



Angelina "Angie" P. Arcari

December 9, 1929 - December 24, 2015

A LOVING TRIBUTE TO MOM (ANGIE ARCARI)

Our sweet, loving, gentle "angel on earth" Mom, Angelina (Angie) Paradiso Arcari, became an angel in heaven on December 24, 2015, at Ponce Adult Family Care in Orlando, Florida, due to Alzheimer's Disease from which she suffered the past 8 years. She is now our loving Christmas Angel.

Angie was born the youngest of 12 to Giovanni and Maria (Albano) Paradiso December 9, 1929, in Philadelphia, PA. She met the love of her life, Dom Arcari, in 1945. She graduated from South Philadelphia High School for Girls in 1947. The "It Couple" was married in June 1950 and shared more than 59 years together before Dad passed away in January 2009.

Angie was truly the most loving, caring, and selfless person we have ever known, and she touched so many people with her sweet personality, even when she was declining from the Alzheimer's. Her gentle and open nature attracted many neighborhood kids whom she adopted as her "honorary daughters." You never had to look far to find one of Angie's "kids"! She enjoyed reading and watching TV, and Mom and Dad had fun doing crossword puzzles together.

Mom and Dad loved traveling—Italy, the Bahamas, St. Maarten, California, Texas, New York, Florida, Hawaii---just some of the places they visited. They both were bursting with happiness the whole time they did their dream vacation in Hawaii to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2000. Family visits were precious to all of us, and we made a point to be together as much as we could regardless of the distances (Ohio, New York, Florida) among us.

Mom LOVED kitty cats, especially her Kit-Kit. Frank Sinatra was “her guy” – Mom played hooky from high school with 2 friends and saw Frank at 3 consecutive shows in one day in Philadelphia. She then got to meet him backstage and got an autographed photo of him, which we kept in her room to the end. Mom also loved big band music and was a good dancer.

Mom leaves behind her loving daughter and son-in-law Lynne and Bob Kopac of Poughkeepsie, NY, loving daughter Jan Arcari of Clermont, FL, and loving “big sis” Catherine Tropa of Darby, PA. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, friends, and “virtual grandchildren” who all loved her very much.

In addition to Dad and her parents, Mom is pre-deceased by her 4 sisters Rose, Margaret, Connie, and Evelyn, and her 6 brothers Rocco, Nelson, Tony, Bob, John, and Ray.

We give our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Cornerstone Hospice: Team Opal (Nurse Erica Holley, Social Worker Azra Camacho, CNA Yvette, Dr. Felipe Collazo); all the wonderful nurses, aides, and 24/7 critical care nurses at Cornerstone Hospice who have provided such compassionate care to Mom over the past two years; and the crisis care 24/7 nurses (Rohan, Taz, Dan, Maria, Faith, Dina, Nadine, Guerline) who cared for Mom with Nurse Erica during her final days that were so emotionally difficult for us.

We also want to thank Marcello and Carmen Berenato and CNAs Elsa and

Kaneil at Ponce Adult Family Care (Orlando, FL) and the staff at Serenades West Orange (Winter Garden, FL), in particular the Calore Neighborhood (especially CNA Joy Pensala), where Mom lived for 2.5 years prior to her move to Ponce.

In keeping with Mom's loving nature, and instead of flowers, we request that you hug your loved ones and tell them you love them...OFTEN! If you want to make a donation, we ask that you donate to Cornerstone Hospice, 8009 South Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809, in memory of Angie.

Per Mom's wishes, she is being cremated, which is being handled at A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations in Orlando, FL. Angie and Dom are together again, both in heaven and at the Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery in New York.

A memorial service will be held at a later date to be determined, but you can add your tributes and condolences at www.communityfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Mom - Lynne and Jan love you so much. We thank you for being the most loving, wonderful, caring, and beautiful Mom in the whole wide world. You will be with us forever in our hearts. Hugs and kisses from your girls. xoxoxoxo

Tribute Wall



“ *Moms stay in a very special part of our hearts even after they pass.*



From what I have heard you talk about your mother, it sounds like she was a great woman. "It takes a special person to be a good mom, but it takes an even more special person to be the mom of a great person."

She will continue to bless you now and in the future.

*You are In our thoughts & prayers
Love,
Rodger & Rose*

Rose Selnekovic - January 15, 2016 at 08:58 PM

NA

“ *Dear Lynne,*

please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your mom, Angie. Today and always, may loving memories bring you piece and comfort. May she rest in piece.

*With deepest sympathy,
Natalia Boitchenko*

Natalia - January 10, 2016 at 12:36 PM

LI

“ I have never met Angie, however through Lynne, she has taught many about family, love and life. Please accept all of our condolences. -Liz J. from Poughkeepsie



Liz - January 07, 2016 at 09:21 AM

TB

“ Dear Lynne and Bob,

We are sorry to learn of your loss. We hope during this time that you find peace knowing that your Mom and Dad are now together forever and comfort from the special memories that will live on with you.

Tom and Liz Brocker

Tom Brocker - January 04, 2016 at 01:35 PM

TW

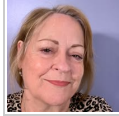
“ Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your mom, Angie. Surely she is an angel in heaven. It was my pleasure to meet her only once, but it was obvious she was a warm, loving person and full of life. Hold you wonderful memories of her and your dad close to your heart. May she rest in peace. I lite a candle for her memory in the Westminster Catholic Cathedral, London, England on Sunday, December 27, 2015.

Terry and Roy Wood - January 03, 2016 at 08:47 AM

JA

Thank you so much for lighting a candle, Terry and Roy! It means a lot. xoxoxo Jan (Lynne's sister)

Jan Arcari - January 07, 2016 at 04:46 PM



I have have very fond memories of you and your parents as a child and into my early twenties. Alot of time has passed ...but the memories remain vivid. I pray for you and for your loss...nobody can ever replace a mom, especially a wonderful mom like yours. Always, Joanne (Battistini)

Joanne Battistini - January 08, 2016 at 12:29 AM



Thank you so much, Joanne!! Much appreciated, believe me! Mom was special, that is for sure. We all loved her. Take good care, Jan xoxoxox

Jan Arcari - January 20, 2016 at 09:13 PM



“ *I can imagine how much you miss your mom. I know there are no words to comfort you.*

Hiroshi and Yumiko Takahashi

Hlroshi - January 02, 2016 at 07:30 AM



“ *Lynne,*

It is difficult to know what to say at a time like this, but you know that your Mom and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Fred and Barbara Policastri

Fred Policastri - January 01, 2016 at 09:48 PM

LK

Thank you so much, Fred and Barbara. I am so glad, Fred, that you can join me and Bob today for my annual Celebration of Life run/walk (13 years cancer free!) -- I can't think of a better way to help with the grief than to be with Bob and friends to do this life-affirming event and dedicate it to Mom -- she will definitely be with us in spirit this morning! Hugs, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:43 AM

MT

“ Dear Lynne and Jan,

Our sincere condolences on your loss. Your mom was such a dear friend and we loved her very much. Angie will be in hearts and memories. Love Pete and Monica Tchoryk

Monica Tchoryk - January 01, 2016 at 07:51 PM

JA

Dear Monique and Pete - I can't thank you enough for being such a good friend to my Mom all those years. She truly loved you both. Thank you, too, for your kind words and love. Happy New Year to you both, Jan

Jan Arcari - January 02, 2016 at 12:51 PM

CM

“ Dear Lynne and Jan,

My post the other day did not make it on here. In addition to my deepest condolences, I did want to say that your parents have two of the most wonderful children any parent could ask for. I know this has been a long, hard road for both of you but you did it with love and concern every step of the way. Mom is very proud of you both! I'm sure she and your Dad are dancing away and ringing in the New Year together.

*Much love and hugs to both of you,
Chris Masseo*

Chris Masseo - December 31, 2015 at 12:25 PM

JA

Dear Chrissy, thank you so much for those lovely word; they really mean a lot. I'm so glad you got to know Mom and Dad! Much love to you, and Happy New Year, Jan

Jan Arcari - January 02, 2016 at 12:52 PM

JA

Thank you for the wonderful card, too, Chrissy. xoxoxox

Jan Arcari - January 03, 2016 at 06:27 PM

TJ

“ Dear Lynne and Jan,

Mom and I send our sincere condolences to you both. We share your grief at this difficult time. Your memories will be a comfort for you. Sharing stories and seeing her photos will keep her closer to you.

Carolyn and Tom Davis Jr

Tom Davis Jr - December 31, 2015 at 08:41 AM

JA

Dear Tom and Carolyn, thank you so much for your kind words; it really means a lot to be able to share our grief with someone who truly understands. Love to you, and a Happier New Year in 2016! Jan

Jan Arcari - January 02, 2016 at 12:53 PM

LK

Dear Tom and Carolyn, Thank you -- you have had a very difficult past 2 years with your losing so many loved ones, and you are so right about the memories, stories, and photos being such a help. We are thankful Mom is now at peace after her difficult journey. Jan and I will hold and treasure our "Mom memories" forever. Hugs to you both, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:48 AM

DY

“ *Dear Lynne and Jan,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom, and our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May all of the fond memories of your Mom and Dad bring comfort to you during this difficult time.

Dan and Helen Yee

Dan Yee - December 30, 2015 at 10:15 PM

JC

“*Lynne, it is sad when we lose the person who is the dearest to our heart. I will always remember the good times and memories that I shared with your Mom and Dad when I met them when they came to visit you and Bob. Their sense of humor and kindness warmed my heart. They are now together in a better place. Here is my best wishes for them. Also my sincere words for you to keep the good memories alive. Please consider me as your "Lean In Circle" friend. We all need support and encouragement while going through the up's and down's in life. Love, Judy Chang*

Judy Chang - December 30, 2015 at 02:32 PM

JA

That was so beautiful, Judy; thank you so much. Jan (Lynne's sister)

Jan Arcari - January 07, 2016 at 04:47 PM

CT

“*I remember the time Angie and I went to a Chamber of Commerce after hours event at Adams in the Greenhouse. What beautiful flowers and great snicky-snacks we had. Loads of fun and lots of laughter. A beautiful lady all the way! Cathy Temple*

Cathy Temple - December 30, 2015 at 01:49 PM

JA

*Yes, she truly was a loving, open, and gentle soul, wasn't she?
xoxoxoxox*

Jan Arcari - January 02, 2016 at 03:04 PM

SA

“ Dear Lynne,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mom. Although it is very difficult to lose your mom, she will always be a part of you as she remains in your heart and memories. What a beautiful tribute that you created for her. It is interesting to see how much you look like her. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,
Sherry Awad

Sherry Awad - December 30, 2015 at 10:09 AM



“ Dear Lynne and Bob,
My sincerest condolences to you and your family. I know that you were dedicated to your mother. You will be in our prayers during this time.

With Love, Laurissa Agosta and family

Laurissa Agosta - December 30, 2015 at 08:53 AM

LK

Thank you so much Laurissa. We know she is at peace, and we know she is still with us as our Christmas Angel. Hugs, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:39 AM

HN

“ Dear Lynne and Jan

Our deepest condolences, its always hard to lose someone you love, and it dosent matter how old or sick they are.

Love.

Ane and Halfdan Neumann

Halfdan Neumann - December 30, 2015 at 12:29 AM

LK

Dear Ane and Halfdan, Thank you. You are so right -- it hurts! We treasure all the good times and know that Mom is at peace and is now with Dad. Love, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:36 AM

KS

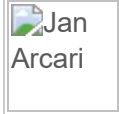
“ *Lynn and Jan--Our deepest condolences to you both, and to your families. We don't know them, but we do know Bob Kopec, who was also devoted to Angie. You have been the best daughters imaginable, and your mom knew that. All our best, Kathrine Switzer and Roger Robinson*

Kathrine Switzer - December 29, 2015 at 07:58 PM

LK

Kathrine and Roger, thank you so much for your personal notes to me and for the lovely words you posted here. Mom and Dad truly loved Bob as a son, and Bob has been such an anchor for Jan and me through these years of Mom's difficult Alzheimer's journey. Our little family of 3 miss her so much but we have many happy and wonderful memories to hold onto. Hugs, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:35 AM



Jan Arcari

Dear Kathrine and Roger, thank you so much for your kind words. Take good care, Jan xoxox

Jan Arcari - January 20, 2016 at 09:15 PM

CM

“ Lynne and Jan - we're so sorry for your loss. Sending our prayers and love during this difficult time. Claire and Marvin

Claire & Marvin - December 29, 2015 at 07:35 PM



LK

Thank you so much for your thoughts and also for your separate email note, Claire and Marvin. We have all been through a lot with our respective parents and other loved ones, and I we will keep the precious memories forever in our hearts. xoxoxo, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:31 AM

PM

“ Aunt Angie you are now with Dom and now you can take care of your Children RIP Love Phil , Nancy and Family

Philip Muscarnero - December 29, 2015 at 04:40 PM



JA

Lovely, Phil. xoxoxox

Jan Arcari - December 30, 2015 at 02:44 PM



LK

Thanks, Phil. I love looking at the old black & white photos of Mom and Dad with your parents Aunt Ann & Uncle Phil, you and Phyllis before Jan and I came along and then the later ones like when we were all together at Grandmom's in south Jersey where we enjoyed her homemade ravioli around a table filled with love. Love from Cousin Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:28 AM

MV

“ *Jan and Lynne...our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you, as always. I am sure that Dom welcomed his bride with longing, open arms. She is now as you say, your "Christmas Angel." We will always remember her being our Van Drive angel...always thoughtful, caring and possessed the most uplifting laugh ever. She has been gone from our neighborhood for some time now, but both of your parents were very special people, and we consider knowing them an honor.*

*With Sympathy and Love,
Marla, Steve and Jason J. Volovar*

Marla M. Volovar - December 29, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JA

Marla, thank you so much for your lovely and kind words. Yes, they were the best, weren't they? So glad they had you all as neighbors. Love and hugs, Jan

Jan Arcari - December 30, 2015 at 11:31 AM

LK

Dear Marla, My thanks, too, for your beautiful sharing. I know how much you loved both my parents and have been missing them since 2009. Mom is now at peace and is definitely watching over all of us with Dad. Love, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:23 AM

BZ

“ Dear Lynne –

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. Anyone who knew her, saw her inner beauty, but now we really know what a gorgeous young lady she was, too! Lynne, I had to look twice to make sure I wasn't looking at YOU – you resemble your wonderful mom so much!

Mary Ann and I will always remember how welcoming she was to us to your home on Van Drive, right in our Uncle Joe's neighborhood! She was always kind, thoughtful, and pleasant. May God grant her the reward of her goodness! She will be missed, indeed!

May the angels lead her into paradise! May the martyrs come to welcome her and lead her to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem!

*With love and sincere sympathy,
Barb and Bill*

Barb Bilas Zorn - December 29, 2015 at 03:56 PM

LK

Dear Barb and Bill, Such beautiful thoughts and words -- thank you. Barb, we DO go WAY back -- we met in 5th grade. And yes, the backyard of our first house on Van Drive met up with your Uncle Joe's backyard. Then we just moved across the street and could see the house ;-) Mom did have a big impact on so many people with her kindness and caring for everyone -- you are right. With thanks and love, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:20 AM

CM

“ Lynne and Jan,
I am So sorry to read that you lost your Mom on Christmas Eve. I know you will miss her very much but she is with your Dad now. My condolences to you and the family.
Love and prayers to all as I am thinking about you during this difficult time.
Love,
Carol Muller

Carol Muller - December 29, 2015 at 02:52 PM

LK

Thank you so much, Carol. Mom is at peace and with Dad watching over us. Hugs, Lynne

Lynne Kopac - January 03, 2016 at 06:20 AM



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Sarah Bick - December 28, 2015 at 12:16 PM



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Sarah Bick - December 28, 2015 at 12:15 PM