

Life Celebration for Laura Montalbano

Please join us for a celebration of the life of Laura Montalbano on January 27, 2018 in the Redeemer Community Room (RCR). There will be a reception starting at 2pm and a celebration service at 2:30pm



Laura was 94 years old when she passed on December 21, 2017. She was mentally sharp until the very end, lived life on her terms, and even died on her terms. It was a very good life.

Born Laura Rivano in 1923, she was the third of the four children of Silvio and Letizia Rivano. But she was the only girl and grew up being called "Princessa" by her father. Italian was her primary language growing up in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, but she quickly learned English through her schooling.

She met her husband to be, Peter Montalbano, in Coney Island when they shared a ride in the old Steeplechase Amusement Park.

Schooled in stenography, she entered the workforce where she really developed her sense of self and independence. She was a "feminist" before the term was invented. Despite raising a family, she was committed to having an independent life outside the home. This sense of independence became crucial because she lost her beloved Peter, after 30 years of marriage, in 1975.

She worked in high profile jobs, became computer proficient, and did not retire until the age of 85. She spent the last 35 years of her career working as the Executive Assistant to the Chair of the Board of a renowned architectural firm in Boston.

Upon her retirement, she moved to the Philadelphia area to be closer to her only son, Richard, his wife Deborah, and her one grandchild, Daniel. She moved directly from Boston into Holy Redeemer Lafayette where she was always happy. She enjoyed the people, her dinners with friends, and all the stimulation of being with peers. She was especially invigorated as the many nuns began to move into HR Lafayette and she called many of them friends.

She now rests in St. Charles Cemetery on Long Island with her dear husband Peter.