



Marie Barbara Giddings

January 5, 1917 - October 5, 2019

Marie Barbara Giddings was born on January 5, 1917 and was the youngest of six children born to Michele and Epiphania Accardi, both immigrants from Sicily, Italy. Her sisters, Cecelia and Angelina, and her brothers, Frank, Peter and Joseph, have all predeceased her.

Marie grew up in Middle Village, New York. She graduated Valedictorian from Grover Cleveland High School. After attending Bookkeeping School for six months, she was employed by Owens Corning. While vacationing in Miami, Florida with her Aunt Lizzi, she met William Giddings who was also staying at the same boarding house. When Marie returned to Middle Village, Bill visited her often when he went to the Belmont Race Track. They were married April 4, 1948 and Marie began her married life with Bill in Wingdale, New York where he owned a Mobile gas station. They later became an authorized Jeep dealership, the first in New York State.

Later Bill and Marie purchased a beautiful imported Austrian chalet type home on Candlewood Lake in Danbury, Connecticut. Several family reunions were held both there and in Wingdale.

After they retired and sold the dealership in Wingdale, they purchased a mobile home located in Hacienda Village, in Winter Springs, Florida near Orlando. They also traveled quite a bit vacationing in England, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Hawaii and the United States.

Bill passed away on August 1, 1982 and Marie spent a few years traveling between Danbury and Winter Springs. She later sold her home in Danbury and Hacienda Village became her permanent home for many years. She traveled extensively during those years. Her most memorable trip was with her dear friend, Dorothy Foster, on the maiden voyage of the Queen Elizabeth II cruise ship to England. While living in Hacienda Village, she volunteered for many years at the South Seminole Hospital gift shop. She joined the R.S.V.P. club in Hacienda Village where they crocheted baby hats, lap blankets and made pillows for heart patients, all given to South Seminole Hospital. All volunteers were honored each year with an annual luncheon given by the hospital.

In 2011 she moved from Winter Springs to the Carriage Club of Charlotte, an Independent Retirement Community. Marie attended the Catholic services held there on Thursday

mornings, played Bingo and frequently enjoyed the entertainment held in the lobby and auditorium.

After a fall in 2014, Marie moved to the Assisted Living building of the Carriage Club where she continued her enjoyment of playing bingo and participated in many other activities that were offered.

Marie celebrated her 100th birthday on January 5, 2017. Many nieces and nephews flew in from New York and Massachusetts and Florida and enjoyed the weekend with her in Charlotte. A celebration party was held at the Bravo Restaurant in Charlotte, North Carolina on January 7th. Her dear friend, Dorothy Foster also celebrated her 100th birthday on July 4, 2017.

Although Marie had no children of her own, she shall be deeply missed by her many nieces and nephews and their families. Service information to be announced.

Cemetery

Saint John's Cemetery

1 East Street

New Pawling, NY, 12564