



Maria Florence Cantasano

November 28, 1953 - December 16, 2024

Maria Florence Cantasano, (71), of Tomahawk Dr. Mooresville, NC, (formerly of Bellmore NY) went to be with the Lord on December 16, 2025.

Beloved Wife, Sister, Mother, Nonna, Aunt, Friend and Mentor. Maria passed in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her husband (Joseph Cantasano) of 50 years; children (Deanna Ewer/Jim Ewer) (Matthew Cantasano/Danielle Cantasano); grandchildren (John + Juliana Ewer and Vincent + Thomas Cantasano), and her lifelong friend, Deborah Celentano. Maria also had the blessings of visits from her brother, Tony Romeo/Mary Romeo) as well as an abundance of neighbors and friends who she thought of as family.

Maria lived a life of service dedicated to helping others. She had a gift for bringing people together. Whether it be through her passion as a director of youth ministry at Notre Dame or as a Spiritual director in her community, she touched the lives of so many. You know if you got advice from Maria that you could trust it. She proudly received a master's degree in theology from St. John's University. If Maria was cooking, you would know where to find everyone! She put the same amount of love into making delicious feasts for her family as she did for hundreds of guests in her previous career owning a catering business with her friend Gloria Morch. Maria was always knitting a blanket, sweater or scarf for someone. She made sure you knew you were special to her.

Maria's biggest joy in life was her grandchildren. She shared her wisdom with them but also her playfulness. She loved to read to them, tell stories from her past, and was always up for an adventure. People were drawn to Maria for her love of life, her ability to make kindness contagious, and loving with no limits. Maria was no doubt an angel on earth and now has her wings in heaven. She is missed dearly by anyone who knew her and will hold a special place in the hearts of many.

Celebration of life: Feb 27th 2025, 2pm-4pm, and 6pm-8pm Cavin-Cook Funeral Home, 494 E Plaza Dr., Mooresville NC 28115.

Mass: Feb 28th 11am, St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, 525 Camden Dr., Statesville, NC 28677. Burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Feed NC, 2456 Charlotte Highway, Mooresville, NC 28117 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 <https://www.stjude.org/>

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Cantasano family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

FEB 27. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

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FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass

FEB 28. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church
525 Camden Drive
 Statesville, NC 28677

Tribute Wall

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“ Theresa A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Florence Cantasano.

Theresa A. - March 04, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Maria Florence Cantasano.

February 26, 2025 at 05:38 PM

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“ Marie was an amazing person. I would see her at neighborhood and family events. I always enjoyed sitting down and having a conversation with her. Marie was so knowledgeable about just about everything. Especially if you were looking for answers regarding your religious faith. She would explain everything so well that you understood. At the events I would see her at. We always had many laughs as well. She was just a beautiful person inside and out. It was a privilege to have her as my friend. I will truly miss her.❤️

Betty Gibson - February 25, 2025 at 02:37 PM

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“ Jim Ewer sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria Florence Cantasano



Jim Ewer - February 25, 2025 at 09:38 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Maria



Jim Ewer - February 25, 2025 at 09:37 AM

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“ *The last thing we said to each other I will never forget. I thanked you for loving me a your own, and you replied "You are my own" That meant the world to me. I love you Mom and miss you dearly.*

Jim Ewer - February 25, 2025 at 09:31 AM