



## Marie A. Hopkins

April 25, 1929 - November 4, 2024

Marie A. Hopkins (nee Colleluori), age 95, a resident of Glenolden and North Cape May formerly of Overbrook passed away on November 4, 2024.

Marie was born to the late Angelo and Rose (Massaro) Colleluori and grew up in the Overbrook section of Philadelphia. She was a graduate of Overbrook High School and worked in Telecommunications for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Marie was a snowbird spending her winters in Lauderhill, Florida. She loved shopping, traveling and the shore. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family especially her grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, John J. (Gail) Hopkins Sr., Patrick T. (Deborah) Hopkins and Mary Louise (Keith) Silva; grandchildren, John III, Christopher, Daniel, Timothy, Crystal, Patrick Jr. and Nicholas; great grandchildren, Liliana, John IV, Brady, Declan, Ava, Lucy, Michael and Harper; brother, Joseph (Dolly) Colleluori. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation: Friday 10:00 am at Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home 530 W. Woodland Avenue Springfield.

Service: Friday 11:00 am at Kovacs Lombardo Funeral Home.

Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to CHOP at [www.chop.edu](http://www.chop.edu)

Condolences: [www.lombardofuneralhomes.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lombardo Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie A. Hopkins*



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**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - November 07, 2024 at 05:23 PM

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I AM FOREVER GRATEFUL

*WITH ALL MY LOVE GOD BLESS  
PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

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**Mary Lou** - November 10, 2024 at 12:40 PM

ML

“ GROWING UP HER FAVORITE THINGS TO DO WHERE TO GO TO THE EARLE THEATHER, ROLLER SKATING AT ADELPHIA SKATING RINK, ICESKATING, GOING TO FAIRMOUNT PARK, WOODSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK, TRAIN RIDES WITH HER FATHER IN THE SPRING TO WASHINGTON DC TO SEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS, TRIPS TO ATLANTIC CITY, NEW YORK, AND OF COURSE ALL OF THE HOLIDAY TRADITIONS IN PHILADELPHIA. EASTER , THANKSGIVING PARADE, CHRISTMAS AT WANAMAKERS LIGHT SHOW WITH IT'S ORGAN, DICKENS VILLAGE, LIT BROTHERS, GIMBELS TOYLAND, 69TH STREET SHOPPING MOM LOVED TO SHOP !

BECAUSE OF HER FATHER AND HER GRANDPARENTS IMMIGRATED FROM ITALY, MOM ONLY SPOKE ITALIAN WHEN SHE STARTED SCHOOL AND WAS QUICKLY SENT HOME TO LEARN ENGLISH. MOM LOVED TO READ AND AS A CHILD HEIDI WAS ONE OF HER FAVORITE BOOKS. MOM WAS A GREAT STUDENT AND EXCEEDINGLY SKIPPED TWO GRADES TO GRADUATE EARLY FROM SCHOOL.

MOM WAS THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL - OVERBROOK HIGH SCHOOL WERE BUGS BUNNY WAS A MASCOT IN HER TIME.

OVERBROOK HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND BEST KNOWN FOR ITS FAMOUS ALUMNI

WILT CHAMBERLAIN RANKED NUMBER 5 ALL TIME GREAT NBA PLAYER, WILL SMITH, GUION BLUFORD SPACE SHUTTLE ASTRONAUT FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN IN SPACE , FRANK PIASECKI HELICOPTER INVENTOR, MERRILL REESE VOICE OF NFL PHILADELPHIA EAGLES AND NOW OUR MOTHER FAMOUSLY KNOWN FOR HER MEATBALLS !

LIFE WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY BUT WITH AN OPEN HEART SHE WOULD PERSEVERE

MOM'S BABY BROTHER JOHN THAT SHE FELT SHE RAISED AS HER OWN, AT A YOUNG AGE BECAME PARALYZED ON HIS LEFT SIDE SHE STRUGGLED TO COME TO GRIPS WITH HIS

CHALLENGES AND DISABILITIES.

WATCHING HER GENERATION, FAMILY, FRIENDS GO OFF TO WORLD WAR TWO, LOOSING ONE OF HER PARTNERS IN CRIME A FAVORITE COUSIN PASQUALE DIGOSTA ON 4/16/1944 WHILE ON CONVOY DUTY.

LATER IN LIFE SHE WOULD ENJOY GOING TO REUIONS ON THE BATTLESHIP NORTH CAROLINA WITH HER COUSIN VINCE WHO SERVED ON THAT SHIP, HIS WIFE AGNES, FAMILY, HER COMPANION ALBERT AND THE WORLD WAR TWO VETERANS THAT SO PROUDLY SERVED.

MOM MEET MY FATHER WHEN WALKING HOME FROM SCHOOL, HE ALMOST RAN HER OVER, NOT THE CONVENTIONAL WAY TO MEET A GIRL, BUT AGAIN THAT WAS MY FATHER.

WHILE MY PARENTS WERE DATING MY FATHER, WAS ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND WAS SENT TO KOREA NUMEROUS LOVE LETTERS AND COIN BOX PHONE CALLS WHERE HE WOULD PROPOSED TO MY MOM EVERYTIME HE CALLED HER! MY FATHER ADORED MY MOTHER AND WOULD HAVE GIVEN HER ANYTHING IF HE COULD. HE DID ONE DAY AND GOT HER A HOME ON THE BAY.

“ ON THE WAY TO CAPE MAY I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU”

“ ON THE WAY TO CAPE MAY, I SAW MY DREAMS COME TRUE”  
MOM WAS ALWAYS COOKING IN THE KITCHEN AND DAD WITH NO SHIRT, SHORTS AND A PAINT BRUSH !

DAD LOVING MOM AND BREATHING IN THE SALT AIR !

LATTER IN LIFE WHAT WAS TO BE THEIR GOLDEN YEARS MY MOTHER HELPED TO HEAL AND COMFORT MY FATHER THROUGH HIS ILLNESSES AND AMPUTATIONS

AFTER MY PARENTS WERE HAPPILY MARRIED THEY SO DESPERATELY WANTED CHILDREN IT WOULD TAKE THEM SEVEN YEARS TO FINALLY HAVE THEIR SHOW STOPPING HANDSOME FIRST BORN SON JOHN TO FINALLY ARRIVE ! HER SECOND BORN SON PATRICK, TOO CUTE AND SMART FOR HIS OWN GOOD, FOLLOWED BY HER FAVORITE ME !

DURING THE TIME BETWEEN WHEN MY MOTHER WAS

*MARRIED AND HAVING HER FIRST CHILD, SHE BECAME  
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ANYONE*

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**Mary Lou** - November 10, 2024 at 12:37 PM

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**Mary Lou** - November 10, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Lombardo Funeral Homes** - November 07, 2024 at 12:09 PM

JM

“ Joe , Dolly , Karen, Teresa, Marie purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie A. Hopkins.



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**Joe , Dolly , Karen, Teresa, Marie** - November 06, 2024 at 11:21 AM

GH

“ This is for one of the best moms mother-in-laws, Grandmoms and G moms she absolutely was one in 1 million. You don't get much better than my mother-in-law. I have known and loved her for 55 years and somehow doesn't seem long enough We will miss her silly ways and all The joy and love she has brought to our beautiful family The way she enjoyed all of her grandbabies and great grands just brings a smile to my face mom you will be missed so very much by so many RIP UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, GIVE DAD AND MY BEAUTIFUL MOM. HUGS ❤️

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**Gail Hopkins** - November 06, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KM

*She was and I hope Nana was there to welcome grandma home. sending lots of love and hugs to everyone.*

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**Kelly Mccausland** - November 07, 2024 at 08:43 AM

DA

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**Daughter** - November 10, 2024 at 09:51 AM

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**Daughter Mary Lou** - November 10, 2024 at 09:57 AM

KL

*Gail, I am so sorry to hear of Marie's passing, but she sure lived a full life! I was just thinking of all of you because the house will be torn down next winter. It will be very sad as there are so many memories of all the years of Marie and John being next door. Marie was the sweetest neighbor to my grandmom and we have missed her as a neighbor for the past several years. I hope you are all well and we would love if you stop by! The house will not be torn down or rented this summer, so come by to see it once more!! Find me on FB!*

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**Karen Lubberman** - April 24 at 10:30 AM