



Grace S. Campisi-Maroccia

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Campisi-Maroccia, Grace S., 90, lifelong Tampa resident, passed away July 15, 2016. When the name Grace S. Campisi-Maroccia comes to mind, one automatically feels great respect. She had natural feminine charm, but was still considered a woman's woman in the true sense of the word. She was an astute business person and an innovator of projects and many worthy causes. She was truly blessed with many fine attributes. The members of the Italian community can be proud to consider her one of their own. Seldom has anyone given so freely and generously of talents and leadership ability as this extraordinary lady. Grace majored in accounting in Chicago. From 1941 through the next 60 years, she had a history of unbelievable progress particularly in the field of construction. She went on to form her own organization, Eastern Continental Construction. In 1974, after re-activating her real estate broker's license she received many awards for outstanding achievement from the Board of Realtors. In 1975 Grace joined Southport Stevedores, Inc. where she was instrumental in bringing the first cargo of mobile homes to the Tampa port for shipment to Saudi Arabia. In 1977 she grasped the opportunity to open a Tampa branch for O'Shea Mechanical, Inc. of Rome, NY. Her rise within the corporation was rapid. She became a corporate officer of EME Modular Division, Inc. in addition to her managerial duties over 70 employees at Electrical Machinery Enterprises, Inc. with an additional 600 field employees. During this period, she served 4 years as a Board member of Adjustment for the City of Tampa and was Vice Chairman from 1986 to 1988. When Grace was the Regional Director of the National Association of Women in Construction, she was instrumental in the implementation of a National Scholarship Fund for furthering the education of women in construction and the Association named her "Woman of the Year". Other boards Grace has served on include" Ybor City Girls Club of America, March of Dimes Tampa Chapter, San Carlos Opera Association. She also served on the board of



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Directors for the Italian Club of Tampa (L'Unione Italiana) and was involved in the restoration of their historical building. Grace also served as the President of the Italian Club Cemetery. Some of the awards that followed were from the National Foundation of the March of Dimes and the Paolo Pupello Longo Award for her community involvement and leadership in promoting the ethnic culture in keeping alive our great Italian heritage. Grace was recognized as one of the "Women of the Year" by the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary. Her heart has always gone out to Italians in need, especially immigrants. While a member of Zonta International, she represented the Sons of Italy in America in assisting in the registration and job placement of Italian immigrants. The Italian Flood Relief was another drive Grace undertook. All of these wonderful volunteer feats eventually came to the attention of Mayor William G. Poe. He officially claimed October 30, 1976 as "Grace S. Campisi Day", in this way honoring her and publicly acknowledging her leadership, support and civic service. Literally following in her parents footsteps, Frank P. and Mary Scolaro Setticasi, Grace became a member of La Nuova Sicilia Lodge #1251, O.S.I.A. Since 1941, she had served in several elected offices including 2 years as President. She organized the first Junior Division in Florida, namely, "The Young Italian Americans of America" under the sponsorship of La Nuova Sicilia Lodge. She also had the honor of becoming the first woman elected Grand Venerable (State President) of the 81 year old O.S.I.A. in addition to being the first woman to be awarded the highest award by the Order Sons of Italy in America, the "Dr. Vincent Sellaro Award". During the 1967 to 1974 period, she was National Chairperson for the Birth Defects Project. This led to the adoption and implementation of the project on a National scale at the Supreme Convention in San Francisco. The funds raised exceeded a quarter of a million dollars within 2 years. This laid a solid foundation for the Order in a bi-annual drive that realizes several millions of dollars for birth defects and is currently involved in Alzheimer and Cooley's Anemia. She assisted in the organization of the Sons of Italy Florida Foundation and implemented two perpetual scholarships for the Grand Lodge of Florida. Hoping to bring her father's dream to build a retirement community for Sons of Italy members to fruition, she undertook the project in raising over \$75,000.00 for the Grand Lodge of Florida



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Building Fund. She was named "Woman of the Year" by the Grand Lodge of Florida under the leadership of Grand Venerable John Copuzelo in 1986. She was the co-founder of the Loggia Mona Lisa #2699, O.S.I.A. Grace was truly blessed as she had achieved all the highest goals and personal accomplishments she ever desired. In her case, no one else could have been more deserving. Grace was preceded in death by her parents, Frank P. Setticasi and Maria Scolaro Setticasi, brother, Frank Setticasi, Jr., sister, Violet Del Rosal, first husband, Victor Campisi and second husband, Joseph R. Maroccia, who always shared mutual interests as well as service in several Italian organizations. Grace is survived by her sister, Helen Piazza, sister-in-law, Jennie Setticasi, brother-in-law, Richard Del Rosal, nephews, Wayne and Frank Piazza, Richard Del Rosal, Jr., Joseph Del Rosal, Frank Joseph Setticasi, nieces, Diane Estep, Maria Roeder and Jean Wall, sister-in-law, Ida Clemente, brother-in-law, Anthony Ciccarella (Anna), devoted friend, Sylvia Meyer and many Tampa and Port Charlotte friends in the Grand Lodge of Florida. Pallbearers include: Wayne and Frank Piazza, Richard Del Rosal, Jr., Joseph and Matthew Del Rosal and Frank Setticasi. A Funeral Mass for the repose of Grace's soul will be celebrated at 10 AM on July 21, 2016 at Christ the King Catholic Church. Entombment will follow in the Italian Club Cemetery Mausoleum. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM, Wednesday, July 20, 2016 with recitation of the Catholic Wake Rite and Loggia Mona Lisa Lodge #2699, Sons of Italy in America ritual at 7 PM at Boza & Roel Funeral Home, 4730 N. Armenia Ave., Tampa, FL. In lieu of flowers contributions in Grace's memory may be made to the Italian Club Cemetery, P. O. Box 5054, Tampa, FL 33675. Words of condolence may be sent to www.bozaroel.com.






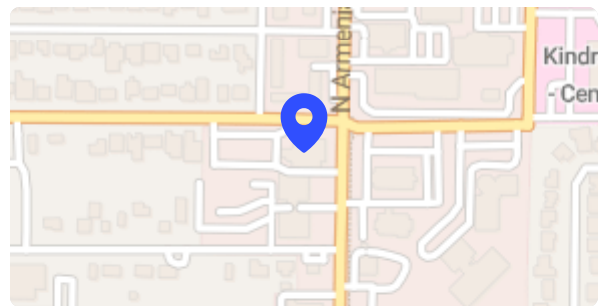
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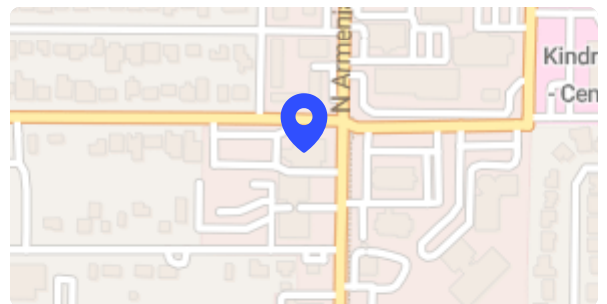
Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, July 20, 2016
-  6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603






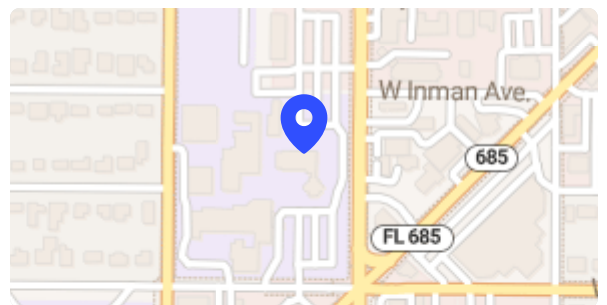
Wake service

-  **Wednesday**, July 20, 2016
-  7:00 PM ET
-  **Boza and Roel Funeral Home**
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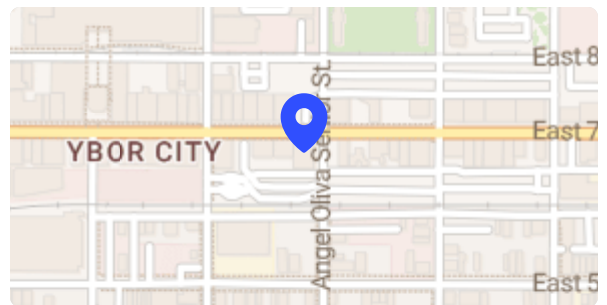
Funeral Mass

-  **Thursday**, July 21, 2016
-  10:00 AM ET
-  **Christ the King Catholic Church**
821 S Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa FL 33609



Entombment

-  **Thursday**, July 21, 2016
-  **Italian Club of Tampa**
1731 E. 7th Ave, Tampa FL 33605





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JS

Jack Scaglione posted:

In recognition of the life and times of Grace S. Campisi-Maroccia Grace is loved and fondly remembered by our family. My mother Rose Scaglione, considered Grace a dear and lifelong friend. Mom so enjoyed the wonderful telephone conversations and visits through the years. Grace's life accomplishments are incredible and so note worthy. She blessed and supported many people and noble causes with a work ethic and devotion. Her organizational and business skills were unmatched. Our thoughts, love and prayers to the family God Bless Jack Scaglione and family Mrs. Nona Scaglione Eurs and family

July 28 at 2:25 PM

JR

Joseph Del Rosal posted:

I tried to sum up in one word what you were to me, the rest of the family and everyone else who knew you. This was no easy task. After literally writing down what appeared to be a word list as long as the list of your accomplishments in your obituary, I finally came back to one word. A word that was literally the basis for all the other words I had come up with. That word is "selfless." I encourage everyone to look up that word's definition and you will understand where I'm coming from. A wonderful woman had once told me "Don't strive to make your presence known just make your absence felt." Ironically, I came across these words again just after you were admitted to the hospital this last time. That woman was you and by not striving to make your presence known, you accomplished both. Rest in peace. Your loving nephew, Joseph

July 22 at 6:50 AM

MR

Marie Roeder posted:

Although married to my uncle Joe Maroccia for just 10 years, Grace made quite an impression on our family. Grace was a kind and caring person. After uncle Joe passed away 3 years ago, Grace called Joe's sister-in-law Ida DiClemente every night at 6 and recited a prayer which included her family and ours. After Ida passed away last November, Grace and I kept in contact. Grace was a strong and elegant woman. God Bless you Grace. Niece, Marie Roeder

July 20 at 5:36 AM



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DO

Darlene Caltagirone Ojala lit a candle in honor of Grace.



July 20 at 3:10 AM

DO

Darlene Caltagirone Ojala July 20 at 3:25 AM

Thoughts and prayers of the heart, dear Grace, for you are greatly admired by countless individuals for so many accomplishments that made a large difference on earth. Rest in Peace. Sincerely, Darlene Aida Caltagirone Ojala

KC

Karen Capizzi posted:

Grace, it was an honor to call you my friend. We had a great time going to the meetings and dinners together these past few years. God Bless you.

July 18 at 6:26 PM

GM

George Migliore posted:

Grace, thank you for being my "Florida Mom"!

July 18 at 12:10 PM

GM

George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

July 18 at 12:09 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Grace by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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