



## Marilyn Di Robbio

November 6, 1941 - May 17, 2025

Marilyn Di Robbio, a vibrant soul known for her kindness and passionate spirit, passed away on May 17, 2025, at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune City, NJ.

Born on Thursday, November 6, 1941, in Lebanon, PA, to Donald and Dorothy Riffert, Marilyn's life journey began with a sense of adventure that would define her years.

After moving to New Jersey as a young girl, Marilyn became a proud graduate of Chatham High School. Her life blossomed further when she met the love of her life, Ralph Di Robbio. Their love was a testament to devotion, and together they settled in Howell, NJ, creating a life filled with joy and family.

Her passions were as fiery as her spirit. Marilyn's love for fast cars and the thrill of racing was ignited in the 1950s when she joined the Powder Puff racing team. This need for speed was a joyful pursuit that exemplified her spirited approach to life. She also cherished her trips to Atlantic City with her beloved Ralph, where they shared moments of excitement and companionship. The simple pleasures of life, like going to the beach and watching her favorite shows, Dr. Phil and Judge Judy, were sources of relaxation and joy for Marilyn.

Professionally, Marilyn's voice was a comforting presence for many, as she worked for years as an operator for a medical answering service. Her colleagues knew her as a reliable and warm-hearted individual who brought a personal touch to her work.

Above all, Marilyn devoted her life to caring for her husband, Ralph. She loved him dearly and took wonderful care of him, especially during their last few years together. Her dedication to Ralph was a shining example of her loving nature. Family was paramount to Marilyn, and she developed an especially strong bond with her granddaughter Dylan, who lived with and cared for Marilyn in her last few years. Their connection was a testament to the power of family and the reciprocal nature of care and affection. Marilyn will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Marilyn was predeceased by her parents Donald and Dorothy, and by her beloved husband of 34 years, Ralph Di Robbio in 2022

Marilyn is survived by her children, Marcy Di Robbio and Mark Mermelstein; stepsons, James Di Robbio and his wife Lori, and Ralph Di Robbio; her caring siblings, Donna Rycyk and Thomas Riffert; and her cherished grandchildren, Ashley Di Robbio, Dylan Di Robbio, Morgan Anthony, Michael Mermelstein, and Michael Gordon.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals and Cremation Service, 111 Main Street, Matawan, NJ 07747.

The family will be gathering at the funeral home on Friday, May 23, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., before departing for Woodbridge Memorial Gardens for a 1:00 p.m. committal service.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Marilyn's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital <https://www.stjude.org/donate/>

# Cemetery Details

## Woodbridge Memorial Gardens

Route 1 & Gill Lane  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 22. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals & Cremation Services Inc.  
111 Main Street  
Matawan, NJ 07747

## Service

MAY 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TH

“ Thomas purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Marilyn Di Robbio.



Thomas - May 22, 2025 at 07:26 AM

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“ Thomas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Di Robbio.

Thomas - May 22, 2025 at 07:26 AM

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“ NTT JMNC Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Di Robbio.

NTT JMNC Team - May 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

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“ NTT JMNC Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Di Robbio.



NTT JMNC Team - May 20, 2025 at 08:19 AM

EA

“ Eileen A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Di Robbio.

Eileen A. - May 19, 2025 at 11:49 PM

NJ

“ Niece Angela and Jackie purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Marilyn Di Robbio.



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**Niece Angela and Jackie** - May 19, 2025 at 07:25 PM

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“ My dear friend Marilyn “The Divine Miss M”!  
I first met Marilyn when she was answering the telephone for my business. She was the most efficient person I knew.  
She had the most devoted relationship with her loving husband Ralph! They had fun together, their favorite was their trips to AC, how they loved them! The 7’s they loved.  
Dylan, her granddaughter was the love ❤️ and light of her life. She was so proud of Dylan, and her accomplishments, especially her singing voice! Marilyn would send me videos of Dylan singing.  
Sweet Dylan took care of Marilyn when she was ill and took care of all of her needs. This was an extraordinary love of a granddaughter for her “Gammy”! She loved you so much for caring about her Dylan.  
She loved her family very much too.  
Rest in peace Marilyn and I know you’re happy to be with your one and only Ralph. May you both rest in peace and be happy together.  
The “Divine Miss M”, love you always and will miss you and our long talks and visits to AC. ❤️  
Love, Eileen aka Diane

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**Eileen Cooper** - May 19, 2025 at 05:28 PM