (Stabile) Marriello; her brother, James Marriello; and her son, Robert J. Santangelo.

At the age of approximately 16, Rosemarie had told the “Inquiring Photographer” (a column in a newspaper of the time) that her ideal man was: “tall, dark, handsome, smoked a pipe, is a great dancer, and has a great sense of humor.” She went on to graduate from Katherine Gibbs and worked in New York City at her father’s garment district business, Marriello Fabrics. This is where she met Jack, her “ideal man!” He proposed to her one night while driving across the Whitestone Bridge in Queens, NY, where he stopped in the middle of the bridge and gave her “a white stone on the Whitestone!” They were married on December 27th, 1947, during a blizzard. She was pictured in a New York City paper with the headline, “The Bride Wore Boots!”

For 15 years, Rosemarie owned and operated her own successful business, the Pintard Telephone Exchange, in New Rochelle, NY. After that, she

became a travel agent with Days Travel in Eastchester, NY. Her boss, Frank Day, called her “Farfadella” (Italian for social butterfly!) because she loved to travel the world!

Rosemarie and Jack retired to Naples, Florida, where they lived for many happy years until they further retired to Asheville, North Carolina. They were married for 68 years and were blessed with four children, and 12 grandchildren: son Robert Santangelo, Sr. (passed 2024) (Diana) of Mars Hill, and children: Michelle, Nicole (Otoniel), Robert Jr. (Kara), Jack (Amanda) and Ryan; daughter Jacqueline Santangelo Schwartz (Howard) of Boston, MA, and children Nadia (Owen) and Nicholas (Anna); son Stephen Santangelo (Anne) of Asheville, and children Elizabeth (Andy) and Michael (Elaine); and son Richard Santangelo (Pamela) of Asheville and children Jonathan (Rachel), Daniel (Traci) and Jennifer (Adam), along with 13 great-grandchildren.

Rosemarie always referred to herself as a “bragging grandmother,” but her family and friends called her “Party Girl!” She always brought great joy, happiness, and fun to the party and loved to dance!

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people at Brooks Howell Home for their compassionate care over the past several years.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 until 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue, Asheville, NC 28804.

A service and interment will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025. There will be a Funeral Mass at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 65 Culvern St, Asheville, NC 28801, beginning at 11:30 AM with interment at Lewis Memorial Park to follow.

Previous Events

Family will Receive Friends

SEP **14.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://www.morrisfamilycare.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **15.** 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Eugene Catholic Church
72 Culvern Street
Asheville, NC 28801
<http://www.steugene.org>

Internment at Lewis Memorial Park to follow

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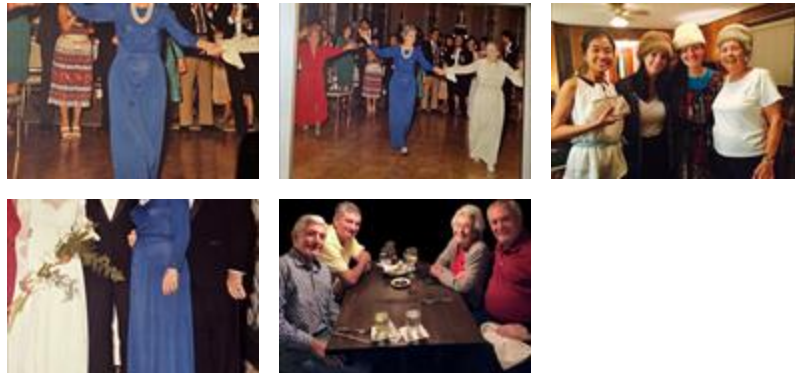
“ *What a lovely lady! She was a lover of family !
And I've heard, Jacks favorite chef! Our
condolences to the family of such a dear loved
one. May your memories turn to smiles of
warmth in time to come. I so enjoyed the
videos...family is everything!!
Thank you for sharing her joy!*



Rhonda Pierce - September 16, 2025 at 09:16 AM



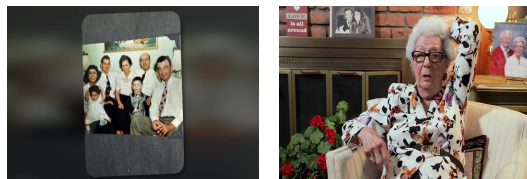
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Morris Funeral Home - September 14, 2025 at 12:19 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Video Memories*



Morris Funeral Home - September 14, 2025 at 12:19 PM

MB

“ *Rich & family:*

We are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for all of you at this very difficult time in your lives. May your mother rest in peace; and may perpetual light shine upon her.

Marilyn & Vic Beretta

Marilyn & Vic Beretta - September 14, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LM

“ *Lynn and Mike purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rosemarie Santangelo.*



Lynn and Mike - September 13, 2025 at 07:40 AM

GR

“ *Dear Family of Rosemarie Santangelo, On behalf of the St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry, I would like to express my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Know that our Ministry will be praying for your family during this time of sadness. Please be in touch with us if we can do anything to help your family.*

Blessings,

Ginny Raviotta

St. Eugene Church Bereavement Ministry



Ginny Raviotta - September 12, 2025 at 09:29 PM

DF

“ Dong Liu Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosemarie Santangelo.



Dong Liu Family - September 12, 2025 at 06:22 PM

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“ Dong Liu Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemarie Santangelo.

Dong Liu Family - September 12, 2025 at 06:22 PM

CH

“ Dear Santangelo Family, my prayers of comfort and peace are with you since hearing of the passing of your dear mother. May the sorrow be replaced with sweet memories over time.

Cheryl Harling - September 12, 2025 at 11:32 AM

SM

“ The staff of Hospice of the Carolina Foothills is thinking of you and your family.
Susan Messer
Berevement Volunteer

Susan Messer - September 09, 2025 at 11:24 PM

TM

“ Dear Santangelo Family, I was sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Gus called and told me and said you shared the "orange shoestring story" with him. What a sweet memory for Seth and I to recall and share. Our prayers are with you. Teri Morris

Teri Morris - September 01, 2025 at 09:39 AM