



Marie Catherine DiPilla

May 10, 1929 - July 20, 2018

Marie Catherine (Bonanno) DiPilla (Nana) passed peacefully from congestive heart failure surrounded by family on July 20, 2018.

She was born on May 10, 1929, though her father always told her she was actually born on May 9th. Since then we celebrated both days.

Marie was the daughter of Dominick Bonanno and May Iacono; both from Brooklyn, New York. Her mother died when she was four years old. She moved to North Hollywood with her father and stepmother. She married Charles Frances DiPilla and had two children, Michael and Gina. She is survived by her two children, six grandchildren: Danae, Lauren, Nicole, Marley, Dominique and Jake. She also has four great grandchildren: Rylan, Patrick, Kaylee and Emerson.

Marie was always involved with the community. She worked for Capistrano Unified School District as a yard duty attendant at Moulton Elementary, and a crossing guard at RH Dana Elementary. She was honored to be selected as Crossing guard of the Year in 1998.

Funeral Services will be held at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Dana Point, on Saturday July 28 at 11:00am. Reception to follow.

Marie Catherine Bonanno DiPilla

You can say a lot about Marie...she was the Matriarch of our family, she was Nana to all, she was the wild New York Sicilian woman with the attitude to prove it and above all, the most loving and caring mother, grandmother and great grandmother a family could ask for.

Nothing was more important than watching over her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Guarding the family from all trials and tribulations of life. Always being supportive and loving. Perpetually offering her opinions and comments on every family member and friend surrounding her life. Criticisms, off-base, loving, and crazy are just

some of the descriptive words that describe her commentaries and interpretations.

Her personality always shined brightly upon meeting people and friends. The motherly, Italian woman would consistently come forth with offers of food, words of advice and counsel on love and matchups.

She touched all she came in contact with. She cared more about others than she did about herself. She never really asked us for anything for herself, only to help our family members that needed it.

She was generous to a fault! Buying family Christmas presents starting in June and filling her room with boxes to the ceiling with at least 10 presents for each member of the family. Most were very nice but others were wacky. She loved celebrations...that brought the family together. **THAT WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN HER LIFE.**

We will all miss her beyond belief, but we know she is with her mother, father, brother, many family members and above all, the love of her life, our father Charles.

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Susan DiPilla - August 01, 2018 at 12:50 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine DiPilla.



July 27, 2018 at 09:05 PM



“ Tommy Loffarelli & Brenda Andrade purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Marie Catherine DiPilla.



Thomas C Loffarelli - July 27, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ Kaysie Garcia and Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Marie Catherine DiPilla.



Kaysie Garcia and Family - July 27, 2018 at 05:13 PM



“ To Michael and all Marie's family so sorry to hear about the loss of your dear Marie , heaven has gained a feisty one he better be ready .. lol she was a great lady with so much love for her lovely family who she cherished than life it's self .she always told me how each and every family how she loved so much . I'm am saddened to herbut I know Jesus knew it was time she go with her husband , 89 yrs she lived her she lived a good life and always had a heart for all .if you here rumbling going on in heaven no worry it's just Marie keeping everyone in line , now she walks with Jesus hand in hand and it is time for rest but in heaven she is young again , carefree , crazy fun like she was down here , bless her soul and god bless the beautiful family , cause Marie hung around all these years for you all , you brought great jo to her all these years I miss that funny old gal . She was the greatest love Jody , Roman , Christian and Dana Vargas



jodyvargas - July 26, 2018 at 06:26 PM



“ Janice Pickartz lit a candle in memory of Marie Catherine DiPilla



Janice Pickartz - July 25, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Where to start....I met Marie when my son was 5, attending RH Dana Elementary and she was the crossing guard. Oh, what a spitfire Marie was. She was always smiling, no matter what the weather. And, true to her Italian heritage, she hollered at the drivers who didn't pay attention to her sign. The day before Christmas break she'd say, "I got a little something for Jess, wait here for a minute". But it wasn't just Jess, there were many wrapped gifts in the back of her car, tokens of the love she felt for so, so many of the students. And those students found her arms open wide offering hugs to whoever wanted one every single day. The first time my husband walked our son to school instead of me, the next time I saw her I heard, "where were you, are you ok, were you sick?" and the line I'll never forget, "gee, you didn't tell me your husband was so cute!". As the elementary school days passed, she jokingly and lovingly referred to him as her "boyfriend" - when she found out he was Italian, that

made it even better. Over time I began hanging around after I walked him into the school grounds and left my home early so I could chat before the bell rang to pick him up. On occasion, we'd go to breakfast after her morning shift to the Brig. And, when my son moved on to Middle school, we still made it a point to go to breakfast about once a month....She wasn't very happy if someone else was sitting at HER table in the restaurant...thankfully that only happened a couple of times :) Kevin, the owner of The Brig was enchanted to see her each and every time she came through his doors. I believe that was because of the love she spread wherever she went. She was vital, vibrant, feisty, loyal & loving. And, oh how she loved to talk about her family! Her children, her grandchildren and as time went on, her great-grandchildren. She was so proud of everyone and proud to be Matriarch of the DiPilla family. I am a better person because she was in my life and I will miss her love and light and laughter tremendously. But oh, how thankful I am to have had the honor of her friendship for 13 wonderful years.

Janice Pickartz - July 25, 2018 at 07:54 PM



“ Thank you for sharing such great memories!

Danae DiPilla - July 27, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ My dear Aunt Marie had a huge influence on my life from age 1 to 30 something. Marie was always the life of the party. Keeping us in stitches with her Brooklyn Bonanno upbringing and "in your face" style, Marie added a little spice to every occasion. She taught me so much about being myself. I attribute much of my outgoing personality from watching Marie operate at social functions. She was charming, feisty, affectionate and combative. Marie was never dull and always kept us paying attention. She had a lot to say and I always felt a little better about life when ever I was in her presence. God Bless you my Dear Aunt Marie. I cannot believe you have left us. We will never, ever forget your loving ways and charming personality.. R.I.P. Sweet Marie. Make Heaven Italian Again.

Thomas - July 27, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marie Catherine DiPilla.



July 23, 2018 at 05:38 PM