



Adele Masi

July 10, 1937 - June 16, 2026

MASI, Adele Nicolella. June 16, 2026 Age 88. Born on July 10, 1937 in Bellosguardo, Italy to Alessandro Nicolella and Grazia Maria Aceto. Loving mother of Gloria Hilbert, Grace (Ron) Reusch, and Michael (Sinamar) Masi. Proud nonna of Frank (Tracy) Sanna, Jonathan (Hallie) Reusch, Nicholas (Livia) Reusch, Cary Hilbert, and great nonna of Stephanie, Samantha, Anthony, Gemma, and Liana. Dear sister of Amelia Pepe, the late Antionette Di Felice, and the late Michael Nicolella. Adele is survived by her beloved companion of 25 years, Stefano Giannola, his daughters Francesca Consiglio, Angela Cracchiolo, RoseAnn Bojin, and their admiring families.

Today, my heart is broken. My Nonna, Adele Nicolella Masi, passed away this morning June 16, 2026, at 88 years old, just weeks shy of her 89th birthday on July 10.

It's hard to put into words what she meant to me, our family, and everyone lucky enough to know her. When I think of her, I think of love and great food. The kind of love you could feel the moment you walked through her door. The kind that came through a warm hug and multiple kisses on the cheek, and food thru a plate of homemade gnocchi, ravioli made from scratch, trays of cookies covering every available counter, and meals that seemed to last all day even when you told her "no thanks I'm full". In true Italian fashion, one course somehow always became seven, and no matter how full you were, there was always room for more. In addition, She worked at Hudsons for

nearly 20 years taking pride in great clothes, fashion, and perfumes, helping folks with their look, style and ultimately how they feel. One of my favorite memories is the trip to Italy I took with her and my family in 2004. Watching her return to the place where her story began gave me an even deeper appreciation for the incredible woman she was and the legacy she had built. She carried her roots proudly, never forgetting where she came from, while helping build something new for generations that followed.

At just 16 years old, my Nonna left Italy and came to the United States. Imagine the courage that took. Leaving behind family, familiarity, language, and everything she knew in pursuit of opportunity and a better future. That single act of bravery changed the course of our family's history forever. Because she was willing to take that leap, generations of our family have been blessed with opportunities she could only dream about. Her sacrifice became our foundation.

She taught us the importance of family, hard work, resilience, faith, generosity, and showing up for the people you love. She never needed to give speeches about those values. She lived with them every day. She was fierce, tough, and direct, yet loved her family with everything she had. I will miss hearing her voice. I will miss her stories. I will miss her laugh. I will miss sitting around the table eating food that somehow always tasted better when she made it. Most of all, I will miss knowing that I could walk through her door and feel the unconditional love that only a grandmother can give. I sit here grateful for nearly 36 years of memories and experiences.

Thank you, Nonna, for every meal, every cookie, every hug, every story, every lesson, and every sacrifice. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your love. Thank you for your advice. Thank you for your passion. Thank you for helping build the family we are today. I already miss you more than words can express, but I find comfort knowing your legacy lives on in every one of us. Ti

amo, Nonna. Forever and always.

Visitation Monday 3-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons (Shelby Twp) 54880
Van Dyke @ 25 Mile Rds. Funeral Tuesday instate 9:30am at St. Therese of
Lisieux Catholic Church 48115 Schoenherr (Btw 21 & 22 Mile Rds) until time
of Mass 10am. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the
family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Instate / Funeral Mass

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

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

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Donna, Bob, Lea, Frank, J, Lindy & Lexy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Adele Masi.



Donna, Bob, Lea, Frank, J, Lindy & Lexy - Yesterday at 07:30 AM

PS

“ I will miss your friendship. In the day, we did so much dancing. I believe it kept us sane. Rest In Peace, my friend... Pat Sulak

Pat SULAK - June 18 at 05:21 PM



TY Pat for the friendship you had with my mom. She cherished you friendship very much!

Michael Masi - Yesterday at 12:52 PM

AM

“ Antonio Masi lit a candle in memory of Adele Masi



Antonio Masi - June 18 at 05:04 PM



Thank you, Antonio.

Michael Masi - Yesterday at 12:53 PM

EF

“ *Such and absolutely wonderful lady, we always enjoyed seeing Adele and talking to her. She was truly a loving soul. She will be missed every day, so honored and privileged to have known her. Our love, thoughts and prayers go to Grace, Ton and Family. Erin and Scott Fournier*

Erin Fournier - June 17 at 06:55 PM



TY, Erin and Scott, for your kind words.

Michael Masi - Yesterday at 12:55 PM

CT

“ *Adele my neighbor ,first to come and welcome me to the complex with a bag of apricots from her tree,so sweet always,willing seeing you.*

carol tobola - June 17 at 06:18 PM

SR

“ *Silvia Rivero purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Adele Masi.*



Silvia Rivero - June 17 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Silvia Rivero planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adele Masi.*

Silvia Rivero - June 17 at 02:12 PM