



## Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola

May 2, 1930 - April 3, 2019

....A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It bring us together again and again.....Maya Angelou

Clara Coppola peacefully passed away on April 3, 2019. She was 88 years old. Clara was born May 2, 1930 in the family home on 7 State Street in Otisville to Frank and Catherine LaPorta Graziano. She would go on to live there almost her entire life.

Clara lived a simple and humble life. She was gracious and kind to all who knew her. She spent her days in countless acts of kindness for her family and loved ones. She sacrificed everything, gave up everything and endured everything for those who were dear to her. She truly was devoted to her family.

She was an excellent, natural Italian cook. Her meatballs were famous in our family and beyond!

We could smell her frying them from miles away and we would rush to her kitchen to indulge ourselves before they disappeared. Always, without fail, she would have a bowl of them on the table! Never made it to the sauce pot!

If you are lucky enough, you own an item she crocheted and a Christmas cactus that came from her 'Mother' cactus, now about 80 years old!!

We learned about life and all of its treasures from this gentle soul of a woman. You would always come away with a new perspective, with that safe feeling that you would be alright because she told you so, and you knew you could trust her with all of her being. She was just the GREATEST GIFT!

Clara is survived by her only son, Anthony M. Coppola, Sr. (Antoinette), Grandchildren- Anthony M. Coppola, Jr. (Christina), April Barschow (Shawn), Greatest JOYS of Her Life, Great Grandchildren - Ayden Barschow, Giuliana, Charlotte, Dominick Coppola, Natalie Cunningham.

Also surviving are her very dedicated and grateful nieces who relied on her heavily for 'Motherly' advice: Lois, Elaine, Eileen, Rose, Pauline, Tara, Carmen and Jane.

Clara was predeceased by her husband, Charles A. Coppola. She was the only one left of seven siblings: Angelina, Palma, Louise, Mary, Benny, Angelo and Vince. She did them all

proud by continuing relationships with their children.

For about a year now, Clara has lived at the Highland Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. She called it "HOME". It became HOME because the very exceptional, dedicated and compassionate Rehabilitation Staff embraced her and made a difference in her life.

Christine, Silfia, Terry, Lisa, Heather-and her wonderful friends Chris and David-she loved you all. We are so grateful.

There will be no visitation. A mass of Christian Burial take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Holy Name of Jesus RC Church, 45 Highland Avenue, Otisville, NY at 11am with Father Mike Palazzo officiating.

In lieu of flowers, monetary contributions are suggested to help offset funeral costs.

Please

mail to: Anthony Coppola, Sr., PO Box 276, Otisville, NY. 10963.

In fond memory of Clara, and to Honor her legacy, FRY UP A BATCH OF MEATBALLS AND PUT EM' ON THE KITCHEN TABLE! EVERYONE FOR THEMSELVES!

# Cemetery

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## **Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery**

45 Highland Ave  
Otisville, NY, 10963

# Events

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**APR 10 Service 11:00AM - 11:45AM**  
Holy Name of Jesus Church  
45 Highland Ave, Otisville, NY, US, 10963

**APR 10 Graveside Service 12:00PM - 12:15PM**  
Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery  
45 Highland Ave, Otisville, NY, US, 10963

# Comments

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“ Natalie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



natalie - April 11, 2019 at 03:26 PM

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“ Clara was my great grandma, she great alright. Know matter what she always had a smile on her face I loved her so much April 3 was the worst day of my life. I will always remember her has the best grandma in the world. She was the best person in my life we would laugh together, cry together. I never new how amazing she was

natalie - April 11, 2019 at 06:30 AM

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“ Tony Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



Tony Jr. - April 09, 2019 at 12:38 PM

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“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola.



April 09, 2019 at 07:41 AM

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“ Aunt Clara was like a grandmother to me. She was always so kind and supportive and genuine. She was a special and unique person that loved her family very much. I used to love listening to her tell stories about the old days and about my grandmother, her sister, Louise. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a big, loving heart. My most sincere condolences go out to her son, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren. Know that she loved you all unconditionally and that she would want you to be happy, even in these difficult times. I love you, Aunt Clara, and I miss you. I'll never forget the times we had together and all the love you gave me. Thank you so much.

Andrew Adamson - April 07, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



ElaineLybolt - April 07, 2019 at 08:44 AM



“ Pics with Jen, Elaine, Vanessa & Tarah. We love you & miss you

ElaineLybolt - April 07, 2019 at 08:57 AM

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“ Nana, I miss you terribly but I'm blessed with all of the memories we've shared over the years. You were never one to like your picture taken but I'm glad I have this one of us from my wedding 13 years ago. I'm so proud to be your granddaughter and to give you your first great-grandchild. I love you and miss you so very much!



April Barschow - April 06, 2019 at 08:23 PM

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“ My dear Aunt Clare, You r so beautiful and kind. You made me laugh over and over. Wow what a cook u were. miss and love you so so much.





**Eileen Ketcham** - April 06, 2019 at 06:06 PM

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“ April Barschow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



**April Barschow** - April 06, 2019 at 12:16 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss. She had a big spot in our hearts. I loved her like my own grandma and will her terribly. She loved those people the came almost everyday. She holds a special place in my heart and I am privileged to know her if only for a short period of time. Lois and Elaine she always talked so nice of you when you were there. You did so much for her and she was lucky to have you. Again, so sorry for your loss. She'll be missed. - Chris Cavender

**chris cavender** - April 06, 2019 at 10:12 AM

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“ Clara was a very nice woman who cared so deeply for her family. May she rest in peace and may God give the family strength through this time of grief.

**Nancy Clouse** - April 06, 2019 at 05:22 AM

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“ Elaine Lybolt (loving Niece) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



Elaine Lybolt (loving niece) - April 06, 2019 at 12:08 AM

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“ i lived next to her she was a very nice lady always pleasant and kind great women we will miss her

jim gray - April 05, 2019 at 10:51 PM

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“ Jim Gray lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



jim gray - April 05, 2019 at 10:48 PM

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“ To the entire Coppola family our deepest condolences to you all. May Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola rest in peace. Your forever angel above.  
Gwen & Kevin Anderson



Gwen Anderson - April 05, 2019 at 10:37 PM

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“ Aunt Clara you a rare gem. Always loved talking to you for you always had a story. Glad I got to know you. Rest In Peace and say hi to Charlie.

Jeniva Perrot a friend - April 05, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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“ Anthony lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Clara Graziano Coppola



**Anthony** - April 05, 2019 at 02:55 PM