



## Anita L. Pace Cipolla

February 21, 2023

Anita L. Pace Cipolla, O.D., passed away peacefully on February 21, 2023 at the age of 88. Anita was born in South Philadelphia and a long time resident of Springfield, PA for 51 years. She was the daughter of Charles Pace and Anna D'Alessandro Pace, both registered Pharmacists. Sister of the late Jean Pace Guidara (the late Frank) and Vincent Pace (Marion). Anita was a graduate of The Philadelphia High School for Girls, attended Temple University and was a graduate of The Pennsylvania State College of Optometry class of 1958. She was only one of two girls in her graduating class and a trail blazer at the time. Anita practiced as a Doctor of Optometry for 61 years at multiple locations in South Philadelphia and in Springfield, PA. She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence Cipolla. Anita was the loving and guiding mother of Lawrence Cipolla (Helene) of Springfield, PA and Anita Jane Cipolla Maya (Adi) of Parkland, Florida, grandmother of 3 adoring grandchildren: Larry (Sonny), Lauren (Dolly), and Ava, as well as the loving aunt to her 2 very special nieces, Diane and Susan. She was a loving grandmother, affectionately known by her grandchildren as "Apple". "Apple" spent many summers at her home in North Wildwood, N.J. with her family as well as many trips to Florida to be with Jane and her family. As a Doctor of Optometry, she worked for many years with Paul DiGiovanni, who she treated and loved like a son. Aside from practicing Optometry, Apple invested in real estate with her son, Larry, and for many years, on her days off, would go to work energetically putting rental houses together with him. Anita loved to

travel and went on many trips all over the world. Relatives and friends are invited to her Visitation and Funeral Mass on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 136 Saxer Avenue, Springfield, PA 19064. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers please make donations in Anita's name at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)  
Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
136 Saxer Avenue  
Springfield, PA 19064

### Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

“ *In Memoriam*

*Anita L. Pace Cipolla*

*How to express my heartfelt thoughts to the family who love Anita; as a longtime friend of seventy-five years a river of memories flood my thoughts. From our earliest friendship at Philadelphia High School for Girls we shared so much.*

*There were classes, assemblies, dances, gym contests, coffees/teas with french fries after school, proms and teen dating.*

*Later as the group moved on to college many events filled our shared friendship - all so new and exciting. Of course scattered throughout were our many years of beach time in North Wildwood. My father built a cottage. Anita's family had a house on second avenue. Gina's family also had a house there. Amazing that they were almost in walking distance of each other! We spent lots of time on the beach, had boardwalk fun, and dancing at the Starlight Ballroom in the era of the big band.*

*Later on we also shared memories of engagements, weddings and children. As we expanded into the greater world with our own families our meetings became less frequent as might be expected, but those imprints of shared joy and maturing were unshakable.*

*As I see Anita's beautiful family I also remember her mother, Mrs. Pace, Jean and Frank and their family, Vincent and his family are also remembered.*

*So as these lovely and exceptional experiences return I feel so honored to have known dear Anita. A person so kind, intelligent and thoughtful. I will always treasure that privilege.*

*So now I leave you with a warm embrace and prayers to comfort all*

*her family and friends. Certainly, no one can know the depths of your aching hearts.*

*May God bless you all with a great gift of transcendent love of our Lord and Savior.*

*Rest in eternal peace dear Anita, with love.*

*Mary Viola Grasso  
March 2023, Princeton, New Jersey*

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**Mary Grasso** - March 01, 2023 at 08:15 PM

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“ *With love, Mary Viola Grasso purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Anita L. Pace Cipolla.*



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**With love, Mary Viola Grasso** - March 01, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Anita L. Pace Cipolla.*



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February 28, 2023 at 03:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Anita L. Pace Cipolla.*



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February 26, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anita L. Pace Cipolla.*



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February 24, 2023 at 08:24 AM