



Catherine P. Iorii

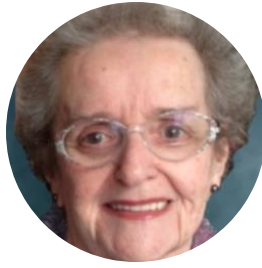
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Catherine P. Iorii, age 83, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, formerly of Dover, DE passed away on Monday, December 9, 2013 at Beebe Medical Center, Lewes, DE. She was born in New York City, New York on January 5, 1930, daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret (Rafferty) Paxton.

After graduating with an Associate's degree in Business from City College of New York, Catherine embarked on a career in Retail Sales with Saks Fifth Avenue, where she developed her fashion forward mind set. Not only did she hone her "outgoing customer skills" at Saks but soon met Michael, whom she later wed. Together she and Michael settled in Wilmington, DE where they began their married life. In 1961 she lost her husband and entered the world of single parenting. Her strong will and commitment to family anchored her in this new role.

Catherine enjoyed a lifelong career with the Veterans Administration Hospital in Elsmere, DE as a HealthCare Administrator. She retired in 1986 relocating to Dover, DE to become caretaker for her granddaughter, a role she cherished most. For six years she was an active volunteer at Holy Cross School in Dover assisting children with their reading skills. Catherine was an active member of the League of Women Voters where she facilitated the election debates for 15 years.

Catherine loved knitting, shopping with "the girls," her weekly visits to the hairdresser and taking in an occasional Broadway show. She was a 28 year season ticket holder at the DuPont Theatre in Wilmington. Catherine loved sports, especially football, cheering on her Super Bowl winning Baltimore Ravens. She will leave behind a legacy of placing love for family above all else, in addition to being a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and friend.

In addition to her parents, Catherine was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Iorii. She is survived by her two daughters: Margaret A. Iorii of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Michiele Iorii and her husband James Lima of Fremont, CA; two granddaughters, Catherine L. Iorii and Margaret M. Lima; her grand dog, Tripper and her feline companion, Khloe.



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Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 11:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE; where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM.

Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Lewes, DE. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, Attn: Use for Sussex County, P.O. Box 1304, Millsboro, DE 19966

Please sign Catherine's online guestbook at this site.

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LE

L Edwards posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. May the God of all comfort be with the family during this difficult time. (2 Corinthians 1:3)

December 27 at 8:00 PM

NV

Nancy Vaughan posted:

Margaret, Please accept my deepest sympathy at the passing of your mother. I know how close you were with her. My thoughts are with you and your family.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

EW

Ellen Wasfi posted:

Catherine was a warm and loving friend and caring neighbor who cared deeply about people and readily gave her time and energy to make her community a better place. I cherish the hours we spent together organizing League of Women Voter Candidate Night debates and holding foreign policy group discussions in her lovely home. Her positive attitude toward life inspired everyone who knew her. I have missed her cheerful smile and warmth every day since she left Dover. Please accept my deepest condolences on her passing.

December 17 at 8:00 PM

MF

Maureen Flihse posted:

Margaret, I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. I know she was also a true friend to you. It gives me comfort knowing she and Flip are now talking to each other. What a wonderful woman, reading about her life story! Love, Maureen

December 15 at 8:00 PM

SS

Susan A. Sands posted:

My thoughts and heart are with you. When I see your smiles and sunny personalities, I know who they came from. Catherine was a very wonderful person.

December 12 at 8:00 PM



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NN

Nadine Noble posted:

What a dear photo of your Mom, Margaret & of all of you as well. I know that your faith, family & friends will be a support at this time. I also know fond memories will soon change tears to smiles.
Nadine

December 12 at 8:00 PM

LS

Laura Singleton posted:

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Margaret.

December 12 at 8:00 PM

ME

Melek & Joe posted:

We will miss Catherine's sweet smile and laughter. We are lucky to have had her touch our lives in such a loving way. We enjoyed sharing the 4th of July at the beach and seeing her watching the fireworks will always be a great memory. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time. xoxo

December 11 at 8:00 PM

RF

Robin & Franklin posted:

The "Iorii girls" will continue to be infamous! What a terrific trio! How blessed all of you have been to have such a strong woman as your matriarch! She lives on in each of you.

December 11 at 8:00 PM

DW

Dahlia Wasfi posted:

My sincere condolences to the Iorii family. May she rest in peace. With love, Dahlia

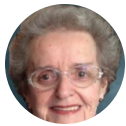
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CA

Charles And Alan posted:

May her light shine through you and Cathy

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CB

Charles & Alan Marino-Berman posted:

Although we did not meet your dear mother, we know she was a wonderful mother to have such a wonderful daughter. We can't imagine how deeply you must feel her loss. Please know we will keep her in our prayers. Fondly, Charles and Alan

December 11 at 8:00 PM

GJ

Geraldine, Mark, Valerie, Daniel And Janeen posted:

Catherine will be dearly missed, we always enjoyed the time she came to California and got to visit with her. Love and prayers are with the Iorii girls and Jim

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RC

Rachel Cowart posted:

I will miss her sunny disposition

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SG

Susan Giove posted:

Margaret My thought s& prayers are with you & your daughter I know how much you are going to miss your Mother

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SL

Sal And Monica Lamanna posted:

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOUR FAMILY. MAY GOD COMFORT YOU DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

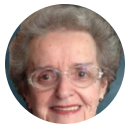
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GL

Gus And Ilah Lima posted:

We are saddened by your loss. Our prayers are with you.

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PC

Peni, Mel, Chase And Cameron posted:

Catherine was one of the finest ladies we have ever known. She would light up any room with her smile. We were honored to know her and we will miss her. Our deepest sympathy to Margaret, Cathy, Michiele and Maggie....We love you.

December 11 at 8:00 PM

ML

Mark Lima posted:

Catherine was a joy to know. Her love of family extended to my own and we'll miss her greatly.

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JO

Joan & Bob posted:

What a pleasure having the opportunity to know you Catherine. You are loved and will be sorely missed. Our condolences to all the family members. May you rest in peace with the lord. With love,
Joan & Bob Macre

December 11 at 8:00 PM

LG

Lisa Grossman posted:

Margaret and Cathy, So sorry to hear of your mother and grandmother passing away. She was such a lovely lady. Always smiling. You are both in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless you both.

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SS

Sharee And Dan Sypinski posted:

Wonderful mom and person we always enjoyed her visiting our store

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SD

Susan Dimondi posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Mrs. Iorii. My son loved the afternoons that she came to read to his class at Holy Cross. She was a lovely, classy lady and I know will be missed by her family. Sincerely, Susan DiMondi

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JH

Julianne Hunter posted:

Well heaven has another angel!! Your mom was wonderful in every way!!! I will always remember her democratic spirit, her zest for life, that all of her girls were the center of her universe and most importantly the crackers and cheese she brought to our dorm each week!!! I will miss her so much...Lots of love to the Iorii Family and heaven gained a great angel this time!!

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PC

Paula Castiglione posted:

Margaret, I so loved your mother! And, I love you and hope you will always feel the embrace of her love.Paula

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SC

Steve And Christy Casey posted:

Wishing you and your family strength during this difficult time. Please take comfort in the many wonderful memories of Catherine. Sending hugs and wishing you peace.

December 10 at 8:00 PM

GP

Greg And Linda Parini posted:

It was our privilege to meet and talk with Catherine during her trips to California. She was truly an amazing lady and the loving relationship shared between her and her family was obvious and deep. What a gift her life was and what a legacy she has left. Prayers and blessings during this difficult time.

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GL

Glenn And Lisa Lima posted:

Our thoughts are with your family. It was definitely a pleasure meeting Catherine.

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CP

Catharine Phillis posted:

Condolences to the family of Catherine, one of the lovelies ladies I've met. I will keep you all in my prayers.

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MM

Martha (Mots) Manson posted:

I have known Catherine for 40 years as the doting Mom of my college roommate and long time friend Margaret. When I think of Catherine, a gentle, wise and thoughtful woman comes to mind. She so enjoyed her daughters, granddaughters and their friends. She always had that beautiful smile on her face which was warm and inviting. I hold her responsible for most of my freshman 15, as Margaret would always bring wonderful treats back to the dorm after her Sunday visits wwith her Mom. I know that she will be missed by many, especially all of her girls. My heart is with you Margaret, Michelle, Cathy and Maggie.Love you all!!!Mots

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LA

Larry posted:

Safe journey, sweet, strong lady to your next station. What a terrific legacy you left us with: your wonderful daughters. God bless.

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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