



Sophia A. Musci

September 15, 2021

Sophia A. (Tesoro) Musci passed on at age 94 of natural causes on September 15, 2021 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born to Pasquale and Antonette Tesoro in Brooklyn, New York, on April 19, 1927. The eldest of their two daughters, Sophia attended New York public schools where she excelled in both English and Mathematics. Upon graduation from high school she worked as a secretary for a major paper manufacturer and commuted to its office in Manhattan's Rockefeller Center. In her leisure time, she enjoyed the halcyon days of popular music, attending dances in ballrooms in Brooklyn and Manhattan, and beginning what became an encyclopedic knowledge of the Great American Songbook. It was at one of the dances that she met the man she would marry, Michael Musci. The new couple moved out to Long Island where they raised three children and established lifelong friendships. Michael Musci became an elementary school teacher in Levittown Public Schools and when their children entered grade school, Sophia worked in a clothing design studio that made prototypes for the leading retailers in Manhattan. In the little time she could spare from taking care of her children, she performed in a community theatre troupe that mounted plays written by faculty from the school system where her husband taught. In order to accept an opportunity to be trained as an elementary school counselor, Michael took a sabbatical and the family spent a year at the University of Rochester in upstate New York. On their return he followed his newfound passion by accepting an offer from Okemos Public Schools in Michigan to be an elementary counselor.

The family settled in East Lansing, Michigan, where the children finished high school, and Sophia worked as an executive secretary for Michigan State University and as executive assistant for the Leadership and Professional Development department of the Michigan Education Association. A voracious reader, she volunteered at the East Lansing Public Library and read books aloud for visually impaired people in a program at Michigan State University. She participated in a book club with colleagues for decades and remained in East Lansing until moving to Ann Arbor to be closer to her daughter's family. Among her traits, one most often stood out: A warm demeanor that made fast friends out of virtually everyone she met. To say that she was a pleasure to be around is an understatement; and to say that she was a model for her descendants is a fact.

She is survived by three children, Michael Musci, Jr. (Rosemarie), Thomas Musci (Jeanette), and Adrienne Musci (Michael); three nieces, Nancy Gilbert (Joe), Andrea Dross (Stan), and Barbara Catalano; six grandchildren, Megan Christin (Michael), Gabrielle Fisher (Andrew), Paloma Palmer, Miles Gofsorean, Nicolas Gofsorean, and Isabella Gofsorean; and four great-grandchildren, Patrick Christin, Clare Christin, Grace Christin, and Noah Fisher.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Pasquale and Antoinette Tesoro, her sister Angela Catalano, and her husband, Michael Musci, Sr. She will be buried next to her husband at St. John Cemetery in Middle Village, New York. The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday 9:45AM at Our Lady of Hope Church. Interment to follow St. John's Cemetery. Please be aware the New York has a mandate that masks must be worn indoors, and the family would prefer those attending be vaccinated as well.

In Lieu of Flowers:

Contributions in her name may be made to Living Beyond Breast Cancer (www.lbbc.org).

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 7. 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope
61-27 71 Street
Middle Village, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Sophia A. Musci*

November 16, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ *Love, Caren, Emmett, Jordan & Justin purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sophia A. Musci.*



Love, Caren, Emmett, Jordan & Justin - January 06, 2022 at 02:55 AM

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“ Dear Adrienne and Michael, Jannette and Tom, Rosemarie and Michael,

Sophia was my buddy, my friend, my Michigan Mom for life. She made me laugh and sent a hug when I needed one. We always had a great time talking to one another. Sophia adopted me like I was a fourth sibling that you did not know you had. Then when I married Caren and along came Jordan and Justin, she opened her heart and adopted them too. We were all so blessed to have Sophia in our lives. She will be forever missed and never forgotten.

I will always remember holding her hand and watching TV with her in the TV room adjacent to the kitchen in her East Lansing home. There was no messing around with Sophia. She let you know if you were in, or you were out. I was very fortunate to be included just like I was family.

Adrienne, Tom and Mike you are so fortunate to have had Sophia to help you become the great people that you are. Sophia and her beloved Michael Sr. created a legacy with the 3 of you and your partners, Michael G., Jannette and Rosemarie. Now the 6 of you have to carry the torch of life in the esteemed manner that Sophia did. You each make this world a better place, because that is what your Mom did. I know that she has that loving smile on her face right now knowing that despite some differences of opinion, you all came together to honor her as she is laid to rest aside her loving husband Michael Sr. When you get upset by something, focus on Sophia's smile and all of your anguish will melt away. All of us have been touched by Sophia and we will cherish our memories of her forever.

*Love,
Emmett*

Emmett Berg - January 06, 2022 at 02:46 AM