



Filomena Belli

October 24, 1921 - January 15, 2023

Filomena Belli, age 101. Died January 15, 2023. She was born on October 24, 1921 in Alfedena, Italy. She was the beloved wife of the late Leopoldo; dear mother of Dina (Robert) DiLaura and Louis (Colleen) Belli; proud and loving Nonna of Christopher (Selamawit) Belli, Tara (Eli) Badro, Michael (Sarah) DiLaura, Nicole (Michael) Tucker, and LeAnne (Joseph) Simon; cherished Bisnonna of Leo, Alexa, Mallory, Daniel, Vara, Lucia, Nadia, Serena, James, Sophia, Aria, and Joseph. Dear sister of Gaetano (Domenica) Lombardozzi. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. She loved her family and friends, her faith, and her Italian heritage.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 22, 2023 from 2-8 pm with a Rosary at 4:30 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. Of Van Dyke) Utica. Instate 9:30 am on Monday, January 23, 2023 at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr Road (Btwn 21-22 Mile Road) Shelby Township until time of Mass 10:00am. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorial contributions are welcomed to Carmelite Monastery of St. Therese of Clinton Township.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Rosary

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Instate At Church

JAN **23**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Road
Shelby Twp., MI 48315

Funeral Mass

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

WG

“ I remember Filomena from my youth, when I knew many of the paesani from Alfedena through my grandparents, Domenico and Terenzia DiBartolomeo and my mother, Teodora (Dorothy), their oldest child. I knew Leopoldo as well and regret that I've lost contact with many of the original Alfedenesi, who bring back the nostalgic memories of when so many of them were still alive. May she rest in peace

William Giovan - January 25, 2023 at 02:41 PM

EM

I knew Filomena through my parents Armando and Elsie Monacelli. Her and her husband Leopoldo were close friends and visited often.. Both were Beautiful paesanis and are Greatly missed by so many!! May they both R.I.P. 🙏🕊️🥹🌹

Elene Maniaci - January 27, 2023 at 11:33 AM

JM

“ Nonna was and will always be admired as the quintessential devoted leader of the multi-generational Belli family. She was a constant revered figure at the Belli family gatherings. Her greetings were exuberant and genuine as she always loved to see visitors. If Nonna had a hand in meal preparation, one had to be prepared for double ample servings of her delicious Old-World staples of homemade pizza, lasagna, spaghetti, and meatballs. We must mention the meals often included wine homemade by Leo her late husband. Leo was a venerable and kind man, together they made a home and family to be envied. Goodbye Nonna, you are loved, and you will be missed. We are comforted by knowing your love, and knowing you are now in the peace of eternal rest.
Marsha and Jerry McHale

Jerry McHale - January 22, 2023 at 11:00 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Filomena Belli.*



January 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Filomena Belli.*



January 20, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Filomena Belli.*



January 19, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Asfaw and Kidemealem purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Filomena Belli.*



Asfaw and Kidemealem - January 17, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Filomena Belli.*



January 17, 2023 at 02:12 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Filomena Belli.*



January 17, 2023 at 12:27 PM

“ ‘Nonna’ Filomena Belli died January 15, 2023. She was 101 years old. Born and raised in the tiny town of Alfedena in the Abruzzo Mountains of Italy, she is survived by her children Dina (Robert) DiLaura and Luigi (Colleen) Belli. Filomena had five grandchildren: Christopher (Selamawit) Belli, Tara (Eli) Badro, Nicole (Michael) Tucker, Michael (Sarah) DiLaura and LeAnne (Joseph) Simon and 12 great-grandchildren. Born Filomena Lombardozzi on October 24, 1921, she was predeceased by her husband of more than 50 years, Leopoldo Belli, and her brother Gaetano Lombardozzi.

Leopoldo and Filomena truly were members of the Greatest Generation, tackling every challenge life had to offer. Nothing was too difficult. Filomena survived the bombing of Alfedena in World War II and immigrated with her husband and children to the United States in 1955. They came to Detroit where dozens of relatives and friends from Alfedena had settled. Together they soon became active in the Alfedena group, the Loyal Wing Club. Leopoldo and Filomena made their home in Harper Woods for many years, and later Clinton Township. Nonna loved people and greeted everyone with a smile. She would most often say, “Beautiful!” with her greeting, so happy to see people she knew. When something was amiss Nonna would shrug and say, “What are you gonna do?”

Among her extended family, Filomena is revered for making the best lasagna. She was born to cook. She made bread and pasta from scratch for years and frequently told friends, “You come over my house. I make you a nice spaghetti.” Whenever she had visitors or visited others, there was always a batch of homemade cookies. Italian Pizzellas with anise and Frosted Cookies with lemon were her specialties. Describing her especially good food, her granddaughter declared, “Nonna makes it with love.”

Filomena was a member of the Ladies of the Loyal Wing Club for more than 60 years. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, especially her grandchildren. Nothing compared to the love and joy she shared with her five grandchildren. They meant the

world to her and they are her greatest legacy.

Her 12 great-grandchildren are: Leo, Alexa and Vara Belli; Sophia and Aria Badro, Mallory and Nadia Tucker; Daniel and James DiLaura; and Lucia, Serena and Joseph Simon.

Love You Forever

Luigi & Colleen

Luigi & Colleen Belli - January 17, 2023 at 11:11 AM