



Mrs. Stefi Poluck Biafora

March 31, 1923 - July 15, 2017

Stefi Biafora

died peacefully on July 15, 2017, after 94 years of a joyful and adventurous life. She was a coal miner's daughter, born in Fairmont, West Virginia. She was the youngest of the five children of Ludwig and Regina Poluck from Kraków, Poland.

After her High School graduation, she worked at Westinghouse. Her life took a turn when she met Lieutenant Joseph Biafora at a USO dance, and together they danced the Jitterbug to Polish Time. The couple married in 1944 and, as fate would have it, they traveled to Glendale, California, so Joe could deliver the proverbial letter to the family of his best friend, Bob Barker, who died in the Battle of Normandy.

Stefi and Joe so loved Southern California that they changed their plans and remained in Glendale, where Joe completed his Law School Education at USC. Stefi again, worked at Westinghouse in Southern California and played basketball for the company.

Along the way, Stefi and Joe made many lifelong friends throughout Southern California. Joseph opened his Law Office in Reseda, and Stefi was the Law Office's Chief Secretary and promoter.

They moved to Northridge and resided there for 61 years. Stefi was an avid

golfer and for years had the lowest handicap at her golf club, and always walked the course.

Stefi was involved in many charities. She was the President of the Womens' Guild at Our Lady of Lourdes in Northridge. She also was a major fundraiser for the Robert Wilkinson Senior Center in Northridge, which still serves the seniors community.

She is survived by her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Her daughter Brenda Biafora Navarro passed away in 2013, daughter Linda Biafora Spinella, daughter Diana Biafora Sparagna and husband Francis Jr., son Joseph R. Biafora Jr., son Stephen F. Biafora and his wife Lynn Ruehman, daughter Ruth Anna Biafora, grandchildren Rayna Stephanie Alice Navarro, Romualdo Navarro and wife Shay, Daniel, Jacqueline and Francis Sparagna III, Christian and Alexis, and great-grandchildren Adela Palmira Navarro and Rebecca Ann Sparagna.

There will be a viewing on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 5:00 p.m, followed by a Rosary at 6:00 p.m., and a funeral mass at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church located at 18400 Kinzie Street in Northridge. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, Stefi has asked that you contribute to her Stefi Biafora Leadership Scholarship at West Virginia University Foundation. To pay by credit card, the telephone number is 304-284-4000. The mailing Address is WVU Foundation located at 1 Waterfront Place in Morgantown, West Virginia 26501.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Stefi Poluck Biafora*

October 07, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Mrs. Stefi Poluck Biafora*

October 05, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ *Remember the happy times you shared as a life well lived and loved (Psalms 90:10)*

A friend - July 31, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Stefi was a kind sweet lady. She was always very nice to me I liked her a lot.*

Sharon Lott person - Mission Hills, CA - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you on the loss of your wonderful mother, most especially to Ruthie...all my love, André*

A friend - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry Diana, she will leave a huge hole in your lives that I hope will be filled with her many colorful memories.*

Cherie Holmes - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ My prayers are with you and all your family. God bless you all. Marianne McGregor

A friend - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ As the Matriarch of the Biafora family, she will be deeply missed by all she touched, however, we know she is very happy now to be joined with the love of her live, Joe. May God Bless family and friends at this time and cover them with his almighty arms as they heal from this loss. May the love of the Lord fill the emptiness and ache that is felt. Remember the good times that will hold you over until you meet her once again in the heavens above. God bless you and yours at this time. The Cyndee Johnson Family

Cyndee Johnson - Las Vegas, NV - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Mothers are guardian angels, teachers, and best friends. Death holds no power over love, especially the love of a mother. For this reason, we can never completely lose our mothers. We are sorry for the loss of you mom. Condolences , Dear Ruth for your and the whole family. Naprawa's and Paluch's family

Lucy Naprawa - Staten Island, NY - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ To the Biafora family from the Haddad family. Our sincerest condolences for the family. Stefi is in heaven now with my "polish" parents and Joe. They are sining "Roll out the Barrel" and malking gnocci. Live peacefully knowing she is with Joe and Our Lord. God bless you all. May Stefi rest in peace. (Flowers sent from Haddad family - San Diego)

A friend - July 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ZF

“ You were one of us, now You will remain in our memory forever. May God keep You.

Zygmunt Krempa - Mielec , Europe, Poland - Family - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM