



## Carole Rita Fragasso

December 14, 1934 - July 24, 2021

Carole Rita Fragasso, caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and sister, left this world on Saturday, July 24th, 2021.

Carole was born on December 14th, 1934 to Anna and Paul Greco of the Bronx, where she lived until she married and starting raising her children. She met and married her husband Raymond Fragasso in the Bronx and eventually they moved to Rye, NY.

Carole is survived by her 3 Daughters: Terri Salmi, Mary Jean Ryan and Carolyn Cutillo; 4 Grandchildren: Christina Bullock, Alexis Salmi, Tommy Ryan and Raymond Ryan; and one Great Grandchild, Jack Bullock.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, July 28th at St. Patricks Church, 13591 Prosperity Farms Rd, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 at 10:30am.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to:

The Terrace at Hobe Sound,  
Activities Department  
9555 SE Federal Highway  
Hobe Sound, FL 33455

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL **28**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Patrick Catholic Church  
13591 Prosperity Farms Road  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carole Rita Fragasso*

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October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Things I will always love and remember about our beautiful Aunt Carole: Fun, honest, she always said it like it was - loyal to her family, the best cook ever (Christmas Eve with seven fishes!), her fabulous parties full of laughter, a fashionista, the love she showed those close to her. Rest in Peace, Aunt Carole. Say hi to Uncle Ray, Mom and Dad and Uncle Vic. We miss you all dearly.*

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**Lynn Forbes** - August 04, 2021 at 12:04 PM

TE

“ I hope my eulogy, my perspective, touches you & helps you remember all the good things about Carole.

Mom,

Towards the end Mary Jean, Carolyn & I were trying so hard to make sure you know why you were so special to us. Right up to the end we were still trying to give you a reason to fight & live. I guess we were in a bit of denial because you were so ready rest.

Mom please know..that you gave me the strength I needed to combat the harder moments of my young, ugly duckling childhood. I was victim to many a mean girl moment, but you gave me the tools to persevere. To walk into Rye HS with my head held high, with my new pixie haircut, when it was fashionable for sure, but hard to be the early adopter, to stand out & be different. You gave me that look at me attitude in my snazzy, totally in style, fabulous new outfit from Kaplans. How many young girls got to go into NYC to do a photo shoot for 17 Magazine! & that wasn't because daddy was in the business, it had nothing to do with him. I was insecure but it was you who gave me that confidence & strength to get past the hard stuff which has kept me strong my entire life.

You gave that strength to all my friends, who loved sitting at your kitchen table, eating your delicious food! You made them comfortable to share their stories & woes & then we would play games, have fun & push the harder stuff aside. I recently reminisced with my old friend Linda of a time when she & I were visiting you in Florida & there was a hurricane coming. We were panic stricken because we realized we weren't prepared. We went to several stores before we finally found the critical hurricane supplies we needed, Skipo cards!!

Mom, you taught me to accept all people, to ask questions, to learn. You allowed the exposure to happen, you didn't over protect, you let us experience everything even when it was so foreign to you & you were scared & all you wanted to do was run back to the Bronx. You encouraged us to find & embrace all the exciting things around us. When daddy died I was in college. As we all know his tragic death was unbearable & I had immediately decided that I wasn't going back to college. As the oldest I had to stay behind to take care of

*you, Mary Jean & Carolyn. But when you heard my plan you absolutely refused, you said I had to go back. You knew how important that time in my life was & you gave me that gift.*

*Mom, you helped me so much when my family was young & raising them wasn't enough for me, I had to find more & you gave me the ability to go off & start my own business & run every committee at the elementary school, while you watched the kids, cooked, washed & worked in the sweat shop in the basement! You gave me that ability to satisfy my own needs for more adventures & still maintain a loving delicious home for my girls & George & I.*

*You loved with actions as when Elise, Rick & Matthew came to visit us in California. Matthew got so sick & hospitalized with Meningitis. It was a frightening time for all of us but mom you were our glue, holding down the home front for over a month, giving us all some sense of normalcy as we tried to navigate an extremely difficult time.*

*I am so thrilled that Christina & Alexis had you as their grandma. They were exposed to all the wonderful things you are. They tried desperately to get all the recipes in preparation for this day so they could cook in loving memory of you. They will always remember their grandma especially every time they shuffle a deck of cards, the woman who taught them so much & especially how to gamble & play poker!*

*We so wanted you to be able to come to Alexis & Marc's wedding, but we know you will be with us, sending all your love.*

*We are thrilled that Jack got to meet his GiGi. We know he was one of the only things that put a smile on your face, even in your final days.*

*Mom, we will all miss you desperately.*

*We love you Carole Rita Ann Greco Fragasso. Rest in happiness mommy with our beloved daddy.*

*I love you,*

*Ter*

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Terri - July 29, 2021 at 09:55 AM



*Beautiful tribute Teri, may she rest in eternal peace. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you 🙏❤️🙏*

**Jodi Turer** - July 29, 2021 at 07:57 PM



*So beautiful Teri. She will be missed.*

**Lori Forbes** - August 01, 2021 at 07:25 AM



*What a lovely tribute, Terri! So many wonderful memories that make me smile.*

**Lynn Forbes** - August 04, 2021 at 11:52 AM



*So true and so beautiful Terri. I am so sorry that I didn't know until now. I loved sharing Christmas with your family, eating all of the candy canes in sight. Easter was so special with you. Mom baked the most amazing cookies and her sauce was fragrant throughout the whole neighborhood. Sending my love. To Carolyn and Mary Jean too.*

**Laurie Parker** - April 19, 2024 at 03:11 PM

LF

“ How fun to look at these photos and videos. I love Aunt Carole's laugh and will miss her very much. I loved family time as a child at the Rye house. Always lots of food and laughter. And I was blessed to be able to reconnect with Aunt Carole in North Carolina and spend many more years in her company at our book clubs, and house parties, and dinners. And of course, there was always more food! Always the fashionista, she was a perfect fit for the 60s/ 70's styles but she looked amazing even into her older years. Much love to Mary Jean, Carolyn, Terri, and the grandkids. Thinking of you all and praying for God's comfort and that you enjoy being with each other through laughter and tears as you reminisce about her amazing life.

Love, Lori



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**Lori Forbes** - July 28, 2021 at 09:12 PM

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Thank you Lori. We had a beautiful day yesterday, celebrating her life and all the wonderful things she was. What a beautiful picture. Thank you for sharing!!

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**Terri** - July 29, 2021 at 08:02 AM

LF

Awww, I love this photo!

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**Lynn Forbes** - August 04, 2021 at 11:53 AM

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George Salmi - July 28, 2021 at 11:18 AM

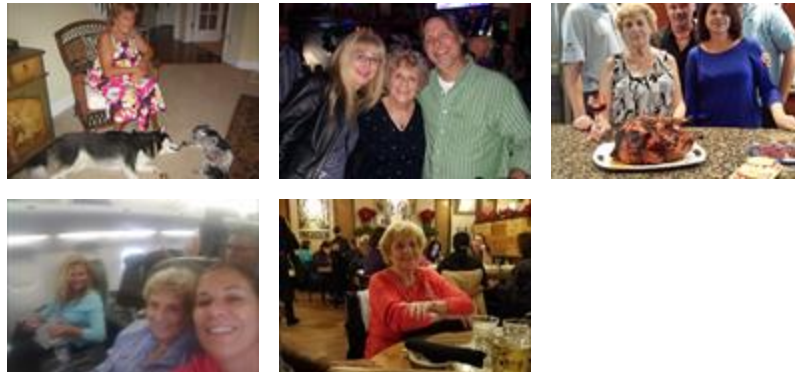
TE

*Thank you George for finding this fabulous video! How beautiful she was and what a great throw back memory of the fun we had visiting Aunt Mildred and Uncle Rocky!!*

Terri - July 29, 2021 at 08:03 AM

TE

“ 5 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Terri - July 28, 2021 at 05:51 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



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**Terri** - July 27, 2021 at 09:52 PM

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“ 26 files added to the album *Pictures of Carole*



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**Christina** - July 27, 2021 at 09:08 PM