



## Lucia Musarra

April 29, 1927 - July 1, 2019

Lucia Musarra, 92, of Mooresville, NC, passed away unexpectedly with her daughter Connie and son-in law John by her side at Autumn Care of Cornelius on Monday, July 1, 2019. She succumbed to a brief but difficult struggle with pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer's disease.

Lucia (Zuccarello) Musarra was born on April 29, 1927, in Palagonia, Italy. Born to the late Fillippo and Gaetana Piracchio Zuccarello, she was the second oldest of eight children, three boys and five girls (the oldest of the five girls). When she was only 13 years old she began to help her father to run and manage their family's Café which was a tremendous honor and responsibility.

When Lucia was 18 years old, she fell madly in love with a very handsome local military hero who had returned from WW-II. Frank and Lucia Musarra were married in 1946 and remained married for more than 71 years until his death in December of 2017 at the age of 97.

Shortly after they were married, Frank and Lucia had two beautiful children, Connie (Musarra) Elia and Salvatore Musarra. When their daughter Connie was just three years old and their son Salvatore was only a month old, Lucia braved a long journey to the United States alone with her two children to join her husband Frank in pursuit of the American Dream.

After settling in Brooklyn, NY, in 1950 Frank and Lucia started a new business, the Musarra Iron Works. Over the next 22 years, Frank and Lucia built a legendary and highly sought after ornamental wrought iron business throughout the greater Tri-State and NYC metropolitan area. Just as Lucia had done for her father's business back in Italy, Lucia managed the business for her husband while he concentrated on his skilled craftsmanship. Notwithstanding the pressures of the business, Lucia's main priority was always in proudly raising her two children and being an amazing wife. Lucia loyally supported her husband Frank and their love and life together embodied a true fairy tale which is rarely found today.

In the early 1970's, Lucia and Frank returned to Sicily to begin their next adventure. They established a new homestead and purchased a large orange plantation in rural Sicily which they owned and operated for the next few decades. During these years, Frank and Lucia frequently traveled back and forth between America and Sicily to visit with and enjoy their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Lucia was a very loving, caring, and incredibly happy person. She made sure that her family came first in every way while always welcoming everyone into her home and showering them with food and love. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren had the privilege to know her, and to enjoy her cooking, her stories, and most importantly her love. She was adored by her husband Frank, who made sure that she would be taken care of by her daughter Connie and son-in-law John after he was gone. Those who knew Lucia would always remark about how generous, gentle, and considerate she was. She will be truly missed by her family, especially her daughter, who never left her side over the past seven years.

Lucia is survived by her loving daughter Connie Elia and son-in-law John; her

son Salvatore Musarra; seven grandchildren -- Lori Vetrano, Lucille Windsor (& Jason), Michelle Rudnitski (& Christopher), Amy McMorrow (& Timothy), Frank Musarra (& Miriam), Chad Musarra, and Ryan Musarra; nine great grandchildren -- Nicholas and Elliana Windsor, Carlo Vetrano, Nolan and Ava Rudnitski, Madyson and Megyn McMorrow; Salvatore and Faye Musarra. In addition to her parents, Lucia was preceded in death by the love of her life, Frank Musarra, her daughter-in-law, Margi Musarra, and her oldest brother.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm with a service immediately following at 1:00 pm at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Alzheimer Society, 4530 Park Road Suite 240, Charlotte, NC, 28209.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Musarra family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

JUL 9. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Hwy 150  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lucia Musarra*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Lucia Musarra*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Lucia Musarra*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *She was a wonderful woman and loved by all those she touched.*

**Deborah Blair** - July 08, 2019 at 07:40 PM