



Gemma Teresa Foresta

January 10, 1926 - July 25, 2021

Gemma Teresa Foresta, age 95, of Crown Point, passed peacefully on July 25, 2021. Beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, she will be sorely missed.

Gemma was born on January 10, 1926, in San Lucido, Italy to Antonio F. and Concetta Caputo. She came to the United States when she was just 9 years old with her mother, sister, and brother. They arrived in Ellis Island, then on to Pennsylvania and eventually moved to Chicago. She remained grateful for the opportunity to be in the United States throughout her life.

Gemma met her husband at a neighborhood party where her, unknown at the time, future mother-in-law was celebrating her sons returning from service in World War 2. And as love stories go, Frank asked Gemma for her hand in marriage after their second date. Soon after, they began making their home on the south side of Chicago, where they raised 5 children. She loved motherhood participating in all the kids' activities. As she began having grandchildren, she pitched in to help with their upbringing and traveled everywhere to root for her grandchildren (and great grandchildren) in whatever sport or activity they were involved in.

Gemma had a heart for orphans and supported various charities throughout her life. She was a member of Holy Spirit church and was an active member of the LOFS Fire Auxiliary.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank R. Foresta; her sisters Vincenza Caputo, Cecelia (Bill) Christensen and her brother, Bernard

(Carmella) Caputo and her daughter-in-law Sonya Foresta.

She is survived by her son, Bill (Dolores) Foresta, daughter, Debbie (Scott) Albanese, sons Dave (Phyllis) Foresta, Frank (Linda) Foresta, and Tom Foresta; her grandchildren Lisa, Joshua (Caitlin), Tess (Josh), Bethany (Scott), Ryan (Victoria), Dominique (Vinnie), Zach, Mackenzie, Stephen and Trey; and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN 46307 on Friday, August 6, 2021, from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

A funeral mass will be held on Saturday August 7, 2021, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7667 East 109th Ave, Crown Point, IN 46307 with visitation beginning at church at 9:30 a.m. prior to the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. Interment at Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso, IN.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gemma's name to St. Joseph's Carmelite Home in East Chicago <https://www.carmelitehome.org/donate.php#donate>. www.burnsfuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

1505 E. Morthland Drive
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/>

Visitation

AUG 7. 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7667 E 109th Ave
Crown Point, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Joe an Jackie Foresta jr. my heart felt sympathy for ur family , I remember ur parents having some party's in South Holland best food an fun very kind Aunt now they r together for eternity ❤️Peace

Joe an Jackie Foresta jr. - August 07, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JF

“ Mother's are the Best - she was always Kind

My Condolences to Family - -Jeff Foresta

Jeff Foresta - August 06, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DM

“ Our condolences to all the family. Praying that God's caring & comforting presence will hold you with His loving assurance along with all your good memories of your loving mom.
Your friends, Phil & Debbie Mullens

Debbie Mullens - August 06, 2021 at 12:02 PM

LM

“ Love Aunt Rose, Ava, Angela and Mark purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Gemma Teresa Foresta.



Love Aunt Rose, Ava, Angela and Mark - August 05, 2021 at 02:43 PM

JF

“ Jeff Foresta lit a candle in memory of Gemma Teresa Foresta



Jeff Foresta - August 05, 2021 at 01:59 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gemma Teresa Foresta.



August 03, 2021 at 10:52 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gemma Teresa Foresta.



August 02, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gemma Teresa Foresta.



July 30, 2021 at 01:00 PM

DP

“ *Dwayne & Jill Parkinson lit a candle in memory of Gemma Teresa Foresta*



Dwayne & Jill Parkinson - July 28, 2021 at 11:58 PM

DP

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Dwayne & Jill Parkinson - July 28, 2021 at 11:59 PM

NF

“ *Nick And Laura Foresta lit a candle in memory of Gemma Teresa Foresta*



Nick and Laura Foresta - July 28, 2021 at 06:29 PM