



Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates

May 2, 1943 - February 15, 2018

Marie P. Downing, nee Esposito, 74, of Hoffman Estates, Illinois.

Loving wife of Dale Downing; beloved mother of Scott Downing and Aaron (Julie) Downing; cherished grandmother of Hannah and Grace; fond sister of Dennis (Darlene) Esposito; devoted daughter of the late Patsy Esposito and the late Virginia Esposito, nee Falcone.

Family and Friends will meet Monday, February 19, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. until time of service at 8:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner of Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, IL. 60169.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444.

Cemetery Details

The Directors at Morizzo Funeral Home entrusted with any Visitation, Funeral & Committal; requested.

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Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM

GE

“ My wife, Stefania (from Milan, Italy) and I had just gotten married, and it was her first year in the United States. Stef was in the midst of a deep culture shock, having to leave her family and having to delve into the bureaucracy of fiancée visas, health care, on top of being just plain homesick. Aaron made life easier on us by offering us his front house for rent, taking a major concern off of our plate.

At one point that year, Dale and Marie came out to visit Aaron, which was awesome on its own because that couple just habitually cracked me up, but one evening, Marie came over to our house to show Stef her recipe for manicotti. And I can't express to you just how much it meant to me to see Marie treat Stef as family, in the kitchen, mentoring her. For Stef, Marie could have been an aunt, and the moment became this oasis of familiarity at a point where everything had changed for her.

Stef had missed her family more than anything, and for a couple of hours Marie gave her that back to her. It was beautiful and nurturing. Above and beyond.

Oh, and the manicotti destroyed.

Thank you for the love, Marie, from myself, Stefani, the Earls family and the entire Buggio family back in Milan.

We'll see you on the other side. Looking forward to that feast.

Peace,
Gregory Earls

Gregory Earls - February 20, 2018 at 04:10 PM



“ *Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 20, 2018 at 01:01 AM

TC

“ Dear Downing Family,

We were all so heartbroken on hearing of Marie's passing. We always relished seeing her on her visits to Los Angeles. She treated me, my wife and kids like family and always greeted everyone with a warm smile and laughter. Beneath her sweetness was a wry wit that always caught us off guard.

The love in your family is so beautiful and what we all wish for our families. I know that starts with Marie and how she raised her amazing kids.

I (this is Kirsten) met Marie as a new wife and insecure mom. It was very comforting being with Marie and Dale. They were a team-supportive and caring with one another and anyone in the room. Marie was always quick to giggle and her laugh was contagious. She would share a story about the neighborhood boys- remembering their names, their parent's names, and what house they lived in. I don't even remember the specific pranks-- I just remember belly laughing with her. She was very reassuring- even though motherhood was a lot of work- it was also a lot of fun. "Oh sure!" I can still hear her say- when I seemed overwhelmed and then she would tell me another funny story or memory. I loved talking about food with her. We would read menus and muse over the choices. She liked her soda. She put up with Aaron's exact imitation of her speech and we would giggle again. She made every meal more joyful, and more meaningful because even more than eating, she made it known, with a warm smile or a sweet sigh after a joke, she loved everyone at the table.

Oh, Marie, how we will all miss you. Thank you for being so loving and assuring, kind, and calm. And thank you, Aaron, for being so generous in sharing your wonderful parents. Ted and I are thinking of all of you!

Love to you all,

Ted, Kirsten, Ione and Andrew.

Ted Caplan - February 20, 2018 at 12:55 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 19, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 19, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 19, 2018 at 06:53 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 19, 2018 at 02:03 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 18, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 18, 2018 at 11:00 PM



“ *Julie and Marji purchased the Grande Gourmet Fruit Basket for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Julie and Marji - February 18, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ *The girl Esposito cousins purchased the A Full Life for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



The girl Esposito cousins - February 18, 2018 at 08:12 PM



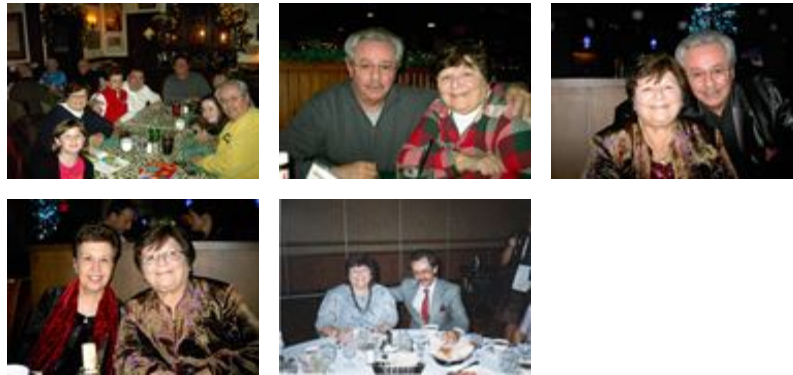
“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 18, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ *241 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - February 18, 2018 at 12:23 AM



“ *Bjorklund purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Bjorklund - February 18, 2018 at 12:14 AM

TZ

“ Dear Dale, Scott, Aaron, Dennis and Family:

Our thoughts, hearts and prayers are with you all as we grieve the loss of Marie.

It was hard enough to lose our beautiful aunts and uncles and now we are losing our loving cousins. Life is way too short and I hope you are all enjoying life.

Marie is in a much better place and we should all be happy for that. We will see you at the Wake.

Love Tony and Mary Zielinski and Family

Tony Zielinski - February 17, 2018 at 06:34 PM

RS

“ Dale, sorry to hear about Marie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Randy & Pam Starck



Randy Starck - February 17, 2018 at 04:21 PM

DS

“ Don & Penny Sylvester purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



Don & Penny Sylvester - February 17, 2018 at 02:37 PM

PS

“ You know someone is special when you remember their laughter. A sound so disarming and warm. A sonic hug that gripped you like a family member. Thank you Marie

Paul and Quinn de Souza - February 17, 2018 at 01:03 PM

TF

“ The Soelberg Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



The Soelberg Family - February 17, 2018 at 12:12 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 17, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ Michelle & Mike Saletta purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



Michelle & Mike Saletta - February 17, 2018 at 10:56 AM



“ *Glorious Memories Garland was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 11:37 PM



“ *Marie is my cousin and my friend. We grew up in the same neighborhood and had the same friends. We laughed and cried together. We had parties, dances, hayrides, movies, Association House, church and horseback riding. We went on our 1st. vacation on a train to Niagra Falls, we used what little money we had for the attractions and ate candy bars for our meals. I was her maid of honor and she was my maid of honor. We continued our married life having fun bowling, cards, more parties and family picnics. Now she is gone and I am heartbroken. I will always have those memories that I will cherish. I will miss you Marie. Love, Rosalie*

rosalie lafinl - February 16, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ *EFILM purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



EFILM - February 16, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ *Schuyler & Danielle Weiss purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Schuyler & Danielle Weiss - February 16, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 03:40 PM



“ *We are grateful for all the years we shared with Marie. She was a kind soul with a big heart and she was a tough soul that could hold her own. Our lives are richer for having had Marie in them . We will miss her smile, her laugh, her voice, her friendship. With deepest sympathy and love. Joe, Sally and Hannah*

Sally - February 16, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ *Jim Mangold purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Jim Mangold - February 16, 2018 at 02:55 PM



“ *Celestial Love was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 16, 2018 at 02:15 PM

FD

“ From the Fox VFX Dept. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



From the Fox VFX Dept. - February 16, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 16, 2018 at 02:02 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 16, 2018 at 02:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 16, 2018 at 11:25 AM

DP

“ *Danielle, Dominic, Angelo, Sarah & Patrick purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Danielle, Dominic, Angelo, Sarah & Patrick - February 16, 2018 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ *Dear Downings, Aaron has been a great friend for years and the rest of you have always been kind, welcoming and a hilarious gang. I will always remember Marie fondly because of her kindness and how she didn't take any crap from her boys. Love you all. Mike Matzdorff*

Mike Matzdorff - February 16, 2018 at 01:15 AM

PS

“ *Paul and Quinn de Souza purchased the Beautiful I Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Paul and Quinn de Souza - February 16, 2018 at 12:50 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 15, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



February 15, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ *Nikki & Scot Scalise purchased the Rose Romanesque Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Nikki & Scot Scalise - February 15, 2018 at 08:38 PM



“ *Downing Family*

Our deepest sympathy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Joe & Sue Tennutti

Joe & Sue Tennutti - February 15, 2018 at 08:35 PM



“ *Matthew and Sofia Wells purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.*



Matthew and Sofia Wells - February 15, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 15, 2018 at 07:59 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 15, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



February 15, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie P. Downing of Hoffman Estates.



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