



## Marie Antonette Cerchio

March 23, 1930 - February 5, 2021

Marie Antonette Cerchio passed away peacefully at home in Ridgewood on Friday, February 5, 2021 at the age of 90, with her daughter Claudia by her side.

Marie was born on March 23, 1930 in Passaic. She moved to Jersey City with her family when she was a child. It was there, in 1944, where she met her “one and only” love, Dominick Cerchio through neighborhood friends. From then on, the two became inseparable.

In 1947, Marie attended business school in Jersey City, and soon after started work as a comptometer (the very first calculator) operator for a local company in Jersey City.

They married in September of 1950 and soon after, her husband Dominick, was called to serve in the Korean War in Germany. Upon her husband’s return from Germany in 1951, they started their life together as a married couple. In 1959, they opened Dom’s Delicatessen in North Bergen. For the next 20 years, they raised their 3 children and ran the very popular deli.

In 1978, Marie and Dominick retired to their log cabin in Wantage. Marie was employed as a teacher’s aide for many years at the Sussex-Wantage Regional School District. She also worked side by side with her husband Dominick, prepping all the food for his hot dog wagon, which was a 20 year adventure.

A member of St. Monica R.C. Church in Sussex, Marie was a devout Catholic who was proud of her Italian heritage. She volunteered as secretary for the

Catholic retreat, “The Sanctuary of Mary, Our Lady of the Holy Spirit,” located in Branchville, for many years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Dominick Cerchio on February 1, 2021. She is survived by their children, Claudia Cerchio Allocco and her husband James, Steven Cerchio and his wife Mimi, and Christopher Cerchio and his wife Celia; his ten grandchildren, Jennifer Allocco, Christina Cerchio Morel, David Allocco and his wife Tina, Matthew Cerchio and his wife Cristina, Anthony Cerchio and his wife Terri, Nicholas Cerchio and his wife Marisa, Jessica Cerchio Cherboni and her husband Ray, Andrew Cerchio and his wife Samantha, Dominic Cerchio and his wife Abby, and Katie Cerchio Fugman and her husband Stephen; and 13 great grandchildren who loved their “G-G-Ma.”

Marie is also survived by her beloved brother, Dominic DeVito and his wife Marjorie and their children, Rachel DeVito and her husband Marco and Alex DeVito and his wife Kelly, who are two of her numerous nieces and nephews. Private graveside services for Marie and her husband, Dominick will be held together for the family at Clove Cemetery in Wantage.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Alzheimer’s Association in Marie Cerchio’s memory, who was inflicted with this horrible disease.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

**Private Interment at Clove Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family**

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ So heartbroken to hear of the passing of Aunt Marie - she was the sweetest and most special person and she loved her husband so much - God Bless her always  
Many condolences to Claudia - Steven and Chris and family  
With Sympathy  
Rita Cerchio

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**Rita Cerchio** - May 31, 2021 at 09:18 PM

AT

“ Dear Claudia and family,

Marie was my love. She worked at our school in the cafeteria and a truer grandmother there never was. She loved us all and shared so many laughs and fun stories. She truly cared about each and every child and always found a way to make each child day special. When she spoke of Dom, it was with sweetness and laughter. That is how I will remember them both. The love they shared on earth will unite them again in heaven. For now, they are at peace and rest. May the memories of your loving parents guide you through this most difficult time. I have taught at Wantage School for 42 years and never have I met a person so full of genuine love.

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**Allen W Terwilliger** - February 16, 2021 at 12:22 PM

GB

“ This beautiful amazing woman was my second cousin and an amazing cousin to my mother and grandfather I just want you to know that we all miss you so much and thank you for the amazing memories you made with me and Justin when we were just babies.

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**Gabriella Bellotti** - February 10, 2021 at 11:16 AM

LP

“ Dear Claudia, Steven, Chris and Family,  
We are so sorry. Your parents were the best and their marriage was a true love story. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.  
Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Linda and John Pepe

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**Linda Pepe** - February 07, 2021 at 12:11 AM

RC

“ To my cousins and their families our sincere sorrow on the passing of Aunt Marie. She was one of my favorites. I always enjoyed her stories about how she would visit me as an infant on Hawthorne Ave in Jersey City push me in my carriage “up the hill” Sip Ave to her house on Van Waganen Ave to spend time with me. Uncle Dom at the time was in the army. She will always be remembered.  
Robert Cerchio and Family

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**Robert Cerchio** - February 06, 2021 at 12:06 PM

DU

“ I worked at the Sussex Wantage School for many years ,always bumping into Marie somewhere threw out the day. She was so sweet and always smiling and friendly. We always had something to talk about, especially since I knew her husband ( the hot dog man) . Lol . Sounds like Dominick was the love of her life. So very sorry for your loss . God bless ,Debbie Unangst

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**Debra Unangst** - February 06, 2021 at 08:35 AM

CP

“ It is very sad to hear of the passing of Marie especially so soon after  
Dominic's passing just a few  
days ago

*But should anyone be surprised*

*they are the classic example of a couple so in love with each other  
that you just knew one would not survive long after.*

*Dominic tended to Marie in her illness and called her to join him in  
heaven.*

*Dominic and Marie were loving and caring people who won the  
hearts of all who knew them*

*As faithful members of St. Monica's parish in Sussex they were a joy  
to have around and examples of faith that inspired others.*

*It was an honor and a humbling experience to encounter them as  
their Pastor.*

*They taught me more than I could ever teach them*

*May they enjoy the reward of a good and faithful life*

*May they rest in Peace*

*Rev. Charles A. Perricone*

*Pastor 1990 - 2017*

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**charles perricone** - February 05, 2021 at 10:44 PM