



# Geraldine Cullen Romito

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**G**eraldine (Dini) Cullen Romito, 83, of Ocean View, DE died peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, September 10th, 2022.

Dini was born on May 29th, 1939, in North Tarrytown, NY, daughter of late George W. Cullen and Helena Walker Cullen. Dini's wholehearted devotion and dedication to family is a legacy that will live on for generation after generation. Dini was pre-deceased by her husband Virgil A. Romito and twin brother Gerald "Jerry" Cullen of Claymont, DE. She is survived by her sister Patricia (Fran) Okoniewski of Lewes, DE, brother George Cullen of Wilmington, DE, sister-in-Law Lynette (Rick) Davis of Sarasota, FL and their extended families; her six much-loved children Susan West (Susan) of Downingtown, PA; Mary Ellen Hagerty (Earl) of Chadds Ford, PA; Laurie Patricia (Bill) of Kimberton, PA; Stephen (Andi) Romito of Ocean View, DE; Nancy Romito (Scott) of Chadds Ford, PA; and Carrie Mink (Greg) of Glen Mills PA; thirteen grandchildren, Ryan (Amanda), Shawn, Kyle (Maria), Casey, Corey (Claire), Megan, Danielle, Makenna, Michael, Cullen, Andrew, Morgan and Merrin; five great grandchildren, Kinley, Landon, Roman, Reagan, and Luca.

Dini graduated from Claymont High School in Claymont DE, in 1957 where she excelled in her schoolwork, became Head Baton Twirler for the marching band and met her beloved husband Virgil Romito, and became high school sweethearts. Upon graduation from high school, she worked as a secretary for Dupont. Upon her marriage to Virg, they immediately started their family of six children. Dini's very busy career as a mom began at 22 years of age, yet she also became a top sales manager for Home Interior Decorating. Dini ultimately focused her attention on her great passion for bridge achieving Life Master status in the American Contract Bridge League. She then opened and successfully ran Shuffles Bridge Club for over 25 years. She dedicated her energy into running an all-around club for players at all skill levels. Dini was a wonderful teacher, introducing the game not only to hundreds of students in the area but also helping to mentor other directors.

From a young age, Dini was always learning and exploring new things. It all began with the love of games - marbles, cards, scrabble, word games, horse track betting, casino slots and of course her



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greatest passion bridge. Deeply intelligent, Dini's creative spirit led her to pursue many interests including astronomy, opera, fishing, vegetable canning, cake decorating, pie making, crafts, learning Mandarin Chinese, watercolor painting, ancestry and most recently hand bell ringing. Her love of travel started in the family camper. She expanded her travels throughout the US and internationally, including living abroad in Taiwan and Singapore which inspired a travel bucket list that her family will continue to carry on.

Dini's constant smile, humor, laughter, and genuine love towards others will be missed by all that were lucky enough to have spent time with her. We shared precious moments sitting on the back porch in the morning while she drank her fresh cup of coffee. She was FUN, simply the best, always planning surprises and adventures, establishing life-long dearly held traditions and encouraging each on their own path. Her grandchildren referred to her as "The Grammy" and all loved playing dice, cards, and cribbage games late into night, with her bucket of quarters at her side. Her children and grandchildren, family and friends will cherish the legacy of togetherness: Family first, keep doing your best, but most of all take time to ENJOY each other with unconditional love.

We hold many cherished memories in our hearts and are extremely grateful for her full life, well lived, and shared with us all.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate Dini's life on Friday, September 23, 2022, at Mariners Bethel United Methodist Church, 81 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 9:00 AM-10:30 AM, followed by a celebration of life service beginning at 10:30AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the ACBL Educational Foundation at <https://www.acbleducationalfoundation.org/donate.php> to honor her passion for teaching bridge, or to the American Lung Association at [https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=31272&mfc\\_pref=T&31272.donation=form1](https://action.lung.org/site/Donation2?df_id=31272&mfc_pref=T&31272.donation=form1).

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 TO OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.






# Events

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## Visitation

-  **Friday**, September 23, 2022
-  9:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET
-  **Mariners Bethel UMC Church**  
81 Central Avenue, Ocean View DE 19970



## Memorial Service

-  **Friday**, September 23, 2022
-  10:30 AM ET
-  **Mariners Bethel UMC Church**  
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# Tribute Wall

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**Christine Okoniewski** lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

I'm sending lots and lots of prayers to the entire family! May Dini's laugh be remembered by everyone - she had the best laugh of anyone I have ever known. Hugs and Prayers, Christine Okoniewski

September 25 at 5:20 PM



**Constance Shultz** posted:

Aunt Dini had the most beautiful laughter. You couldn't help smiling in her presence. My father was blessed to have her as his twin. May she rest in peace.

September 23 at 4:08 AM



**Constance Shultz** lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

September 23 at 4:02 AM



**Jacqueline Ferris** lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

To Pat, Franny, and the whole family, May the peace that surpasses understanding surround your family. Know always that you're loved. Candy and Jackie

September 22 at 1:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Romito family.

September 22 at 7:34 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Romito family.

September 21 at 11:55 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Romito family.

September 21 at 10:52 AM



**Ed And Lynn Plasha** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Romito family.

September 21 at 3:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Romito family.

September 20 at 4:38 PM



**In Loving Memory Frank Bizzoco** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Romito family.

September 20 at 12:26 PM



**John Morris And Your Cfa Sc Family.** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Romito family.

September 20 at 10:28 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Romito family.

September 19 at 8:42 AM





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**Debby Gensch** lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.



September 18 at 10:06 AM



**Nancy Steele** September 21 at 12:40 PM

My sincere condolences to Dini's family. She welcomed me to the world of duplicate bridge when I moved to Delaware in 2001 and encouraged me to join the ACBL. She was a fabulous teacher, mentor and friend who loved life, was always kind and quick to laugh. Her passion for bridge was contagious and she was a huge cheerleader for those of us who played in her games. I will always remember her as one of the nicest and most thoughtful people I have known. She will be missed greatly. May she rest in peace. Nancy Steele



**Debby Gensch** September 18 at 10:12 AM

Dear Pat, Franny and Family, We are deeply sorry for the loss of your sister. May you think of her and remember all those loving memories. Dini is always with you. May she rest in peace. Sending love at this difficult time. Deb & Al



**Pat Tylander** posted:

I am so grateful to Dini for encouraging me to return to duplicate Bridge. She was a great mentor and friend. She was a genius at making game competition fun never stressful. Rest In Peace, Dini! You will be missed, but live on in our hearts. Pat Tylander

September 17 at 6:18 AM



**Elle 7 Stan Roper** posted:

Stan and I always enjoyed the times we spent with Dini and Virg. Sharing our mutual favorite Poffenburger at the "Cottage" The love of their great kids for each other and them will help get them through this difficult time God bless you all. Ellen & Stan Roper

September 15 at 3:36 PM



**Constance Jurski** lit a candle in honor of Geraldine.

Aunt Dini will be greatly missed, prayers to all of our family.



September 15 at 9:19 AM



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JL

**Jackie Lioon** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to each and everyone. I remember Dini (my niece in-law) as a vivacious, friendly and loving girl. May she rest in peace. And May you all cherish the memories of happy times spent with her. God Bless. Jackie Romito Lioon

September 15 at 8:52 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Fairest of All to the Romito family.



September 15 at 8:36 AM

KS

**Karen Schneiderman** posted:

Dino was the best. I'm so saddened to learn of her death. I took many bridge lessons from her and she was always so supportive- always with a smile!Karen Schneiderman

September 14 at 2:04 PM

BB

**Beverly Brookes** posted:

Dini and I shared so much together over the 59 years of our friendship...home interiors and bridge among just a few. We strived to become life masters together. We enjoyed so many bridge tournaments laughing at our mistakes and rejoicing over our wins. We got together every summer when I came to the beach. I will truly miss our good times together. My love to Susan, Mary Ellen, Laurie, Steve, Nancy and Carrie and extended family. Beverly Brookes

September 14 at 8:22 AM

BN

**Barbara Nelson** posted:

Dini was dearly loved and respected as our bridge director, teacher and friend. Her enthusiasm for, and love of the game translated into enjoyment for many many people. We all benefited from sharing her spontaneous laughter and watching her boundless energy . We were touched by the consistency of her kindness and acceptance . She was a huge asset to our lives and to the community. We feel lucky to have had her in our lives. She will be missed immensely.

September 14 at 7:59 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Heavenly Grace Spray to the Romito family.



September 14 at 4:57 AM



**Heidi Eccleston** posted:

Thinking of all the Romitos. What a wonderful tribute. May she continue to spread joy and teach bridge to others!

September 13 at 6:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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