



Columbia M. Altieri

November 7, 1940 - February 8, 2022

Columbia M. Altieri died the night of February 8th 2022 at her home of 61 years in Manville, NJ. She was surrounded by her loving family throughout her last day. She was 81 years old.

Born to Edith & Ernest Martelli in 1940, she grew up in the greenhouses of the family flower business in Yardley, PA. Working alongside her parents and brothers and sisters at an early age, being around flowers and family was second nature. She was always there to lend a hand, get her hands dirty and not stop until the job was done. This work ethic permeated throughout the family, even to this day. She was the oldest daughter and is predeceased by her brothers Junior and Charlie and her sister Julie. She remained close to her brother Pete and sisters Mary and Lori along with all their spouses until her last day.

In 1961 she married Tom Altieri from South Bound Brook and moved to Manville where they raised their children. Her family, husband and children were her world. No birthday or anniversary went uncelebrated; she sent flowers, cards, gifts - her generosity had no bounds. She made everyone feel special and loved. Her kindness, openness and generosity were just a few traits but only barely describe how great she was. Always welcoming you with smiles and laughs and something to eat, she always made you feel at home. When the flower shop finally switched hands to the younger generation she decided to take on work closer to home as a receptionist at an ophthalmologist's office in Bridgewater before retiring.

Her home was her pride where the radio was always on and windows always open. She loved being with her husband and visiting with her kids and brothers and sisters. She loved reading magazines and always had a coffee cake on hand for company. She loved a full house, sitting around the table and talking into the night. When she'd go out to restaurants with family they were known to always be the last ones to leave, even after the employees! Columbia left a shining light in each of us. Her torch is carried on by her son John (and Audrey), Tom (and Cathy) and Julie (and Carl). She has six grandchildren; Anthony (and Gabby), Alyssa (and Keelee), Nicole (and Rich), Gabrielle (and Andrew), Eric (and Maddie), and Alex. And there are three newborn great-grandchildren, Adabella, Zoey and Charli. She was an influence on so many including all of her nieces and nephews.

The wake will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at the Ketusky Funeral Home, 1310 Brooks Blvd., Manville, NJ 08835. A Catholic Funeral Service will follow at 10:00 AM at the Ketusky Funeral Home and will be conducted by Father Lee. Burial will follow with a procession to Resurrection Cemetery in Piscataway, NJ where she will Rest In Peace at last next to her husband Tom.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Burial Park

Piscataway, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Ketusky Funeral Home
1310 Brooks Blvd - PO Box 747
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Tribute Wall



Kenneth
Mayti

“ *As her neighbor we would pass along greetings. I was invited to her home when she had some indoor construction work. Rest in peace and enjoy the loving words of God in heaven. Rest in peace.*

Kenneth Mayti - March 11, 2022 at 06:37 PM

DA

“ *Columbia will be missed by all who knew her. When she married my cousin Tommy, she became an instant part of the Altieri family. Her warmth, her smile, and her caring way touched everyone. We didn't see each other often, but when we were together, we always knew we were family. Columbia and my wife Gail had their third babies about the same time, Julie and Steven. They enjoyed being together at the family's summer Arts and Crafts, and talking about their children. These are Wonderful memories. Yes, Columbia will be missed, but never forgotten, and forever loved.*

*We are so very Sorry for your loss.
Dan and Gail*

Dan and Gail Altieri - February 13, 2022 at 07:30 AM

LP

“ My mother and I would like to express our sincere condolences to Columbia’s family. We will fondly remember her. She was always very kind and sweet. Columbia and her late husband Tommy were very good to us after my mom become a ‘single mom’ raising two teenage boys. Recently, when we would see her at our diminishing family get-togethers, we would always talk and remember ‘those days’. She will be missed. Please accept our sincere apologies for not making her arrangements.

Rest in peace Columbia.

Flo Altieri and Larry Pernini

larry pernini - February 12, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.*



February 11, 2022 at 02:36 PM

PD

“ *PSEG Claims Department purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.*



PSEG Claims Department - February 11, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.ketusky.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.

February 11, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.



February 11, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.



February 10, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.



February 10, 2022 at 05:01 PM

AT

“ Anne Charlie Judy Phil Deb Darlene Tom purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.



Anne Charlie Judy Phil Deb Darlene Tom - February 10, 2022
at 04:51 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We've missed you all ever since you left PA.



Rick and Betsy Baxter - February 10, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.



February 10, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ I am so sorry for you loss. Columbia was away so kind to me. I last visited her a few years ago before my move to FL and we had such a lovely conversation in her home. I am so many great memories of her growing up.

Sherrin Altieri - February 10, 2022 at 10:35 AM

MF

“ *Matthew, Jillian and Jacqueline Fallon purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.*



Matthew, Jillian and Jacqueline Fallon - February 10, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.*



February 10, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Columbia M. Altieri.*



February 10, 2022 at 08:47 AM