



# Dolores Castaldo

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## **I**n Reverential Memory

With sadness, Dolores Castaldo, mother of Salvatore and Anthony, and beloved wife of deceased husband Sonny, passed away in the late evening on July 3, 2019. Dolores was a loving devoted mother who was always there for her sons and all those with whom she shared her love. She is also survived by her nephew Toby and her niece Carolyn both of whom grew up in a closely knit small “familial” Italian Brooklyn community. Dolores embodied the exceptional characteristics in humanity particularly caring, empathy, understanding, kindness and love – She reached out and sacrificed for all those in need around her.

Born on August 14, 1930 in Brooklyn N.Y., the daughter of Italian immigrants Anthony and Carolina Mazzeo, Dolores earned two Bachelor degrees one from New York University (N.Y.U.) and one at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

After having served in the Dental Health field for over 35 years, she became a champion of the mentally disabled persistently in need of adequate care and housing. She became the founder of Benedict Haven group home in St. Petersburg Florida which became internationally recognized as a model residential treatment facility for those less fortunate individuals with mental disabilities.

As a devoted and caring Catholic, Dolores gave countless hours of hard work establishing and running Benedict Haven for the unfortunate mentally disabled. In recognition of her efforts and accomplishments for this group home for the disabled, Dolores received more than two dozen awards from various social service, community outreach and governmental agencies. Additionally, in 2008, Bishop Robert N. Lynch presented Dolores with the Papal Award “Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross” from Pope Benedict XVI in recognition of her devotion and work.



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She will always be remembered and loved by all those who knew her and she will live eternally within the spirit of her two beloved sons Salvatore and Anthony.

Dolores will be celebrated in remembrance at Holy Family Catholic Church on July 9, 2019 at 1PM with Mass at 3PM. Following Mass she will be laid to rest in peace beside her deceased husband Sonny at Memorial Park Cemetery. There will be a gathering following her burial at Panera Bread on 4th St North for those who wish share further in remembrance of her.

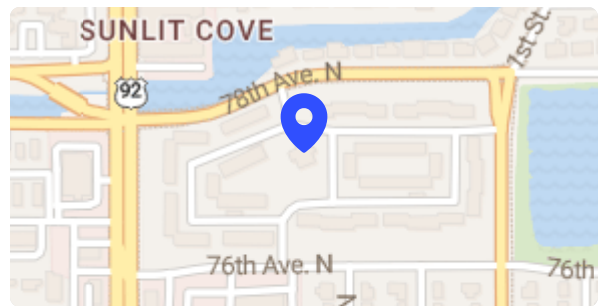


# Events

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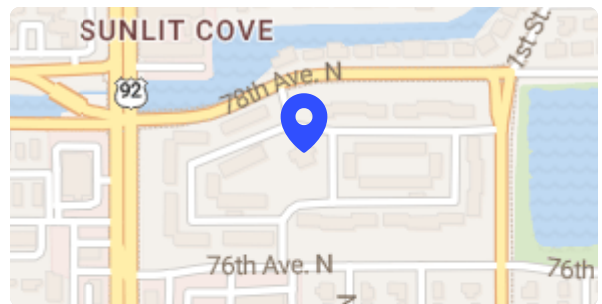
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, July 9, 2019
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
- Holy Family Catholic Church**  
200 78th Ave N, St. Petersburg FL 33702



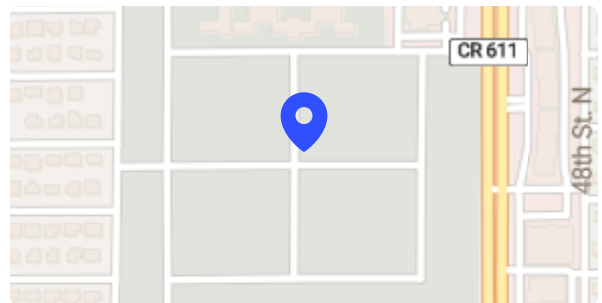
## Funeral Mass

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- 3:00 PM ET
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200 78th Ave N, St. Petersburg FL 33702



## Cemetery Details

- Memorial Park Cemetery**  
5750 49th Street North, St. Petersburg FL 33709
- (727) 369-8228**





## Tribute Wall

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**Willie Curry** sent a virtual gift in honor of Dolores.

Took car of Saul: Her son:live at Benedict Haven't lbwas his CNA his mom was there bringing food to Residents: I would tak her Son to Wendy Hamburger time:said he had a brother in Stpete not too far from th ALF facility: never met him Would hav met som family members: Saul was a great guy his Mom pass n he couldn't take it n he passed right behind his Mom Is there any family Members around Umm



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dolores by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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