



Phyllis Anne Provenzano

March 10, 1922 - May 30, 2015

Phyllis Anne Provenzano of Fresno passed away peacefully from aspiration pneumonia in Glendale, California on May 30, 2015.

Ms. Provenzano was born to Minnie and Felix Paladino on March 10, 1922 and called Fresno, California her home with her three older siblings Nicholas Paladino, Louis Paladino and Jean Aranaz (all deceased).

Phyllis graduated from Edison Technical High School on June 7, 1940 and sustained her many childhood friendships on "Mayor Street" throughout the years. She loved to help others and volunteered in the "iron lung ward" when she was with the American Red Cross to help polio patients during WWII.

Phyllis met her future husband Fred Provenzano on "V-J Day" while celebrating with her family at a local bar. She and Freddie dated for three years and married in Reno, Nevada on July 19, 1948 and shortly thereafter purchased Rossi Floral Company in Fresno. Many years later, they welcomed their lovely daughter Gianna into the world.

When Freddie passed away on May 31, 1978, Phyllis continued to run the business and stayed active in the Fresno Chamber of Commerce and the Fig Garden Woman's Club. Phyllis was the first woman to participate with the Northwest Fresno Water District Board and held meetings at her home on a

monthly basis.

In December 1984, Phyllis sold the floral business, and worked as a courier at Regency Bank (now California Bank & Trust). In 2000, she retired from her job but hardly retired from life. She was a volunteer in the service guild at St. Agnes Hospital and enjoyed accompanying her daughter Gianna to many cities across the country as Gianna produced live game shows for Sony Pictures Entertainment's GSN.

Phyllis loved her home, gardening, animals, parties and traveling. She was fond of always looking her best, enjoying spa and salon days with her daughter even until the end of her life.

Everyone who knew Phyllis knew that her favorite saying was "and there you are."

Phyllis leaves behind a loving daughter, Gianna Provenzano and son-in-law Ted Kurtz, her niece Janet Mattson and her husband Dr. John Mattson, her nephew Joel Aranaz and his wife Juanita Aranaz, her niece Donna Beckman and her husband Ed Beckman, her nephews Nicholas Don Paladino, David Paladino and Michael Paladino.

Phyllis' desire was to have a "Celebration of Life" party instead of a "Memorial Service" with close family and friends and then, a private ceremony in Aptos, California.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Organization at www.alz.org in loving memory of Phyllis Provenzano.

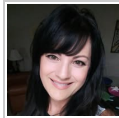
Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Anne Provenzano*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - June 07, 2015 at 01:38 AM



Beautiful video moments 😊

Noelle Wylie - June 07, 2015 at 11:45 PM

BS

*Gianna,
So sorry for your loss. I remember regularly going to the flower shop as a young boy with my grandfather (Toby Provenzano) to get flowers to take them to Uncle Freddie's mausoleum. Your mom and you were there at times. She always offered me something to drink. Aunt Phyllis was very sweet and generous. Glad to hear she lived such a glorious life and got to travel with you. We will keep her and your family in our prayers. God Bless. Brian Sabbatini (Joyce's son)*

Brian Sabbatini - June 09, 2015 at 10:50 AM

DP

What a beautiful tribute to a wonderful person, Cousin Phyllis! Our thoughts and prayers are always with you, Gianna.

Donna Paccione - June 11, 2015 at 04:29 PM

RJ

Phyllis, A beautiful wonderful person..Thank you Phyllis for your friendship. Ron Ellis, next door business neighbor.

RONALD J - March 22, 2017 at 08:01 AM



“ *Phyllis Anne Provenzano*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *14 files added to the album Memories Album*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - June 08, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ *Dear Gianna, on behalf of my staff, thank you for giving us the honor and privilege to honor your mother and to serve your family during this difficult time. May the memories of mom comfort you during this time.*

*With our Sincere Condolences,
Michael J. Rabara, General Manager
Chapel of the Light Funeral Home*

Michael Rabara - June 08, 2015 at 09:12 AM

GM

“ *The Saint Agnes Service Guild volunteers extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Phyllis Anne Provenzano. She was loved by all who knew her.*

Sincerely,

*Georgette Mello, President
Saint Agnes Service Guild*

Georgette Mello - June 07, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ *21 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - June 07, 2015 at 01:36 AM