



ELEANOR C. FLORIO

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Eleanor Florio was born July 1927, the first born child of David and Gussie Carlson. Eleanor and her sister Emily grew up in New Jersey. Over the years Eleanor has shared stories with her family and friends about that time in her life bringing us to tears and laughter as the stories progressed. The Carlson family moved to Miami with their mother and father in the 1940's seeking warmer weather and rejoining with Scandinavian friends in the area. Eleanor was gifted with a beautiful soprano voice and "as she would say" strummed her way along with Emily's assistance on her guitar. The sister's sang in a cowboy band, and during World War II entertained the soldiers at the USO with their vocal/instrumental talents. Eleanor was a graduate from Miami Senior High "Class of 1945". Following graduation Eleanor moved into a career with Western Union. Eleanor met Josef Florio, her husband of 23 years, at Matheson Hammock Beach. The family grew as Diane, John and Sandra were added to the family tree. Eleanor was always involved with supporting her family in their extracurricular interests becoming their largest fan club. She enjoyed driving to gather a car full of friends and then attending a New Direction or Harp concert. Eleanor remained active in the workforce as well as being a devoted wife and mother. She was always involved in a creative way with the Women's Club, PTA projects, Choir rehearsal and church programs with a strong focus on the senior members of the congregation. Eleanor enjoyed driving to gather a car full of friends to fill their day with sunshine. The Early Bird Menu was created so that she would be able to "treat" them all to a special memory and add a highlight to their week. The word and action of "treat" runs strong in our family to this day for we saw it in action every day.

Eleanor was truly a servant of the Lord and a surrendered vessel a luminary allowing His Light to shine through her life. She understood the concept of giving and receiving and knew that she was truly blest, content in every circumstance.



Obituary

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Eleanor died October 27, 2013 surrounded by family and friends. She is now reunited with her husband Josef, together in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Events

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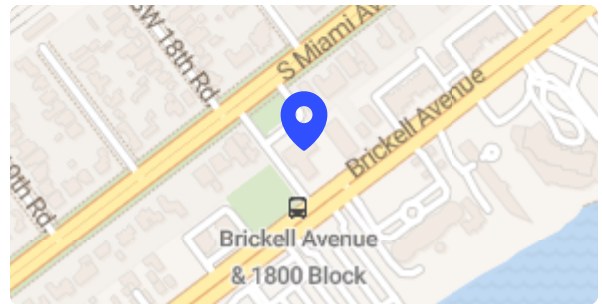
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Service


 **Saturday**, November 2, 2013

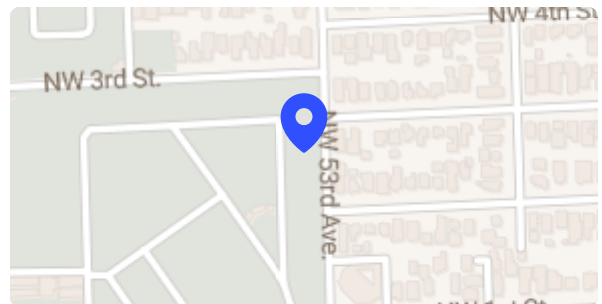
 11:00 AM ET

 **Immanuel Lutheran Church**
1770 Brickell Avenue, Miami FL 33129



Cemetery Details

 **Flagler Memorial Park**
5301 West Flagler Street, Miami FL





Tribute Wall

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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



October 26 at 8:00 PM



Willie Reyes posted:

Dear John, Sandra and Diane, In perfect memory of your mother I would like to leave this tribute to her. I remember a lady whose unselfish giving heart was always present with those she met. No one was a stranger to her, she lovingly accepted everyone for who they were and genuinely cared. The most vivid memories are her gifts of Godly service she would render when you came in contact with her. She truly gave from her heart, a rare true act these days. Her goodness was authentic and modeled by her good acts. As I sat in her memorial service, all I could think of was, where does this goodness come from(?), is it my own(?), or could it be from the one true source of goodness every living, thinking, feeling and willing creature is born from. Some might say, I'm a simple moralist, I don't need God to be good - That, we can affirm. However, where does goodness come from(?), if not from the only source which its ideal is derived. All goodness is from God and one thing Eleanor knew well was that, God is Good! He was her source and she added His Holy Goodness to the innate source of her own goodness which we are all born with. This union made her Goodness complete and authentic, not sparing nor with self interests, but truly genuine. The other thought I had while sitting at her memorial service was, If we could demonstrate half the goodness your mom did for people, we would be better human beings for it and perhaps all memorial services would have the same beauty. She truly was a gift to this earth from our Heavenly Father who only begets Goodness. In memory and because of Eleanor Florio I can thank God for His Goodness. Willie Reyes

November 2 at 6:28 PM



Maria Booth posted:

Dear Sandy and John. I didn't have the pleasure of meeting your mother, but knowing the two of you, says a lot about her. She must have been a wonderful mother who raised two very special children. I rejoice knowing she is resting with the Lord.

November 2 at 6:58 AM



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BR

Bill Resnick posted:

Dearest Eleanor, you are truly a saint in heaven now. My memories of you are ones that I'll always cherish. When I would ever visit John at your house or have rehearsal there, you were always kind to all of us. If we were thirsty you would give us a cold drink. If we were hungry you would fix us something to eat. God bless you and may your soul truly be at peace. Sincerely, Bill Resnick

November 2 at 4:03 AM

JF

Jill Flingos lit a candle in honor of ELEANOR.



November 1 at 8:02 PM

SM

Susan Maginas posted:

John and Sandra, Dennis and I are very sorry to hear of your moms passing. We can only imagine how much you will miss her.

November 1 at 6:19 PM

WS

Winnie Smith posted:

John, Sandra and Diane, I missed something special by not having known your mother. But knowing you has been a blessing in my life and you are her gift to the world. She will continue to live on every time you share one of the lessons she taught you, every memory, every act of love. The photos are wonderful and show a happy, loving life.

November 1 at 2:59 PM

GR

Gayle Rocap posted:

Eleanor, I didn't have the blessing of knowing you personally, but I do have the blessing of knowing your son, John. After reading about you, I now realize he must share your spirit. He is one of the most loving, joyous and spiritual people I have ever known and it is my pleasure to call him a friend in this life. I hope I can leave such a legacy. God bless you all.

November 1 at 2:41 PM



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Lou Jaramillo posted:

Eleanor. I am so great full to have met and known you. You have shown me and reminded me how to live life with humility and giving. I enjoyed your stories of your family from the past. I will always remember how you took care of those who could no longer take care of themselves. To Sandra, Diane, and John on behalf of Dorothy, Alex and I, thank you for your friendship and kindness. God bless you all!

October 30 at 9:50 AM



Media

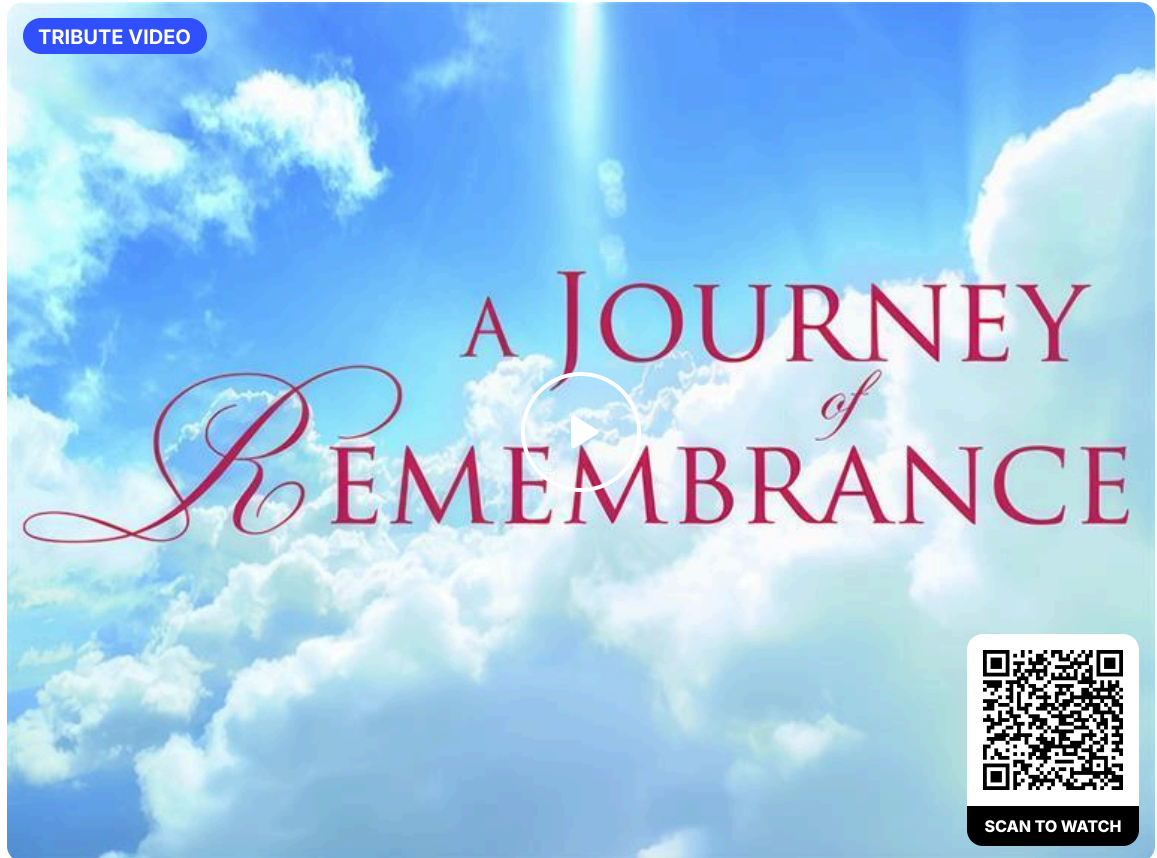
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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