



Josephine M Fiori

February 18, 1930 - October 14, 2020

Josephine Marie (Parnella) Fiori of Saint Augustine, FL, passed away peacefully on the 14th of October 2020, at the Samantha Wilson Care Center at Bayview after an extended illness.

She was born on February 18, 1930 in Monessen, PA, to Carlo and Angelina Parnella where on occasion, she would sing in a local big band in which her father played the clarinet.

After moving to Niagara Falls as a teen, she would meet her lifelong husband and partner, Anthony Fiori. There they raised three children and created a wonderful life full of friends and family. Primarily a homemaker for most of her married life, Josephine and Tony bought and ran the Rainbow Laundromat once their children all moved away. Here they created a very unique and special family atmosphere for their customers. She was nicknamed Peppy by her husband for her high energy, and enthusiasm for life.

She loved to dance and sing and enjoyed socializing with most anyone, always welcoming everyone into her home and especially her kitchen. She was happy and proud to feed and fuss over whoever might have the fortune to be in her domain.

Peppy and Tony moved to Saint Augustine Beach in 2006, to be closer to her

daughter and son-in-law. Soon after her two sons would end up moving to the area and the family was reunited once again. It all centered around Peppy.

She was predeceased by husband, Anthony and son Anthony "Rick" Fiori and brothers Anthony, Ronald, Mario and Carl. She leaves behind daughter Pamela (Thaddeus), son Brian, five grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, one great great grandchild and brother James Parnella (Jo Ann) of San Antonio, TX.

She will be laid to rest with her husband at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Please no gifts or flowers. Donations to The Alzheimer's Foundation of America are encouraged.

Tribute Wall

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“ To my Grandma Fiori who taught me about wearing lipstick always apply after your meals and she always did💕💕🙌🙌🙌💕💕 You will missed but you notin pain any more 💕💕💕💕

Toni Fiori Ackler - October 17, 2020 at 12:41 PM

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“ So very sorry. Your Mom was always so happy and ready to sing and dance.
God is wrapping his arms her and taking her home to her husband and family in heaven.
Nancy Nichols

nancy nichols - October 16, 2020 at 06:08 PM

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“ I remember telling Mrs Fork I was going to visit Pam. She sent so many things to Pam , including a set of pots an pans I carried on, my luggage was practically empty on the flight back. Pam, you get your spirit and love of life from your Mom. Thinking of you and yours. Sarah Emes

Sarah Emes - October 16, 2020 at 04:56 PM

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“ We are so saddened to hear of the passing of Pam’s Mom. We all know she is in a better place, in no pain, and surrounded by her loving family already in Heaven! May God embrace and comfort you and your family during this most difficult time and we pray that God will grant you the strength you need to help you through this. Stay strong and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers and we are here for you if there’s anything we can do. Even though she has departed from this earth, she will never truly leave all those who knew her. I know you have such great memories in your hearts of her and her love for family, life and friends. Please accept our sincere condolences and may God Bless you or your family.

Eddie & Nancy Morton

Eddie & Nancy Morton - October 16, 2020 at 04:47 PM

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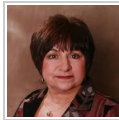
“ She was my only sister. Being 15 years older than me, she had to take care of me as a baby and I'm sure she did a great job. I loved her cooking. I spent many an Christmas Eve at her house . As a teenager, I remember that the my friends thought she was very attractive. I hate the thought that she was confined to that memory facility for 7 years. When I was incapacitated for a week near the end of my senior year in high school, she came by every afternoon to check on my and make sure I took my medicine.

Jim Parnella - October 16, 2020 at 03:27 PM

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“ I remember Josephine so well as a teenager. Pam and I were sorority sisters in high school. We also lived fairly close by. I used to walk over to their house where Josie used to let me smoke cigarettes. Seems kind of reckless in hindsight but she was always funny, kind and super nice to me. So sorry for your loss. Rest in peace.

Linda Prozeller Tobin - October 16, 2020 at 03:10 PM



Loved, loved my Aunt Josephine! She was so hip and cool and could cook and bake with the best of them. She always was up on the latest fashion and would share family stories with us. She loved to dress up, dance, sing. She had a full beautiful life shared with my dear Uncle Anthony and cousins. You will be so missed Aunt Jo.

Diane Zito-Hazelet - October 21, 2020 at 07:32 PM