



Cecilia Andrews DeSalvo

November 15, 1929 - June 18, 2016

Cecilia Andrews DeSalvo, 86, of Center Ridge, Arkansas, passed away on Saturday, June 18, 2016, in Morrilton. She was born November 15, 1929, in Center Ridge, Arkansas, a daughter of the late Tony and Mary Lanni Andrews. Cecilia married the love of her life 66 years ago and they raised seven daughters together. Their spouses became her sons and she often treated them better than her daughters, or so her daughters would tease her. Her greatest joy was taking care of and spending time with her family. She was happiest when she had all of her children's feet under her dinner table. Some of the fondest memories of her grandchildren are of Nonna fixing them coffee milk and white spaghetti. She never met a stranger and made "special" friends wherever she went. She was loved by many and had a gift of giving of herself that she shared with anyone who needed her special kind of love. Special thanks to the staff from Hospice Home Care and Brookridge Nursing Home who took excellent care of and loved her, and to Father Silvio D` Ostilio for his many years of friendship and spiritual guidance.

Survivors include her husband Richard DeSalvo of Center Ridge; daughters and sons-in law, Jane and Howard Yates and Laura and Edward Moore all of Morrilton, Ellen Johnston of Center Ridge, Terri and Rickey George and Joelle and Todd Lowder all of Russellville, Celeste and Ray Bailey and Natalie and Gary Beck all of Conway; siblings, John and Shirley Andrews and Raymond Andrews all of Center Ridge, and Bernice Charton of Morrilton; sister-in-law, Anne Andrews of Center Ridge; twenty-one grandchildren, twenty-two great-

grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Other than her parents she was preceded in death by two daughters, Alicia Carole and Mary Cecilia DeSalvo; son-in-law, Lynn Batchelor; grandson, Joseph Batchelor; siblings, Frank Andrews, Rose Freyaldenhoven, Lucy Freyaldenhoven, Grace Gunderman, Teresa DeSalvo, Ed Andrews, and George Andrews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Sacred Heart School Endowment in Morrilton, Arkansas, St. Joseph Church in Center Ridge, Arkansas, St. Joseph School Endowment Anthony Joseph Batchelor Current Needs Fund in Conway, Arkansas, or www.theajbfoundation.org (non-profit foundation established in memory of Joseph Batchelor, grandson, whose dream it was to start a business and donate profits to Alzheimer's research).

Visitation will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morrilton, Arkansas, at 5:00 p.m. Monday, June 20, with Rosary following at 6:00 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph Church in Center Ridge, Arkansas, on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. with Father Silvio D`Ostilio celebrating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Pallbearers will be Richie Tanner, Kyle Johnston, Frankey Clayton, Josh Moore, James Batchelor, Wade Beck, Tyler Loughridge, Zachary Needham, and Paul David Charton.

Tribute Wall



“ Cecilia Andrews DeSalvo

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ Thinking of you all with love and prayers.

Roy & Anita Garnet - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ Aunt Cecilia was like a second mother to myself, my brother and sisters. She and Uncle Richard have always been there for us - and were always there for mother and daddy too. Heaven has gained a beautiful and special angel. To Uncle Richard and my cousins, I love you all very much, and thank you for sharing this beautiful and amazing lady with us! May God bless you with the strength, peace and healing you need in the days ahead. I love you all.

Becky Lewandowski - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss she was a great lady and always had a smile for you.

Farrell & Louise Lentz - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ Your in my thoughts and prayers. We will miss " Nonna" at Brookridge Cove.

Michelle Rodelo - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

SG

“ Cecilia will always hold a special place in my heart. So many of my teenage memories are of being in her kitchen. I loved her like a second mother. All my love and prayers to Richard and the girls.

Susan Gunderman - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

JB

“ Praying for you Uncle Richard and all the girls and family.

Janet Dumboski Beck - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

VC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family! Praying that God will give you the peace and comfort during this difficult time!

Virginia Carr - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

JE

“ I am so very saddened to hear of Cecelia's passing. I loved her very much. She was such a good woman and I had so much respect of her. She would always stop and visit me when I live on Catholic Point and always watching Anthony grow up, she loved him so. She meant a lot to me and Anthony and we will be keeping you in our prayers! Jennifer Evans and Anthony Cambiano

Jennifer Evans - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

KW

“ Nonna will forever be in my heart. Her beautiful smile and sweet soul will always be in my mind. I love you Nonna. I still can't believe this. Until we meet again sweet lady

Kati Williams - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PD

“ Rest in peace dear wife and mother in the loving arms of our Lord. I share your sorrow and send my prayers at this difficult time.

Phyllis DeSalvo - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

JH

“ My prayers are with the family at this very sad time. May God be with you and bring comfort.

Judy Harmon - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ Cousin Richard and family: I am Georgia and Leo Eckart's eldest daughter. I am so very sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved wife and mother. My deepest condolences and prayers are with you as you honor her happy life. Prayerfully and respectfully yours, Janet Eckart Pranger

June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ Ellen and Natalie, Very sorry to learn of the passing of your mother. I will keep your family in my prayers during this difficult time.

Doyce Hill - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

SP

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy. Words seem inadequate to express the sadness. My Thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely, Sharon Paladino

Sharon Paladino - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

CL

“ I will miss Nona very much. Her sweet smile and kisses everyday. She was such a sweet joy to take care. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love you all

Crystal Landeros - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PB

“ I'm so sorry for you loss! Heaven gained a precious Angel!! Love and Prayers for the family.

Pam Boone - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PP

“ I am so sorry for your loss.. Didn't know about funeral until late Monday night... So sorry I missed it, but you will all be in my prayers.

Pauline Patrick - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

AC

“ May she rest in peace.

audley case - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

MB

“ We want to extend our sincere sympathy to the DeSalvo family, Richard, Celeste, Ellen, Natalie and all other members of the family. We are so sorry that we were unable to attend any of the services as we just learned of this a few minutes ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you.

Mary Burgener - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

JM

“ Ellen, Mike and I were so sorry to hear of your mothers passing. We've been talking about high school memories of her mega dinners, homemade sausage and all those girls! It was such a great senior year, continuing they freshman year as roommates at UCA. Your family made a great testimony to the closeness and love of a family. I remember your mom staying up all night to read a good book. Never ate dove or quail or any wild game until I was at her table. I'm so sorry for your loss my dear friend.. Much love, Janet and Mikr

Janet Burns Mourot - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

CK

“ Cecelia DeSalvo will be remembered as a happy and fun loving person, always with a smile.

Clement Kordsmeier - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

KM

“ Janie, I remember spending many happy times at your home when we were children. Cecilia was always kind and gracious to me. I remember one time when we were cooking or baking something; don't remember what. We added too much or the wrong ingredient to the mixture. In other words, we made a mess. Cecilia did not get upset with us. She just told us to start over.

Kathy McGee - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

SP

“ *Mr. Richard and Family: I am so sorry about the loss of Mrs. Che. She was such a sweet lady and always had a smile on her face and never failed to speak to me. It was her nature to be kind to everyone. I want to apologize to all of you. We were at the Buffalo River when she passed and did not get back until the end of the week. I am so sorry we could not make the family hour or funeral. I would sure have been there for all of you. Please forgive me (us). May God Bless you all and peace be had by all.*

Sheila Paladino-Wilson - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

DH

“ *LAURA I AM SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE DEATH OF YOUR MOTHER I KNOW SHE WILL BE MISSED MY CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY I KNOW HOW IT FEELS TO LOSE A MOTHER.*

DONNA HEINZERLING - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

SR

“ *So sorry. My Mom made Cecilia's wedding dress by hands... Martha Cordrey Ring. We came to the 50th wedding anniversary and saw the love Richard and Cecilia shared.*

Stacy Ring - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

MJ

“ *Your dear mother provided so much inspiration and such a wonderful role model to all the girls at Sacred Heart. Such admirable ladies are few and far between!*

Martha Mobley James - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

MK

“ Natalie, Gary, and family - we were so sorry to hear that your mom passed away recently. We sure loved her - she was so sweet to everyone she knew! She was an amazing cook too! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. In Sympathy, Merinda, Danny, Abby, and Daniel Lee Kordsmeier

Merinda Kordsmeier - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

PN

“ Dearest Terri and Family, I remember meeting your mom and dad when you restated your wedding vows to Rick. They were so precious together. She raised some wonderful girls and taught them the meaning of a close knit family. I know she will be missed by so many. She is at peace and is looking down with love. Forever remembered!

Pat Neal - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM

BN

“ Terri (and family), I only met your mom once and that was on the day you and Rick renewed your vows. I was immediately struck by the sweet, gentle spirit of this little lady. At the celebration gathering at your house after the ceremony I watched as person after person came by just to be near her for a few minutes. They always got a word, a touch, a smile. The tender strength of a true matriarch emanated from her. The love and respect everyone had for her was obvious. It was clear that she securely tied everyone she touched to herself with the silver cords of a loving mom and grandmother. I see those same qualities in you and I know they exist in the rest of your family. Her legacy is strong and will endure in all of you. Love, Burl

Burl Neal - June 29, 2018 at 06:40 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Cecilia's passing. Many memories spending time at her house with Celeste. A very sweet and kind lady.

June 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM