



## Josephine Fiorentino

March 17, 1935 - March 29, 2018

Josephine “Josie” Fiorentino of Murrells Inlet, SC, formerly of Riverdale, NJ, went to her heavenly home on March 29, 2018. She passed away at the Medical University of South Carolina after a brief and courageous battle with a rare form of lymphoma.

Josie was born March 17, 1935 in Brooklyn, New York to parents, Eugenio Sicher (Coredò, Italy) and Emilia Chini-Sicher (Segno, Italy). After Eugenio passed away, Emilia married Nicola Pedri, who raised her as a daughter. She graduated from Grover Cleveland High School, Queens, NY in 1953, excelling in her scholastic achievements. In 1955, she married her childhood sweetheart and the “Love of her Life”, Joseph “Joe” Fiorentino at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Brooklyn, NY.

Josie and Joe retired from Riverdale, New Jersey where they lovingly raised their family to Murrells Inlet, SC in 1996. She was a devoted homemaker and worked at various jobs, including Chilton Hospital and Riverdale Elementary school cafeteria, where she always had a smile on her face while cooking and serving the children. She was recently a faithful volunteer at Murrells Inlet Fire Department and Tideland’s Waccamaw Community Hospital. She was known for her passion and skill in Tyrolean and Italian cooking and baking. She enjoyed socializing and was a proud member of the Sons and Daughters of Italy and Red Hat Society. She loved playing with her grandchildren, walking

on the beach, shopping with coupons, cooking for her family, playing canasta with friends and traveling with family. Her devotion to family was her love and legacy!

During retirement they enjoyed many trips to visit family and sites of interest. In 2005 they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a gathering in New Jersey. They then traveled to Italy with their boys and spouses for a vow renewal at Nativita di Maria Catholic Church in Segno, in Val di Non Italy, where they were surrounded by their Italian relatives. This was the same church where her parents were married.

Josie is survived by her husband of 63 years, Joseph (Joe) Fiorentino; her two boys: Steve Fiorentino (Robin) of Algonquin, IL and Rob Fiorentino (Angie) of Annandale, NJ.; three grandchildren: Stephanie (19), Abby (16) and Joseph (15). She was preceded in death by two sisters, Anne Titone (Queens, NY) and Anna Christie (Phoenix, AZ).

Josie's family asks that you "spend time with your children and grandchildren, take a walk on the beach and share a home cooked meal with your loved ones and always place FAITH and FAMILY first." That is what she would wish for you!

A memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Garden City, SC on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 10:00 am with Father Ed Fitzgerald officiating, followed by a celebration of life at Gulfstream Restaurant, 1536 S. Waccamaw Dr. Garden City.

A visitation will be held at Goldfinch, Beach Chapel, Murrells Inlet, 11528 Highway 17 Bypass on Friday, April 13 from 5pm to 8pm.

The family requests memorials to Sons and Daughters of Italy, Myrtle Beach Lodge 2662, 7957 Moss Creek Road, Myrtle Beach, SC 29588 or St.

Michael's Catholic Church, 542 Cypress Ave., Garden City, SC 29576.  
Memories and condolences may be shared at GoldFinch Funeral Home,  
Beach Chapel of Murrells Inlet at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com).

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ To Joe, Rob, Angie, Steve, Robin, Stephanie, Abby and Joseph, You all are in our thoughts and prayers going into the weekend. May God bless and keep you as you formally say goodbye to Josie. What a beautiful soul, she was.  
The Ashbys



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**Cindy Ashby** - April 12, 2018 at 04:08 PM

RF

*Thank you Cindy and Ross. I am so happy you got to meet and know Mom at our Rutgers tailgates and summer picnics. She thought so highly of you and enjoyed your conversations*

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**robert fiorentino** - April 20, 2018 at 12:20 PM

TN

“ *The Ashby Family, Lebanon NJ purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



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**The Ashby Family, Lebanon NJ** - April 12, 2018 at 03:59 PM

BM

“ *Bill and Maryann (Dad & MAC Grandpa & Nana Mac) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



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**Bill and Maryann (Dad & MAC Grandpa & Nana Mac)** - April 11, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ *Tom Bruessow lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



Tom Bruessow - April 11, 2018 at 02:27 PM



*Joe, Steve, Rob and the entire Fiorentino family. With deepest sympathy in the loss of Josie. Thoughts and prayers to you during this difficult time. Tom.*

Tom Bruessow - April 11, 2018 at 02:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



April 11, 2018 at 09:13 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



April 11, 2018 at 06:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



April 10, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ *With our love in Josie's memory  
Adriano Calliari, Bruna, Lorena, Gianluca,  
Max & family*



**Max Calliari** - April 09, 2018 at 12:56 PM



“ *I will miss you so much Aunt Josie. I still can't believe you are gone. I always loved being together at family holidays and special events or when you and Uncle Joe invited us to your home in SC. My girls and I will miss you terribly. Love you forever.  
Susan, Linda Anne and Lauren* ❤️❤️❤️

**Susan Titone** - April 08, 2018 at 08:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



April 08, 2018 at 03:39 PM

GT

“ *My dearest Aunt Josie. May you rest in peace awaiting for all to join you in Heaven. Since the day I was born you were a second mom to me. From when we lived next door to one another to the days of retirement in Myrtle Beach, my life with you was a vacation wrapped in all the care a mother would have for a son. My marriage and children have been blessed by you. While the river of life flows quickly the footprints you have left behind are with us, a role model for how to live and love. So flows the current of life, where the love you had embraced from your mom, Nonna Emilia was with you each day for all your life. you shared that with all. I pray that our families and friends always feel the spirit of your presence in all that we do. . Your kitchen is a testament to the finest home baking, Italian and Tyrolean meals. Your daily life as a wife, mother, grandparent and friend is the perfect cup of espresso. May the recipe of life you have shared at your table be with us for all the days of our lives.*

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**Gary Titone** - April 08, 2018 at 07:16 AM

KA

“ *Karen Aneiro lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



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**Karen Aneiro** - April 07, 2018 at 05:51 PM

SL

“ *Sarah Long lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



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**sarah Long** - April 07, 2018 at 05:20 PM

SL

*In loving memory of Mrs Fiorentino. My condolences to all the family. She was such a beautiful person. I was blessed to have known her.*

**sarah Long** - April 07, 2018 at 05:22 PM

MD

“ *Marie DiCairano lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



**Marie DiCairano** - April 07, 2018 at 03:58 PM

MD

*Rest in Peace dear Josephine in Heaven...always..!...You will always be in our prayers and your wonderful family that you leave behind....May God Bless all of you....!*

**Marie DiCairano** - April 07, 2018 at 04:01 PM

JQ

“ *Joan Quirk lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



**Joan Quirk** - April 07, 2018 at 03:22 PM

AD

“ *AnnMarie DiCairano lit a candle in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



**AnnMarie DiCairano** - April 07, 2018 at 02:47 PM

AD

*May God Bless Josephine and the family and may she always rest in peace 🙏❤️*

**AnnMarie DiCairano** - April 07, 2018 at 02:49 PM

TJ

*“ The Bergoch Family: Jerry, Chris, and Jennifer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



**The Bergoch Family: Jerry, Chris, and Jennifer** - April 07, 2018 at 01:28 PM



*“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



April 06, 2018 at 02:34 PM

JQ

*“ Joan F. Quirk sent a virtual gift in memory of Josephine Fiorentino*



**Joan F. Quirk** - April 06, 2018 at 01:33 PM

FD

“ My dearest friend has gone to the Father. I will miss her so much our weekly talks, our visits when she was in town, the vacations we took together and all the wonderful years we have known each other. It was my lucky day when I started working at Chilton hospital and met Josie. That was about 31 years ago. My sweet friend, you are always be in my heart. I love you so much and look forward to seeing you when I am called. 💋💕



Frances DePinto - April 05, 2018 at 06:15 PM

MH

May the Fiorentino Family be comforted that their Mom is no longer suffering but dancing with our Heavenly Father. Her many talents of cooking her Italian Food will surely be missed, along with her smile and zest for Life. She may even be cooking in Heaven. May God's word and Loving arms comfort you and give you Peace now and forever. We were Blessed to get to know Nonna over the years. Hugs to all the family. Much Love, Mark, Michelle, Spencer Hippler and Lindsay Antalick.

Michelle Hippler - April 06, 2018 at 01:22 PM

JO

“ Joy Pan at Friedman New York Office purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.



Joy Pan at Friedman New York Office - April 05, 2018 at 03:17 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Fiorentino.*



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April 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ *Mom, the devotion to and nurturing of our family was your love and legacy. No matter how old I became, I never outgrew your comforting hugs, that warm smile or the reassuring twinkle in your eye that made everything seem okay. It is so hard to say goodbye but I just know you will continue to comfort us and your spirit will live on in the grandchildren. I love you forever Mom. I miss you. Your youngest ❤️*

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**Rob Fiorentino** - April 04, 2018 at 10:20 PM



“ *Smiling Josie will be missed. I always looked forward to the chance to chat*

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**Jane Bruhl** - April 04, 2018 at 09:38 PM



“ *The Love of my life is gone from us here on earth but we will be joined together again with our heavenly Father. We have been blessed with a loving family that has been more than we could ever asked for. Mom was so proud of her boys and family. Rest in peace my sweet love.  
Your loving hubby.*

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**Joe Fiorentino** - April 04, 2018 at 09:28 PM

AF

“ I miss you terribly Jo. You were so joyful and full of life. You welcomed me into the family with open arms and I always felt so accepted. Thank you for all the love over the years. We will make sure your memory burns bright for the family always.

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**Angie Fiorentino** - April 04, 2018 at 09:24 PM

RF

“ You became my “other mom” the day I married your eldest son. You welcomed me into your family in such a loving way. I hope I properly thanked you for raising the man of my dreams. I will miss you so much. ❤️ Robin

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**Robin Fiorentino** - April 04, 2018 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ I'll always remember her smile and how she always made everyone feel welcome. Grateful to have her cookie recipe and will always think of her every time I make them! Dave and I will always remember her dancing at our wedding...wearing her Minnie ears and celebrating with us.

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**Jen Bergoch/DaSilva** - April 04, 2018 at 09:01 PM

  
Stephanie  
Fiorentino

“ Not only was she an amazing rainbow cookie and lasagna maker, but also the best Nonna <3

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**Stephanie Fiorentino** - April 04, 2018 at 08:45 PM

ST

“ *I love you mommy! I am so glad we spent the final moments of life together. I will cherish them forever.*

*Love—Stephen*

*XOXO*

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**Steve** - April 04, 2018 at 04:15 PM