



Theresa Marvaso

January 23, 1927 - February 23, 2016

Theresa Marvaso of Chester, MD, formerly of Wheaton, MD, died February 23, 2016, at Compass Regional Hospice Center in Centreville. She was 89.

Born on January 23, 1927, in Strasswalchen Austria, the daughter of the late Franz Dengg and Theresa Lugstein Dengg, she grew up roaming the hills of the Austrian Alps as her playground. There was much work to be done, but also time for fun.

As a young adult, Theresa worked in the main post office in Salzburg. It was there, while living and working in Salzburg that she met and married her husband Salvatore (Sam, Sal), an American GI. In 1953, Theresa was headed to the United States. She traveled by train from Salzburg, through the Austrian and Swiss Alps to Cherbourg, France, where she boarded The Queen Mary bound for New York.

Theresa and Sam settled in Washington, DC, for a time before buying their home in Wheaton, MD, where she routinely walked nearly a mile to the nearest shopping center. She never drove an automobile.

Theresa was a homemaker in Wheaton, devoted to her children. She was tough, but there was never a shortage of love or fun. Her youngest child, Carol was born severely disabled. Theresa devoted her life to the love and

care of Carol, doing everything in her power to ensure comfort, fun, and happiness to the best of her abilities. She somehow found the time and energy to provide all of these to her other children as well (with a regular dose of good, old-fashioned discipline). There was always room at her table for her children's friends, and more often than not, friends were present. Theresa often opened her home to kids who had troubles at their own homes. More than once, children who were not her own found peace and love in the Marvaso home for extended stays. She somehow always found enough room and enough to feed everyone.

One of the ways she showed her love for others was by cooking. Her children's friends knew well of the hearty meals that would be served each evening. Theresa wanted everyone to eat. During summer days, or after school when friends showed up, she would greet them and then begin running down the contents of the refrigerator, and guide them as to what was available for them to enjoy; last night's leftovers or the seasonal fresh fruit recently purchased. She often cooked special dishes for special friends, not allowing her own children to have any until that special friend got theirs. This was a source of great laughter and ribbing for many years.

After her children's friends grew and moved, many would return to visit Theresa. She loved them, and they knew it. She had an easy, understanding way. She could also be a tornado. This was no secret. Even so, Theresa's home was where many neighborhood kids wanted to be.

Theresa found peace in the outdoors. She loved digging, sawing, edging, chopping, and mowing. She grew the most beautiful flowers, and the tastiest, plumpest vegetables. Her children and their friends used to tease her that she could grow anything; that if she planted a shoe, she'd grow a shoe tree. While in Wheaton, she not only mowed her grass, but the county grass on the large median strips on two sides of her home. She would mow the neighbors' grass,

just because. After moving to Stevensville, MD, in 2005, she continued to mow the grass well in to her 80's.

Theresa always found the simple things to be the most important: family, laughter, hospitality, good, nutritious food, music, hard work and love. Lots and lots of selfless love.

Theresa is survived by her daughter, Eva McQueen of Wheaton, MD; daughter Genoveffa "Jenny" Marvaso of Walkersville, MD; son, Vincent "Butch" Marvaso of Chester, MD; daughter, Deborah "Debbie" Connor (Harold) of Stevensville, MD; daughter, Carol Marvaso of Laurel, MD; eleven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. Theresa is also survived by beloved relatives in Austria; a niece and nephew and their spouses, two great nieces, two great nephews; and a great-great nephew. In addition to her parents, Theresa is predeceased by her husband, Sam; her sisters, Susie Hoste, Annie Sollinger, Mitzi Strobl; and her son, Harald Dengg.

Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Compass Regional Hospice, 255 Comet Drive, Centreville, MD 21617.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa Marvaso*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 26, 2016 at 12:11 PM

MB

What a happy and wonderful life she had rest in peace .

Mary burek - February 26, 2016 at 03:59 PM



“ *Theresa Marvaso*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Theresa Marvaso*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Theresa Marvaso*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

SB

“ I was fortunate to be one of the children that Mom Marvaso opened her home to. I always felt welcomed and loved. Her meals were unforgettable: Austrian, Italian and what ever was on the menu. It was all from the heart.

I'll always feel forever indebted to her for helping me through those rough years. She truly understood that life is not always easy.

However, she was one of those unique, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade," individuals.

Love you Mom Marvaso, I will always hold those special memories close to my heart.

Susan (or as you called me, Susie) Barry

Susan Barry - March 01, 2016 at 05:40 PM

LA

“ I feel blessed to have met this amazing lady!



Lisa Adkins - February 29, 2016 at 09:53 PM

CT

“ *The obit was truly written the way momma Marvaso lived
I was one of those neighborhood kids
I remember when my mom came home from work she was in a bad
mood and kicked back words and when she did she lost her
balance
She got knocked out by hitting her head in the corner of furniture
My dad reached down grabbed her head his hand full of blood he
looked up at me
I ran out of my home and over to the Marvaso momma Marvaso and
Deb helped me threw the fear that I may have killed my mother
I did not of course
My mother did get a few stitches from it but the Marvaso house hold
aloud me to stay til I felt OK to go home
Momma Marvaso is a truly great person and will be missed
I lost my way with distance but the Marvaso family has all ways
been in my thoughts*

Colleen (Griffin) Tubbs - February 28, 2016 at 07:54 PM

MD

“ *While we mourn the loss of this amazing woman, we also celebrate
her life. Sending love and sympathy to the Marveso family.*

Matt and Jen Dunnick - February 27, 2016 at 12:19 PM

EL

“ I met Resi a few years ago at a Biergarten in Maryland, playing Austrian music. I noticed her immediately because I could tell she knew the music, she sang along and had the biggest smile on her face. Needless to say, I fell in love with her right away and will miss that sweet face, her positive outlook on live, I'll miss being able to give her a call every once in a while and speaking Austrian dialect with her.

She was a true gem and I know she will delight everyone in heaven. Rest in peace, sweet Resi! I'll never forget you!

Elisabeth Lloyd

Elisabeth Lloyd - February 26, 2016 at 10:48 PM

DC

Thank you, Lies! I know you could tell she felt the same about you! You and your music brought her so much joy!

Debbie Connor - February 27, 2016 at 11:29 AM

EL

Heartfelt condolences to you and all the family! Love and big hugs to all of you!

Elisabeth Lloyd - February 27, 2016 at 01:22 PM

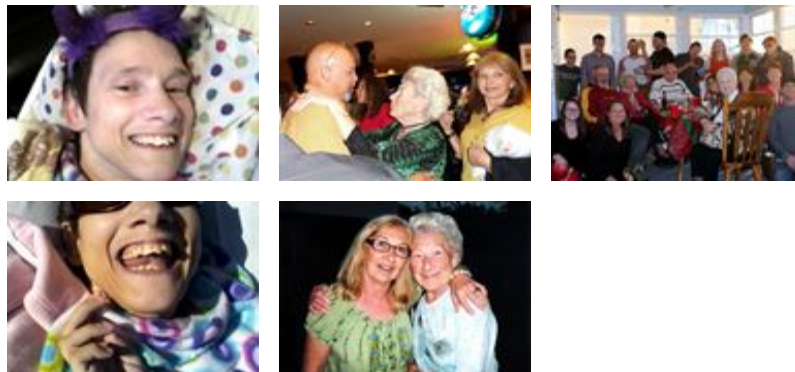
LD

“ We will miss her at all the family gathering. Rest in Peace. Love, Lynn, Louise and James

Lynn Dunnick - February 26, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 26, 2016 at 12:05 PM

BR

“ *Go with God. Sending sympathy to the Marvaso family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Bryan & Sue Redshaw

Bryan and Susan Redshaw - February 26, 2016 at 11:03 AM