



Olivia J. Pantalena

June 17, 1930 - January 29, 2021

Olivia J. Zulli Pantalena passed peacefully in her home on Friday, January 29, 2021, having fulfilled her highest calling of raising a large, loving, and caring family. Olivia was born June 17, 1930 in South Boston, Massachusetts, a heritage that she was deeply proud of. Olivia was predeceased by her parents Alphonse and Elizabeth DiMartino Zulli and brother Vito Zulli. She is survived by her devoted husband of 65 years Edward J. Pantalena Sr.; her loving children, Elisa (Dennis) Pannone, Edward (Deborah) Pantalena Jr., Paul (Robin) Pantalena, David Pantalena, and Lynda (Jim) Bode; her eight grandchildren Christina, Stephen, and Danielle Pannone, Blake and Ryan Pantalena, and Gabby, Anthony, and Jack Pantalena; her four great-grandchildren Nicholas and Lillian Maher and Arianna and Garrett Brown; her beloved goddaughter, Maryann Choate; and her amazing care family Amanda Przybylowski, Dawn Raccio, and Cathy Cyr, who gave her the unconditional love, care, and dignity in her last few years with us that she deserved. Olivia danced joyfully through her exceptional life. Together, she and Ed created a family that continues to grow still today. She knew early on that her life's meaning would be found in the love of family and friends. And, as with everything she did, Lil went full-in. Her children, grandchildren, and friends will remember her house as one filled to the brim with boisterous conversation and raucous laughter, pizzelles, chicken cutlets, and dark chocolate, and fiercely competitive games of gin rummy. There was never anything more important to Olivia than gathering with and supporting those that she loved.

Whether she was sitting in the audience, cheering on the sidelines, or making sure everyone had enough to eat, Lil was always there. Even as Alzheimer's made things more difficult for her these past several years, Olivia's wry humor and indomitable spirit shone through. Now, held in the palm of God's hand, she is free. To know Lil was to love her. She will be deeply missed and will always be the Queen.

Family and Friends are invited to go directly to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Whitney Avenue, Hamden, for a Mass of the Christian Burial, Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 10:00 am. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be Friday, February 5, 2021 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm in Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave., Hamden. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association @ alz.org. To leave a online condolence, please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Previous Events

Calling hours

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ *Our condolences on the passing of Olivia. We will keep her and your family in our prayers.*

The Taddei Family

Andrew Taddei, Jr. - February 21, 2021 at 09:30 AM

DD

“ *I was so sorry to hear of Olivias passing. She was a wonderful person. Growing up On Cumpstone Dr. we all knew about Pantalenas apple tree and Olivias wonderful pirzzels My daoughter remembers a sleep over birthday party for Lynda and Olivia made mickey mouse pancakes. She touched so many lives. God bless her I am sure she is in heaven with everyone from the old neighborhood Donna Howe Dzubak*

Donna Dzubak - February 05, 2021 at 06:36 PM

RP

“ *Dear David,
So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*

Roz and Larry

Rosalind Post - February 05, 2021 at 12:10 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Olivia J. Pantalena.*



February 04, 2021 at 01:50 PM



“ *To Ed Sr. and the entire Pantalena family please accept our sincere and heartfelt condolences on your loss. Joe and Marguerite Rubertone*

Joseph Rubertone - February 04, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Olivia J. Pantalena.*



February 04, 2021 at 08:34 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Olivia J. Pantalena.*



February 04, 2021 at 08:28 AM

SG

“ *Elisa and Family*
So sorry to read of your mom's passing. She was such a nice lady!
What a beautiful life she had!
Sally Proto Gill

Sally Proto Gill - February 04, 2021 at 08:12 AM

CP

“ *My sincerest condolences to all the Pantalena family. Mrs. Pantalena was a lovely gem and such a warm person. We certainly were lucky to be influenced by her while growing up across the street on Cumpstone Drive. Such fond memories of softball in the backyard, hide and seek, the other neighborhood games, and the Pantalena home always being so welcoming to all. She definitely lives on in our hearts and memories.*

christine cassidy pazzani - February 03, 2021 at 05:35 PM

GS

“ *I'm saddened to read this today. She was a kind wonderful kind neighbor. My condolences to Mr. Pantalena, and all her family, and friends. I was a lucky child to be treated to her pizzeles wright when they were done a memory I will treasure always. R.I.P.*

Gary Scott

Gary J Scott - February 03, 2021 at 09:52 AM



AD

“ For most of my teen years the Pantalena house was my second home. I was welcomed with open arms and always felt loved. My heart is sad at your moms passing. My heartfelt condolences to your dad and all of the family. She was a warm loving person. May your memories help you all through this difficult time. Hugs to you all. Anne Barone D’Agostino

Anne D’Agostino - February 02, 2021 at 09:28 PM

DL

“ Auntie lil was my “adopted sister”. I wore her wedding gown as an MZSH now she wears my dress as she goes to be with the God she loved so much. You will be missed so very very much love ,
Dorothy (and Joe) Lockwood

Dorothy Lockwood - February 02, 2021 at 05:25 PM

RS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Lilly was an amazing lady - I remember her always laughing. Sending our love!
Roseann Sable (Carafa)

Roseann Sable - February 02, 2021 at 01:48 PM