



## Mrs. Virginia T. DeLugan

October 22, 1924 - January 8, 2025

Virginia "Noni" DeLugan, 100, of Lee died Wednesday, January 8th surrounded by family and friends at her bedside.

She was born in West Stockbridge, MA., on Oct. 22, 1924, the daughter of Louis and Mary Frana Tognalli. She was educated in Lee schools graduating from Lee High School in 1942. She studied Social Services policy at UMASS Evening Division.

As a young girl, her family purchased the Belden Tavern in East Lee. There she and her sisters learned the values of hard work, good food, music, dancing, and enjoyed the camaraderie of family and friends. Noni met her husband of 50 years, Louis "Gigi" at the tavern. They shared amazing adventures and love until his death in 1997.

Virginia started her career as an accountant and welfare director for the Town of Lee. She was employed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a supervisor in the Pittsfield Welfare Office and later as director of the Great Barrington Office.

Noni recognized the value of good times. An avid golfer, she won many tournaments in the county and achieved the all-time record at Greenock Country Club as ladies club champion for 15 years. Travelling, across the USA, Europe, Asia, and Scandinavia, was a passion she shared with her husband and their friends. Her love of reading led her to volunteer as a reader for Recording for the Blind.

Virginia cherished her faith and commitment to her church. She spent many

hours in community participation for Perpetual Adoration in the chapel at St. Mary's Church.

Besides her husband Louis and parents, Noni is predeceased by her sisters; Angelina "Tootie" Zaccaria and Josephine "Teete" Scarafoni, beloved great niece Angela, nephew Joe and long-time friends: Betty and Arlene.

She is survived by nieces; Jeanne, Nancy, Susan, and JoAnn, nephews; Michael, Steven, and Patrick, and several great nieces and nephews whose lives she enriched. She also leaves behind her good friend Janice.

In October she celebrated her 100th birthday with 100 friends at Greenock Country Club. It was a celebration that meant a lot to her and those attending.

On Wednesday, January 15, 2025, a Mass to celebrate Virginia's life will be held at St. Mary's Church in Lee, MA., at 10:00 AM. She will be laid to rest following mass in St. Mary's Cemetery which is within chipping range of Greenock Country Club's 3rd hole.

In lieu of flowers, Noni has requested donations be made directly to National Multiple Sclerosis Society <http://www.nationalmssociety.org> or St. Mary's School in Lee, MA <http://www.stmaryslee.org> or in care of the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

To share memories and stories please visit [rochefuneralhome.com](http://rochefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Spring Street  
Lee, MA 01238

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Church  
Main Street  
LEE, MA 01238

## Burial

JAN 15. 10:45 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery  
Spring Street  
Lee, MA 01238

# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP Nonnie. Embrace Betty and Bobbie for me. Until we meet again.*

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**Patty Carlino** - January 16, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Mrs. Virginia DeLugan. May your memories and the prayerful support of others bring you peace and comfort. I and all the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm, sponsors of Mount Carmel Care Center, will keep you in our prayers. It was a privilege to be able to care for Mrs DeLugan at Mount Carmel.*

*Sr. Sean Damien Flynn  
Sponsor Representative  
Mount Carmel Care Center*

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**Sister Sean D Flynn** - January 15, 2025 at 11:29 AM

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“ *RIP, my dear lady. You were a wonderful person, and so glad I had a chance knowing. Rest now, you sure had a GREAT run. Will miss you.*

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**Kay Hoyt** - January 13, 2025 at 05:20 PM