



Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari

October 25, 1920 - December 23, 2012

Funeral Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari, 92, died December 23, 2012 at home. Funeral services will be held Friday, December, 28, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Westview Memorial Park Cemetery Mausoleum and reception will be held in Fellowship Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home is serving the family.

She was born Oct. 25, 1920, daughter of Adelaide and Albino Benvenuto. She graduated from W.Va. University in 1942 with a degree in Business Administration. She was predeceased by her husband of 66 years Amerigo; sister, Anita; brother, Alfred Benvenuto; grandson, Mark Spica. Surviving are her by six children, Aurelia Smith (Richard) Mary Margaret Spica, Richard Cappellari (Alana) Anita Deen (Fred), Dr. Charles Cappellari (Frankie), David Cappellari (Cindy); 8 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren. She moved to Hartsville in 2001 with her daughter, Aurelia Smith. Rose Mary's philanthropic works were received by many throughout her lifetime. She will be greatly missed by her beloved caregiver, Tessie, and devoted friend, Margaret. A special thanks to Rae Woods and the Hospice Team of South Carolina and the many friends and neighbors who showed her their love and support. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Hospice Care of South Carolina 401 N. 5th St Hartsville, South Carolina 29550, or St. Mary's Catholic Church 363 N. 5th St. Hartsville, South Carolina 29550.

Cemetery Details

Westview Memorial Park Cemetery

2223 Kelleytown Road
Hartsville, SC 29550
info@bpafuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Service

DEC 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary the Virgin Mother Roman Catholic Church
363 North Fifth St.
Hartsville, So 29550

Visitation

DEC 28. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church Fellowship Hall
363 North Fifth Street
Hartsville, SC 29550

Tribute Wall

EK

“ ERIKA & KEIRA sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari



ERIKA & KEIRA - December 28, 2012 at 02:22 PM

TE

“ I met my dear friend when she came to my restaurant several years ago. I started out as a friend then I was her personal chef next I was her student and finally i ended up being her caregiver and godchild. And she was the best friend that i have ever had in my entire life. she treated me as one of her family and i will never forget nor disobey anything that she has taught me in this time that we spent together. I miss her and I have very big void to fill. I am happy for her because she is now in a place that she has wanted to be for a long time. So now we have to work on our transition to make our place in heaven as she has. We must always remember on of her favorite things to say. what does JOY mean? you think of (JESUS 1st) (OTHERS 2ND) and then (YOURSELF) if you follow these things in this order then you will have JOY.I thank god for granting me the time that he did to let his angel come into my life to bring me such joy and give me so much wisdom to carry on in this life here on earth. He knew her work here was done so he took her to her new home in heaven. So now its our responsibility to carry on her legacy and good works . . She has truly touched so many peoples lives so lets all rejoice that our mentor,mother, family member and friend is in heaven . even though the body is not her she will always be with us in spirit. my deepest sympathy to the family. love tessie

tessie - December 28, 2012 at 02:20 PM

LK

“ *Letty Smith King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari*



Letty Smith King - December 27, 2012 at 01:41 PM

“ I moved to Hartsville to practice medicine about ten years ago, and for almost 10 years, Mrs. Cappellari was my patient. It seems so long ago, and yet it also seems like just yesterday when she walked into my office for the first time. I remember the story she later told of how she had decided to become my patient. From the beginning, I knew it was not going to be a usual patient-doctor relationship. Her demands on my time were high, but I was able to meet her demands. We agreed that she would be the last patient I would see, either in the morning before lunch, or the afternoon at the end of the day. That way, I could spend all the time she needed without disrupting other patients' schedules. There were days that we would be in the office an hour after the staff had left. Most of the time, she just wanted to talk.

Soon enough, I found out the real reason Mrs. Cappellari had sought me out to be her doctor. Mrs. Cappellari was a philanthropist, who made generous contributions to charities in the US, and around the world each year. One area where her generosity did not extend was Africa, and she wanted to donate money for charity work in Africa. As it turned out, I had a foundation that was intended for such work in my native Ghana, even though it was not doing much. She asked if I would like her to donate money towards people of need in Ghana. Because she was my patient, and because of concerns over conflict of interest and ethical considerations, I declined to accept her donations. That did not deter my patient. It took three years, but she finally convinced me that her donations were not meant for me, but for needy people. Over the last 6 years, Mrs. Cappellari's donations have supported an orphanage and helped poor women to establish businesses, and helped to dig wells to provide clean water to poor rural communities in Ghana. “You must help the poor” was her favorite saying. She cared about the poor.

Mrs. Cappellari stands out as one of the special patients I have met in my career. Every visit would end in a hug, and years after our initial meeting, she would comment about the shock on my face

when she first hugged me. She teased about how stiff and uneasy I was, but she was proud that she was able to loosen me up. Her interest in me was not just that of a patient seeking healing and wellbeing from her doctor. Sometimes, it felt as if she were the doctor. "You are working too much, Dr. Quaye." "You are getting too thin, don't you eat enough?" On a few occasions, before her health declined, she brought lunch for my staff and me. She cared about my wellbeing, and it showed in her interactions with me.

I have met few people as single minded, persistent and generous as Mrs. Cappellari. When she decided that she wanted to donate money to help the needy in Africa, she was going to do it, and she was persistent until I came to my senses. Her single minded and persistent generosity has meant blessings to people who would otherwise be without. Her kindness has been a blessing, not only to the people who benefited from her generosity, but to me and my family back home in Ghana. I have seen the joy her gifts brought others, and I have been blessed in the process.

I will certainly miss Mrs. Cappellari, but I know she has better things open to her in heaven. I pray for God to give her peace, and allow her to rest under the shadow of His wings. Rest in peace, Rose Mary.

Emmanuel Quaye - December 27, 2012 at 01:10 PM

FD

“*Rose Mary Cappellari was so very generous and kind to me and she will be sorely missed. I often commented to her that she should be so very proud of the kind, generous and caring children that she had raised; what a wonderful family. After much discussion (more her than me) she acquiesced that they were all “above average”. We left it that, but I know she was quietly proud of each and every one.*

She was a lady of strong opinions and loved by many. She will be missed.

Fred and Anita Deen

Frederick & Anita Deen - December 27, 2012 at 09:23 AM

SL

“*Nonni, you will be greatly missed by your family and friends. I hope you, Nonno, Tony and JoAnn are celebrating your reunion together. May you all rest in peace. We will miss you, Suzanne, Kip and Boys*

Suzanne Lothes - December 27, 2012 at 09:04 AM

PC

“*Rose Mary Cappellari was a light of Christ showing hope and encouragement to others. Her words of wisdom and experience in life and in Christ will truly be missed. She exemplified a God mother. Aurelia and family, may the Lord give you guys comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

Pablo Campa - December 26, 2012 at 09:15 PM

TS

“ Tonya & Chuck Spell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary Cappellari



Tonya & Chuck Spell - December 26, 2012 at 05:07 PM

MT

“ I will miss all the stories and visits

Margaret Tingen - December 26, 2012 at 12:54 PM

JN

“ Mr. Dave, Mrs. Cindy, Whitney, Ryan, and Family -

I am so sorry for your loss. I will be thinking and praying for all of you.

Josh Heidenreich, Wilmington NC - December 26, 2012 at 11:35 AM

MS

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Mary Margaret Cappellari Spica - December 24, 2012 at 12:06 PM

MW

Your family is in my prayers.

Mary Winkel - December 27, 2012 at 08:51 AM

MP

“ *Misti Purvis lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Rose Mary Cappellari*



Misti Purvis - December 24, 2012 at 10:11 AM