



Ann McLaughlin

April 19, 1926 - May 13, 2021

Ann Rossi McLaughlin, 95, of Napa, CA passed away on May 13, 2021 surrounded by the love of her family. Ann was born in Scranton, PA, to Adolfo and Mary Rossi. She has one brother, Frank, a year younger. Ann's mom (Nonni) was born in Scranton, her father (Nonno) was born in Gubbio, Italy. Ann learned to read, write and speak Italian from her dad, listening to music, and conversing with the family. In high school, she played mandolin in the band and won a softball championship playing first base, and sometimes pitching. She graduated from Technical High School in 1944 and went to work as a medical technician for a cardiologist for 4 years.

Ann's friend, Agnes McLaughlin introduced her to her brother, Michael McLaughlin, just home from WWII overseas. They became friends and were each other's favorite dancing partner. In 1948-1950 she worked as an executive assistant to the President of the University of Scranton. She took evening classes and Mike and her brother Frank attended and graduated from there. Ann and Mike became engaged early in 1950 and were married on Thanksgiving Day at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Scranton. They soon moved to Bergen County, NJ where they lived for 33 years. Ann began working for Public Service soon after settling into their new home.

For nearly three decades, the McLaughlins were members of St. Catharine's Parish in Glen Rock, NJ. They raised their four children there. Ann graduated

from Sherwood School of Business and became the Executive Secretary to the President and Vice President of Paulist Press/ Alesco in Glen Rock. Ann was promoted to management and took over as editor and project manager of the Ordo, which became one of the company's most profitable divisions. When Mike retired after working in the government for 34 years, he became her assistant on the Ordo.

Ann, Mike, and her mom (Nonni) moved to Sacramento, CA in 1983. She continued her full-time work as founding editor for two publications: the Ordo and Liturgical Desk Calendar. They moved to Hercules/Pinole and finally in Napa, where she lived for 33 years. Their lives were very full with helping to care for their grandchildren and becoming part of their church community. She (Nonna) had very close relationships with her grandchildren and was delighted to get to know her great-grandchildren. Ann led an active social life with Mike, family and friends. An excellent cook, her family enjoyed homemade Italian meals. There was always plenty of food and beverages for everyone who visited; they frequently hosted friends and clergy, She connected our family here with our relatives in Gubbio by writing and recording messages in Italian and encouraging visits to Gubbio, the home of her father. We are so happy to know them.

Ann volunteered for many years at Queen of the Valley hospital. She became an officer in Sons of Italy, attending meetings, dances, prepping and cooking for the Napa fair booth. She and Mike were the "Sunshine Committee, and Ann was Eucharistic minister visiting those who were hospitalized. They also brought donated donuts to residents at the Veterans Home in Yountville twice weekly, staying for coffee and conversation with the residents. For many years she was active in the Italian Catholic Federation, Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent DePaul Society until the epidemic caused an end to these activities.

Mrs. McLaughlin is survived by her sons, Ross and Michael of Napa; daughter

Joyce, her husband John Oakley and their children, Eric of Napa and Lisa, Boston, MA; daughter Lynn, her husband Mark Harold, and their sons, Ryan of Napa, and Sean of San Jose, his wife, Adelina and great grandsons, Lennon and Rylan Harold. The family is grateful for the long running and excellent care given by Dr. John Dermody for both our parents, and the loving friendship of Eloise and Ernie Rota.

The Rosary and Vigil Service is Tuesday, May 25, at 6:30pm at Claffey & Rota Chapel, 1975 Main Street, Napa, CA

The Memorial Mass is at 11 am, Wednesday, May 26 at St. Apollinaris in Napa.

Previous Events

Rosary

MAY **25**. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Memorial Mass

MAY **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church
3700 Lassen St
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 257-2555

Tribute Wall



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