



Florence M. Messina

February 23, 1939 - November 2, 2020

Florence M. Messina (nee Machowski), Age 81, resident of Macomb Township, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 2, 2020 in Troy, Michigan.

Born in Hamtramck, Michigan on February 23, 1939 to the late Arthur and Dorothy (nee Stodulski) Machowski.

Beloved wife of the late Stephen "Steve" Messina, who passed away on November 30, 2014. Steve and Florence were married over 50 years.

Florence was always at Steve's side at their family owned business, Messina Trucking, Inc.

Loving mother of Carolyn, Antonio "Nino", Anna, and Steve (Brenda). Dearest grandmother of Kassandra, Stephen, Alecia, Dominic, Anthony, Gino, Alexa, and Jacob

Beloved great grandmother of Penelope. Florence is survived by three of her four siblings, and many nieces and nephews.

To sum up the glorious life of Florence Messina in words can not begin to justify the true love felt by being in her presence.

Florence Messina was the purest form of the motherly figure, giving unconditional love to whomever was in need. Her gentle soul graced this earth, selflessly putting others' needs in front of her own, never expecting anything in return: a truly admirable way of being. Though Florence's body was petite, her heart showed no bounds, carrying a contagious smile that

illuminated all in her company wherever she went. Florence and her husband of 50 years; Steve, led an exemplary life of generosity, modesty, and charitable action all with a calm, humble demeanor. Their marriage was the idyllic representation of a partnership that worked in perfect harmony (one picking up where the other left off): Florence maintained a healthy foundation at home, raising and caring for their (4) children, nourishing the family, and providing a firm foundation for others to build on; allowing the conditions for Steve to carry out his great work, building a legacy in service of the community. Never at rest, always on the move; she showed up to work until the end just as Steve did, never letting signs of struggle be known. When she wasn't at Messina Trucking, her passion spread through her love of being in the kitchen, making sure no one's stomach was empty, and spending whatever time she could with her family. She was easy to love, and loved easily. Florence had the unique gift to give you her pure attention, making you feel special and loved no matter your shortcomings. Humor was always present when Florence was around, whether she pulled something from her famous list of one-liners to match whatever situation, or her unintentional, pure, child-like innocence that was simply refreshing to be around. Her presentation was of utmost importance; always beautifully dressed and well composed, Florence radiated elegance wherever she was to be. She led not by telling you what was right but by doing and showing you what right was, leading by example for the lost to follow; a role model to many. Florence was an anomaly of a human being; persistently genuine, faithful and compassionate; giving her all until she could no more, she fulfilled her life's purpose leaving us her light for guidance. Souls like hers are few and far between. It feels as if people of this caliber can never live long enough. Florence's presence on Earth will truly be cherished and always remembered. (Shared by 3 of her grandchildren-Anthony, Alexa, and Alecia)

Visitation at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd., (3Blks

East of VanDyke) Utica on Saturday, November 7 from 5-9 pm and Sunday, November 8 from 2-9 pm with a rosary Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Instate at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 44633 Utica Rd (Btwn Van Dyke and M-59) Utica. on Monday, November 9, at 9:30 a.m. until time of her funeral mass at 10a.m. Entombment St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Utica, Michigan.

Family requests donations to the Shelby Township Lions Club P.O. Box 182075 Shelby Township, Michigan 48318 ~ <https://shelbylionsclub.org/donation>

Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

Auburn Road
Utica, MI 48317

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 7. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
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Visitation

NOV 8. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

NOV 8. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Instate At Church

NOV 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church-

Funeral Mass

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church-

Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Florence M. Messina*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - November 07, 2020 at 08:47 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 07, 2020 at 03:13 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 07, 2020 at 10:00 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 07, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *If memory serves me, the first time I met Florence was when my dad, my brother and I attended her and Steve's wedding. Through the years I have had news about the Messina family so even though I haven't seen Florence much I know what was up with her life and what kind of person she was. So sad to hear of her passing. My most heartfelt condolences for all of you.*

Margaret Ristagno - November 06, 2020 at 02:13 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 01:52 PM

JS

“ I had the privilege of living across the street from this wonderful family since Carolyn and I were three years old. Mrs. MESSINA was literally my second mom growing up, from many meals shared there to sleepovers and family vacations she always treated me the same as her own kids. I always remember her going out the door to work looking beautiful and impeccably dressed, and coming in the door at night to start cooking one of her delicious meals for her family. All while having a smile on her face and a happy disposition. I remember the yearly trips to Cedar point on the Lions Club bus as it was parked in front of our house the night before with great anticipation that included Florence getting up at a very early hour to prepare a full breakfast for everyone to enjoy on the long ride there including bacon, eggs, toast and juice. She was a great mother, wife, friend, neighbor and business partner to all who knew her. Florence and Steve left an impact on the community through their many hours spent with the Shelby Lions and Leader Dogs for the Blind and she will be remembered always as a kind, loving, and giving person who will leave an empty space behind that no one else can fill.

Love you Florence and deepest condolences to the family~Janet (Willet) and Steve Swartwood

janet swartwood - November 06, 2020 at 12:15 PM

SD

“ Sincerely, Dick & Aileen Domenick purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Florence M. Messina.



Sincerely, Dick & Aileen Domenick - November 06, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 06, 2020 at 07:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 05, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



November 05, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Rick Tiseo and Ed Everhard - Lekaehsore Utiltiy purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Florence M. Messina.*



Rick Tiseo and Ed Everhard - Lekaehsore Utiltiy - November 05, 2020 at 11:18 AM

LJ

“ We both have known Florence for many many years, and our hearts are broken. She was definitely one of the most beautiful, amazing and wonderful lady we have ever met. She will be truly missed, but now will be happy to be with her loving husband. Our sincere condolences to the entire Messina family. Lloyd and Sandy Jones

Lloyd Jones - November 04, 2020 at 04:38 PM

SZ

“ I've known Florence since 1966 when I joined the Messina Trucking family after marrying my husband. Florence was always so very kind and so much fun to be around when we got together for all the great weddings back in the day. Her cheerful smile and loving nature will be surely be missed. My deepest sympathies to the Messina family. Your mom and dad will now carry on together through eternity.

Sue Ziehm

Sue Ziehm - November 04, 2020 at 03:21 PM

JS

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My family loved both Florence and Steve. They were friends for years with too many memories. Our deepest condolences to your family during this time.

Love

MaryAnn, Mary Jo and JoAnna Strizic

JoAnna Strizic - November 04, 2020 at 02:46 PM





“ Carolyn - So sorry to hear this. Sending your family strength and prayers at this difficult time. --- Ann A. HFH

Ann A. - November 04, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray* was purchased for the family of Florence M. Messina.



November 04, 2020 at 01:58 PM



“ *Rest In Peace, Florence. You and Steve are together again. Bob Walsh*

Robert Walsh - November 04, 2020 at 12:51 PM