



Tullia Villanova

February 28, 2021

Tullia Villanova, 93, of Hudson, NY passed away peacefully at Columbia Memorial Health on February 28, 2021. Tullia (Battaglin) Villanova was the wife of Anthony (Tony) Villanova of Hudson.

Her husband passed away in 2015.

Tullia was born in Marostica, (Vicenza) Italy and was the sixth of ten children of Francesco and Agnese (Bonomo) Battaglin. Tony, who was born in the USA and raised in Italy, later settled in the USA and returned to Italy to find an Italian bride. He was introduced to Tullia by his Italian friend, Elvio who was the fiancé of Tullia's sister, Elena. They became engaged after 4 days and Tony returned to the USA. Tullia and Tony were married in Marostica in March 1951. The couple honeymooned in Italy and Tony returned to prepare a home for his bride. Tullia arrived in NYC aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary in September. After arriving in the USA, they settled down in Hudson which she called home for almost 70 years. Tullia attended night school and became a US citizen in 1956.

Tullia's daughter, Roberta, recounts her mother's impression of her newly adopted country: "My mother appreciated the conveniences but missed the necessary ingredients for cooking her specialties". Most of all she missed her family. An important event was the ability to make transatlantic phone calls. She returned for the first time to visit her family in 1958 with her 2 young children aboard the S.S. Leonardo DaVinci. Her second visit was in 1966 by plane with her 3 children.

WWII cut short Tullia's aspirations to be a lawyer but her father made sure his daughters acquired a skill in spite of the war. So she was trained in office work and also sent to tailoring school. With her skills she worked as a dressmaker in her home where she could care for her family. She sewed all of her own clothes, as well as her daughter's, including suits and coats. She made draperies and more for her home. She made Halloween costumes for her children which earned prizes every year. She made cheerleading skirts for the Hudson High School Cheerleading Squad and costumes for the staff at the National Martin Van Buren Home.

Another of her great accomplishments was her cooking skills which she acquired from her mother who for a short while ran a bistro and later fed her family of 12. Every meal was made from scratch. The family favorites were her 4 kinds of homemade ravioli and lasagna Bolognese.

Tullia was in her element when hosting elaborate meals for family and friends. Tullia wholeheartedly became involved in school and church events. Later she joined the Hudson Hobby Club. And when she gave up sewing, she turned to knitting. She knitted over 100 elaborate infant outfits she donated to charity and gave to friends who were expecting a baby in their family.

Tullia had an incredible memory and excelled in school. She recited many songs and poems from her school days into her 90s. She worked on crossword puzzles and watched Jeopardy every day catching any errors made when concerning Italian language, history and culture. Tullia was also known for her storytelling. A visit from Tullia was always entertaining.

Tullia credited her abilities and strength from having been raised in a very large family surviving WWII. As the sixth child, she was responsible for her four younger siblings. Tullia is survived by her sister, Elena and brothers, Gianni and Pompeo; her children, Roberta (Ray) Nunn, Joseph (Jo-Ann) Villanova and Anthony R. Villanova; her precious granddaughters, Rebecca Villanova, Claire Villanova and Aderia Crawford Nunn and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her

parents and her husband, as well as her siblings: Pompea, Toni, Teresa, Tina, Tarquinio, and Cecilia.

Viewing and blessing will be held at the Bates & Anderson, Redmond-Keeler Funeral Home in Hudson on March 5 from 11:00-12:45. Internment to follow at Cedar park Cemetery. Attendees are requested to follow Covid safety protocols. A celebration of life will be held this summer.

A very special thanks to Family Doc Dr. Lance Castellana and Carole Castellana, as well as, the angelic nurses of Columbia Memorial Health.

Contributions in Tullia's memory can be made to the Catholic Charities Food Bank.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler
110 Green Street
Hudson, NY 12534
(518) 828-3371
<http://batesandersonredmondkeeler.com>

Funeral Service

MAR 5. 12:45 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ Tony, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. It looks like she had an amazing life. Take comfort in that my old friend. All the best.
Dave

David Teator - March 04, 2021 at 08:34 AM

JV

“ Dear Roberta, Joe and Anthony,

All of the Ronsani family is deeply sorry for your loss. Tullia was a special part of our family, Godmother to Daniel and namesake to our daughter Alessandra Tullia. From the time we were little seeing Tullia at church, home, wedding and baby showers was always a joyful time. Many in our family have visited her stunning medieval city of Marostica. Rest in peace dearest Tullia, all our love.
Julie Ronsani Veveiros

Julie Veveiros - March 03, 2021 at 06:50 PM



“ We're so sorry Tony, Roberta, & Joey, your mom was so kind to our family from helping Kristen with her prom dress, knitting baby sweaters and hats for my kids, and now my two grandchildren, she always had special treats for the kids on Halloween I'll miss her sense of humor and our talks on the porch and a taste tester of her ravioli she will be missed by us all 💕🙏 Love The Decker's



March 03, 2021 at 04:57 PM

RG

“ *Roberta, Joe and Anthony,
My husband and I are so very sorry. I am especially sad and I will miss my phone conversations with your Mom discussing everything. I will also miss talking to her about cooking. We both have wonderful memories of great in person visits and enjoying her delicious food.
With our deepest sympathy.
Rachel and Dan Gallagher*

Rachel Gallagher - March 03, 2021 at 02:08 PM

MH

“ *Roberta so sorry for your loss. May Tullia rest in peace.
Marie and John Hennings*

Marie Hennings - March 03, 2021 at 11:31 AM

LH

“ *Che dio la benedica ~ what a kind and beautiful spirit ~ truly one of our Greatest Generation ~ Peace & Love to her ~*

Lenny Hall - March 03, 2021 at 08:09 AM

FD

“ *My deepest condolences to you, Roberta, and your entire family. Clearly, your mother was outstanding in so many ways, a true treasure of the heart. We carry them forever.*

Frances Drabick - March 03, 2021 at 05:13 AM

BM

“ *Cara dolce zia, so che in questo momento tutti gli angeli del Paradiso saranno più allegri perchè è così che ti ricorderò, con quel sorriso e quella cordialità che ti hanno sempre contraddistinto. Ti mando un grande abbraccio, il ricordo di te avrà per sempre un posto nel mio cuore.*

battaglin michele - March 03, 2021 at 02:43 AM

PT

“ *Sending heartfelt condolences to her loved ones. Tullia was an amazing, strong, woman. Tullia always had such fascinating stories to tell and I am sure everyone was as interested in hearing them as I was. May she rest in peace. 🙏❤️*
Pamela Torchia



Pamela J Torchia - March 02, 2021 at 09:03 PM

BS

“ *Heaven has a new angel! Reading the obit and seeing these photos brought a smile and fond memories of a wonderful lady. A person who was a treasure to all who knew her, the lovely tribute from her daughter, and remembrances of time spent in the sewing room and just chatting, May God bless this family who was truly blessed. RIP Mrs. V. Love*
Becky & Alan



Becky Siegel - March 02, 2021 at 07:25 PM

KB

“ Joe,
Sending our deepest condolences to you, JoAnn, and your family.
Mothers are God's most special people. You can take comfort in all
the good times that you shared together.
May she rest in peace.
God Bless.
Ken and Karen Blass

Kenneth Blass - March 02, 2021 at 07:01 PM

RV

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Roberta Villanova - March 02, 2021 at 04:24 PM

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Roberta Villanova - March 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM

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Roberta Villanova - March 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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Roberta Villanova - March 02, 2021 at 04:01 PM

TM

“ Troian Marie-Claire lit a candle in memory of Tullia Villanova



Troian Marie-Claire - March 02, 2021 at 03:07 PM

ME

“ such a huge loss for all of us who knew her & loved her. i am so thankful to have had her as part of my family. so many great memories. i loved visiting her & hearing her amazing stories. i loved her so much, & will miss her

meko - March 02, 2021 at 02:57 PM

ME

“ Meko lit a candle in memory of Tullia Villanova



meko - March 02, 2021 at 02:52 PM