



## Antoinette Davino Cirrito

January 6, 1920 - August 14, 2020

Antoinette Davino Cirrito went to heaven on Friday, August 14, 2020, seven months after she celebrated her 100th birthday. Antoinette enjoyed the arts and opera, and was an artist herself. She made patchwork quilts, knitted and sewed, and cooked the best lasagna, eggplant parmesan and beef braciole. She was known as the Rummikub Queen. Antoinette was devoted to her Christian faith, her family, and was very kind and generous. She was a graduate of Hunter College, one of the first women to earn a bachelor's degree there. Antoinette loved to travel and many times took her children traveling with her. She was a model of courage and fortitude having survived 9/11 and breast cancer. Her absence leaves a hole in our hearts, but we will always cherish wonderful memories of her. Antoinette passed away peacefully at home. Our loss is heaven's gain, "the dust returns to earth as it was and the spirit returns to God who gave it." (Ecclesiastes 12:7) Antoinette is survived by her children and their spouses: Alfonso (Mauna), William (Carmen), Suzanne (Robert), Nancy (Kenneth), Marilynne, daughter-in-law Maureen and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Antoinette was predeceased by her first husband, William Davino; second husband, Stephen Cirrito; son, Michael, and grandson Michael William Jr.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Antoinette's memory to the Samaritan's Purse: <https://sampur.se/31b8sDf> or Salvation Army <http://salarmy.us/Antoinette> .

A service will be scheduled in New York City in the Spring of 2021.

# Comments

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“ I have special memories of Antoinette. We were so blessed when she joined the Cirrito family. Her warmth, kindness and love for her family is a treasure she shared along with her talents. I have a Patchwork table runner I enjoy displaying every fall and a picture she painted of my dog. I believe she had a life well lived. My condolences to all the lives she has loved and influenced.  
Carolynne, Daughter of Marilynne Cirrito Mazzella

Carolynne - August 30 at 08:33 AM

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“ Antoinette set the gold standard for mother's-in-law. She was kind, thoughtful and considerate. She had such a huge heart and a generous spirit. Once, I mentioned to her how much I loved the shawl she knitted for me. It didn't take long and she knitted me three more! She had made us two beautiful patchwork quilts that hang in our bedrooms. Someday, they will be family heirlooms. I am thankful that God brought us together through her son, Bill. I will always remember her and miss her. With God's love, the mist of sadness that surrounds us will dissipate knowing that she has been ushered into the eternal presence of our Lord. “ We are confident, yes, we'll-pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:8)

Carmen Davino - August 24 at 01:46 PM

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“ Dearest Antoinette:  
We were so fortunate to have met you fifteen years ago when we came knocking at your door and you graciously and kindly accepted our presence.  
May you, now that you have departed in your final voyage, be in the ever presence of our eternal father. God bless.

Loving thoughts  
Sergie and Hernán



Sergie & Hernan Alvarez - August 23 at 03:51 PM

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“ Friday August 21, 2020

Dear Mom,

By now you have had time to settle into your mansion that God promised and prepared for you while you were busy here on earth serving, and being loved by others. The Bible says that as a Christian we receive rewards and crowns for all the good we did on earth in the name of Jesus. You stepped up to every challenge and trial that comes with life, and never complained: “Why is this happening to me.” You simply said “You just have to make the most of it.” No doubt your Christian life here on earth has earned you many crowns in heaven, for your selflessness, and the sacrifices you made here on earth.

When Pop died it was very difficult for you, and though Mike and Al were by your side helping your through it; Sue and I only brought a few weeks of comfort since we could only stay a few days because of our living in LA at the time. It was a bitter-sweet moment for you which you had to “Make the most of.” But God was good to you and brought Stephen into your life. Another wonderful man to share your life with, without the cares and challenges of raising a family as you had to do with your four children, with me being the rambunctious one.

I remember your ability to accept the pets I had as a child. My kindergarten teacher started the ball rolling by suggesting that you should buy me a gold fish or a turtle. Why she said that I'll never know, but you allowed me to have an aquarium, which in time I grew tired of and decided to fill the tank with baby alligators, lizards, and other crawling creatures. You never minded them as long as I never asked you to hold them.

Then came the love of my life: music. A talent which you nurtured and supported by buying me a guitar at age 12 (and many more thereafter), and a piano later on. But with your encouragement came your divinely-given patience; having to listen to me and my band rehearse in our porch at earsplitting levels. But over the years the music got better and you told me when I moved to California it felt to you like someone died, since you missed the excitement of me and my oldies band rehearsing in the basement every Tuesday night. But still you were happy for me to leave home so I could start a new life for myself by leaving the nest.

I'm sorry that it may be sounding like I am writing more about myself than about you but your sacrifices and caring helped me become the Christian man that I am today. Beyond all of that your generosity went over and above all our expectations. Having taken Carmen and me, and other family members many times on vacations to Europe and Canada, and giving your children gifts for no special occasion, you never stopped loving us, and trying to be the best mother a mother can be.

So for now I'll simply say that I look forward to the day when I will be reunited with You, Pop, Stephen, Mike, Michael William, and all of our family in Heaven, because I know, no doubt you are looking forward to sharing eternity with all of the people you

have shared your life with here on earth.

I love you Mom.

Bill

Bill Davino - August 21 at 08:12 PM

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“ Dear Auntie,  
By now my father is probably reviving his "your waffles caused the NYC black out" joke :-). At least I hope so. You were a great aunt and a GREAT AUNT. Always pleasant with a wonderful laugh. You will be missed.  
God Bless,  
Jerry, Ellen, Andrew, Michael & Jenna



Jerry Mallach - August 21 at 12:55 PM

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“ Jerry Mallach lit a candle in memory of Antoinette Davino Cirrito



Jerry Mallach - August 21 at 12:25 PM



“ Today, we remember Antoinette like that beautiful and kind soul that Sergie and I had the fortunate occasion of meeting her.  
Now I'm she has departed this earthly life to be in the ever presence of our Lord.

With our loving Thoughts, we too have lit a candle for her.

Sergie & Hernan

Sergie & Hernan Alvarez - August 23 at 03:31 PM

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“ It was an honor to serve Antoinette as a caregiver. She was a delight. Loved to hear her laugh and to hear her humming. One day I said to her " Antoinette may I hold your hand?" She got a twinkle in her eye and said that's my favorite song. Then she chuckled. I will always remember her and her courage. Margo

**Margo** - August 20 at 10:11 PM

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“ Rachel Dimino lit a candle in memory of Antoinette Davino Cirrito



**Rachel Dimino** - August 20 at 08:10 PM