



Rita M. Fierro Stirparo

September 14, 1934 - May 19, 2017

Rita Fierro Stirparo, went home to be with her precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, May 19, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. A native Delawarean, Rita was born in Wilmington to the late Michael and Rosa Fierro and was the youngest of six children. Rita was gentle and kind, and devoted her life to her late husband James Stirparo and family. She was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend. Rita had a heart of gold, was very giving to her family, and saw the best in people. She always attended her children and grandchildren's school activities and sport events. She enjoyed playing cards with family and friends and watching game shows and hallmark movies.

Rita graduated from Wilmington High School and retired from the Brandywine School District after twenty-two years. She was a long time member of St. Helena's Church and a woman of great faith. She enjoyed spending time each day reading her Bible and devotionals. She will be dearly missed, but her family is comforted by knowing that she has reunited with her husband and family in the glorious kingdom of heaven.

Rita is survived by her four children, Lorraine Lattanzi, Steven Stirparo (Kathy), Maryann Stirparo and Rita Stirparo; seven grandchildren, Vinnie, Danny (Tara), and Nathan Lattanzi, and Zach, Matt, Katelyn and Luke Stirparo; two great granddaughters, Aniyah and Nora Lattanzi; and numerous

nieces and nephews and “adopted grandchildren”. Rita was predeceased by her husband James J. Stirparo, siblings Albert and Vincent Fierro, Yolanda Fox, Frances Albanese and Carmella Santillo, and former son-in-law Lou Lattanzi.

The family sincerely thanks VITAS Hospice (especially Liz, Lisa, Martha, Moses, and Delphine), Dr. David Estock, Dr. Michael Guarino, and their staff for their excellent and loving care.

A visitation will be held Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 5:30-7 PM followed by a service in celebration of Rita’s life at 7 PM at Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702. Burial will be held Friday May 26, 2017 at 1 PM at The Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE 19701. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to VITAS Hospice, 100 Commerce Dr., Ste. 302, Newark, DE 19713 or St. Helena’s Church, 602 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE 19809. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Bear

2465 Chesapeake City Rd.
Bear, DE 19701

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 25. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd
Newark, DE 19702
(302) 731-5459
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Service

MAY 25. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 26. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *From : Jerry, Joe, & Jeff White purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita M. Fierro Stirparo.*



From : Jerry, Joe, & Jeff White - May 23, 2017 at 03:49 PM

MP

“ *My deepest sympathy to Steve and his family - Mrs. Stirparo and her husband were like second parents to me growing up, and I will always remember those wonderful times I had at their home while in high school. My God bless her and keep her close to the hearts of her loved ones, friends and family.*

Mark Parsons

Mark Parsons - May 22, 2017 at 05:55 AM

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“ *Tom Crowder purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Rita M. Fierro Stirparo.*



Tom Crowder - May 20, 2017 at 08:27 PM