



Cecilia E. Danisi

September 13, 1929 - July 1, 2022

Beloved Wife, Beloved Mother

Cecilia Danisi was born in Brooklyn, NY on September 13, 1929 to parents James and Mary Eastmond. She was the last living sibling of four children. Cecilia was proud of her family's mixed heritage and loved spending time with her three sisters, Faye, Nina and Joan, lovingly known on their close-knit Brooklyn block as Jimmy's girls.

There were many inspiring conversations around the dinner table. Cecilia's father was born in Aberdare, Wales and was of French descent, as well. He worked in the coal mines in Wales as a child. Cecilia shared stories about her father's clowning around and making them laugh during the evening meal. Her Mother was born in America of Irish descent and her girls affectionately called her Mumma.

As a young girl, Cecilia would accompany her parents, both Superintendents in the Brooklyn apartment building where they lived, to bank the fires that heated the building (letting the fire die down). Cecilia learned early on from her parents that hard work and sacrifices were a part of life.

Nevertheless, Cecilia believed that joy and opportunity were everywhere if you looked closely. On one particular evening in Brooklyn, having looked particularly closely, she found a tiny black kitten barely visible in the coal while banking the fires with her parents. Cecilia told this story many times, smiling whenever she spoke of saving the flea-infested kitten covered in soot.

Cecilia watched in awe as the kitten grew into a majestic cat sitting on the

window sill in the apartment, an unexpected outcome for the doomed kitten in the coal. A life lesson learned well regarding kindness, hope and the ability to change an outcome, a lesson her children are proud to have learned, along with a genuine respect for all living things.

Cecilia defined herself as shy but did not lack an adventurous spirit. She once auditioned at the famed Apollo Theater in Harlem, NY. As the story goes, she sang the song "Accentuate the Positive". A fitting choice for the optimistic Cecilia Eastmond.

Shirley, a Brooklyn neighbor and close friend of the family, operated a dance studio and Cecilia learned to dance and participated in Shirley's shows. This opportunity ignited Cecilia's passion to become a professional dancer. Cecilia was talented, hardworking and never gave up her dream of becoming a dancer.

Cecilia loved movies and the entertainment industry and frequented the Paramount Theater in Manhattan with her sisters. She once presented rosary beads to the performing singer Frank Sinatra because of his role as a priest in the 1948 film Miracle of the Bells. She received an autographed photograph in return, which she treasured.

Cecilia initially worked as a typist and also as a model for the large department stores while going on dance auditions. She was hired on several occasions and ultimately began working full-time as a dancer. At some point, she worked with choreographer Ron Fletcher.

Cecilia performed dance numbers on stage in night clubs popular in the 1940's and 1950's, including the Latin Quarter in New York City.

Cecilia would sing songs for us with a French accent "So this is Gay Paree...Come on along with me -we're stepping out to see the LATIN QUARTER".

Cecilia also traveled and worked in Hallandale, Florida as a Minsky's Follies Dancer at the Colonial Inn and also at Copa City in Miami. Cecilia and her best friend and roommate, Kay Coburn, were inseparable both dancing on stage in rehearsals and performances and enjoying Florida after work.

One summer evening, in Saratoga Springs, NY, Cecilia was working as a dancer at the popular Riley's Lake House. She was introduced to Mike Danisi by Con Errico. Both young men were professional jockeys, riding races at the Saratoga Race Course in 1949.

Ceil and Mike married on July 29, 1950, and drove to Saratoga following the wedding reception to work the racing meet.

Summers in Saratoga Springs, NY will remain an indelible memory for Cecilia's family. She reminisced about the unforgettable experiences and people they met and loved along the way, especially the lifelong friendships, notably the Saratoga Clarkes, John and Peggy and their five children.

Ceil was known as a wonderful listener. She gave her time without hesitation to friends, family, and even strangers.

Cecilia was a devoted wife and Mother and bade farewell to her dancing career to raise her children. Cecilia wanted a family and she took care of us all with the same love, kindness and determination she exhibited to achieve her goal to dance professionally.

Cecilia faced many difficult challenges during the course of raising her family. However, challenges were met with perseverance and her faith in God. Cecilia was a devout Catholic who prayed the rosary and went to Mass on Sunday. Her selflessness to achieve better outcomes in life against all odds served her and her family well.

In the 1960's, Ceil and Mike purchased their beloved 1889 Open Gate Farm in Huntington, NY. Cecilia loved the nature at the farm, the beauty of the trees and the birds, the rabbits and the delightful change of seasons on the once very rural block.

All of the family members, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and friends would visit Open Gate Farm on the weekends to ride Casey the pony. Cecilia loved her extended family and loved welcoming everyone to the farm with her beautiful smile.

Cecilia also volunteered at the Town of Huntington's programs for individuals

with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and would go on trips to the circus. She also worked at the Teen Center and Bishop McDonnell Summer Camp. Her hard work and dedication paid off and she was eventually hired by the Town.

Her friend, Kaye Argentine, was a passionate advocate and the two spent their time working and advocating for individuals unable to advocate for themselves.

Cecilia brought love and joy into our lives as well as all the lives she touched on her journey.

Friendships from the old Brooklyn neighborhoods lasted decades, especially the friendship with cherished neighbor Pauline DePalma and her children. Pauline was always a part of the family as well as a compassionate and trusted confidant.

Nancy Brown, the daughter of the former owner of Open Gate Farm, would visit Ceil when she was in town. The ladies formed a bond and Nancy would write letters after her visits and tell Ceil stories about the previous owners of the place on Round Swamp Road.

Nancy once wrote about the spectacular oak tree behind the house. She said the tree was planted from a seedling by the Strait Family and that the Danisi's were the forth owners of the 1889-year-old house.

Cecilia's kindness soothed the soul. She was a beautiful human being.

We are so proud of her.

A life well lived...

Forever in our hearts, Mike, Michael, and Victoria

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 9:45 AM (ET)

St. Patrick R.C. Church
400 West Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Burial

JUL 6 (ET)

St. Patrick's Cemetery
45 Huntington Road
Huntington, NY 11743

Tribute Wall

MD

“ We left flowers for you today and remembered you with love and joy, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - May 10 at 08:43 PM

MD

“ Thinking of you today with love, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - May 02 at 09:39 PM

MD

“ Happy Easter Mommy...we miss you on this holy day, love Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - April 05 at 12:07 PM

MD

“ Happy St. Patrick's Day 🍀 love, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - March 17 at 08:07 PM

VD

“ Our Irish ancestors, we will meet them “someday”, love you, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - March 17 at 08:02 PM

MD

“ We remembered you today on Christmas with love, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - December 25, 2025 at 08:56 PM

MD

“ We remember you with much love on this Thanksgiving, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - November 27, 2025 at 07:48 PM

VD

“ ...chocolate cake, balloons and love...miss you today, love Victoria

Victoria Danisi - September 13, 2025 at 03:57 PM

MD

“ Happy Birthday in Heaven! I miss you on our special day...with love, Michael

Michael Danisi - September 13, 2025 at 03:55 PM

VD

“ ...we remember the story of this special day, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - July 29, 2025 at 07:21 PM

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Michael Danisi - July 01, 2025 at 02:28 PM

MD

...pink flowers and ballet slippers...a beautiful speech...I love you so much, your son, Michael

Michael Danisi - July 01, 2025 at 02:31 PM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2025 at 10:33 AM

VD

In Loving Memory, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2025 at 10:38 AM

VD

“ *I remember sharing hot dogs with you every year on Belmont Stakes Day...we left sweet daisies for you in memory of our sweet days together...much love, Michael and Victoria*



Victoria Danisi - June 07, 2025 at 05:09 PM

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Michael Danisi - May 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

MD

We remember you this Mother's Day with love and all the joy you brought into our lives, your children, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - May 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM

VD

“ *We miss you on this Holy Easter Day, much love, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - April 20, 2025 at 01:19 PM

VD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Victoria Danisi - March 17, 2025 at 10:20 PM

VD

“ *Our Irish Heritage...I am so proud and remember all the stories, love Michael and Victoria* 🍀🍀

Victoria Danisi - March 17, 2025 at 10:18 PM

VD

“ *...another year has passed and we miss you so very much on this New Year's Day...you remain in our hearts always, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - January 01, 2025 at 08:00 PM

MD

“ *...missing you on this Holy Day, love, Michael and Victoria*

Michael Danisi - December 25, 2024 at 02:47 PM

MD

“ *Happy Thanksgiving sweet Mommy in Heaven...we miss you today and always...your children, Michael and Victoria*

Michael Danisi - November 28, 2024 at 01:26 PM

MD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael Danisi - September 13, 2024 at 03:18 PM

MD

I miss you today on our shared Birthday...you are in our hearts always...Happy 95th Birthday in Heaven, love and kisses, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - September 13, 2024 at 03:28 PM

MD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael Danisi - August 16, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MD

I miss you so much, your loving son, Michael

Michael Danisi - August 16, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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Victoria Danisi - August 16, 2024 at 08:12 PM

VD

Happy Anniversary! Love, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - August 16, 2024 at 08:15 PM

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Michael Danisi - July 01, 2024 at 10:31 PM

MD

We left daisies for you today, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - July 01, 2024 at 10:33 PM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2024 at 10:36 AM

VD

We miss you so very much...in our hearts forever, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2024 at 10:52 AM

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Michael Danisi - June 16, 2024 at 09:20 PM

VD

We miss you today and always, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - June 16, 2024 at 09:35 PM

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Victoria Danisi - May 12, 2024 at 09:39 PM

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Victoria Danisi - May 12, 2024 at 09:41 PM

MD

We love you forever, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - June 16, 2024 at 09:32 PM

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Michael Danisi - May 12, 2024 at 10:32 AM

MD

We miss you more and more as time goes by...you live on in our hearts forever...with love on this Mother's Day, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - May 12, 2024 at 10:40 AM

VD

“ *I played the spoons for you...the dance followed as it always did...family visited...we missed your presence today, in our hearts forever, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - February 10, 2024 at 05:44 PM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - January 01, 2024 at 12:05 AM

VD

Happy New Year, we will remember you always...hold you in our hearts forever...love, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - January 01, 2024 at 12:06 AM

VD

“ *...a long time ago on our way to midnight Mass...in the blinding snow of a Christmas Eve blizzard we saw a figure of a man on a white horse...the memory vivid still today...Merry Christmas with love, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - December 25, 2023 at 08:57 AM

PA

Merry Christmas to aunt Celia and uncle Mike we miss you and being with together on Xmas and aunt Celia cookies love and miss u Paula and ron

Paula - December 25, 2023 at 02:14 PM

VD

“ *...a hand made stained glass angel was set at the table in memory of you...we missed you this Thanksgiving, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - November 23, 2023 at 07:42 PM

MD

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Michael Danisi - September 13, 2023 at 01:38 PM

MD

...dance in heaven today...I love you so much, Michael

Michael Danisi - September 13, 2023 at 01:43 PM

MD

“ *...a birthday shared and a lifetime of love and memories, you are a song in our hearts today and always, Michael and Victoria*

Michael Danisi - September 13, 2023 at 10:41 AM

VD

“ *Thinking of you on this special day so long ago...in our hearts forever, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - July 29, 2023 at 07:39 PM

MD

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Michael Danisi - July 06, 2023 at 03:22 PM

MD

I walked behind you out of the church...and left a rose with you...Mom I love you so much, Michael

Michael Danisi - July 06, 2023 at 03:28 PM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2023 at 11:44 AM

VD

The last visit...the final wave filled with love...hands held...we remember you today and always, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - July 01, 2023 at 11:53 AM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - June 10, 2023 at 01:52 PM

VD

I'll have a hot dog for you today to honor our tradition of indulging in the treat "only on Belmont Stakes Day"...in our hearts forever, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - June 10, 2023 at 02:03 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michael Danisi - May 14, 2023 at 09:51 AM

MD

We will honor your memory today and always...your unconditional love...the greatest gift of all...Happy Mothers Day, we love you so much, Michael and Victoria

Michael Danisi - May 14, 2023 at 09:59 AM

VD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Victoria Danisi - May 06, 2023 at 09:21 AM

VD

We will celebrate your life today with love and cake! In our hearts forever...sweet Mommy in Heaven, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - May 06, 2023 at 09:31 AM

VD

“ *We will set a place at the table for you on this Easter Sunday....in loving memory, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - April 09, 2023 at 09:19 AM

PM

“ Happy EASTER AUNT CELIA LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU VERY MUCH I AM WATCHING OVER VICTORIA AND MICHAEL GOD BLESS YOU TELL EVERYONE I SAID HELLO 🙏

paula mastracchio - April 08, 2023 at 04:28 PM

VD

“ We miss you on this Palm Sunday...you would be watching the Mass and saying the rosary...your loving children, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - April 02, 2023 at 10:41 AM

MD

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Michael Danisi - January 01, 2023 at 03:50 PM

VD

“ We will miss you on this Christmas...especially your sweet voice singing Silent Night, Holy Night...your loving children, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - December 25, 2022 at 10:15 AM

VD

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Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 01:00 PM

VD

Cecilia, nicknamed CeCe during her dancing career enjoyed showing her pictures and telling stories about her love of dancing. In this photo, CeCe was in costume for a performance as a Minsky's Follies dancer.

Victoria Danisi - December 22, 2022 at 06:14 PM

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Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 12:55 PM

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Cecilia, working at the Latin Quarter, Boston, 1948...behind the scenes!

Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 12:57 PM

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Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 12:46 PM

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Cecilia, top row, 4th from the left, Copa City, Miami Beach...a spectacular show!

Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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Victoria Danisi - December 03, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Cecilia E. Danisi*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM

VI

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Victoria - November 23, 2022 at 01:56 PM

VD

We are so thankful for the love you gave us and the kindness you showed us. We will miss you today on this Thanksgiving...promises kept...your loving children, Michael and Victoria

Victoria Danisi - November 24, 2022 at 09:09 AM

VD

“ *Happy Birthday Mom! We miss you so much. Love, Michael and Victoria*

Victoria Danisi - September 13, 2022 at 12:24 AM

PL

“ *Aunt Celia was one of the kindest, most loving people I've ever known. She had a personal strength and an enduring love of God and family that helped her face the challenges in her life...a quiet sense of humor, a positive attitude, a beautiful smile. I will miss her. Love you, Peggy*

Peggy Lewis - July 04, 2022 at 07:16 PM

PM

“ Dear AUNT CELIA I WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE BEST MEMORIES OF YOU 💖 WE HAD SUCH GREAT TIME'S AND LOTS OF LAUGHS THANK YOU FOR BEING MY GODMOTHER NOW YOU ARE WITH YOUR SISTERS AND UNCLE MIKE WE MISS YOU ALL. 💖💖 Always your niece Paula 💖💖

Paula mastracchio - July 02, 2022 at 05:06 PM

PM

Happy birthday 🎉🎉 aunt Celia I love you and miss you very much happy birthday 🎉🎉 thank you for the beautiful memories we share will never forget always in my prayers and heart 💖💖

paula mastracchio - September 13, 2022 at 11:26 AM