



Lucinda Coleman Florio

November 16, 2022

Lucinda Florio (Coleman) age 75 passed away peacefully on November 16, 2022 Wife of 34 years of the late James J. Florio. Survived by her son Mark (Shelly) Rowe. her stepchildren Christopher (Helen) Florio, Gregory (Ann) Florio, Catherine (Marc) Pipas. Grandmother of Matthew, Chelsea, Alexandra, Elizabeth, Peter Florio, Victoria and Stephanie Pipas, Jack, Troy and Bret Rowe. Great grandmother of Esme` and Bodhi Florio.

Lucinda was born in Indiana and at a young age moved to South Jersey with her late parents Thomas and Jane Coleman. She had five siblings – Mary Jane Thornborough, the late Barbara Miller, Lillie Haig, Tom Coleman, Joanne Coleman. She was married at a young age and was a proud mother to Mark Rowe. With a passion for education, Lucinda attended Glassboro State College while raising her son. She was an elementary school teacher in Pine Hill for ten years. After her divorce, she met James Florio while living in the same apartment complex. It was love at first sight and they were soon married while James was Congressman from the First District of New Jersey. When Jim was elected Governor, Lucinda took on the role as First Lady and championed many initiatives for children’s literacy, education and women’s rights. After leaving office, Jim and Lucinda moved to Metuchen, NJ where she continued to work for many charitable organizations including the YMCA. Nothing brought more joy to Lucinda than bringing her family together for summer vacations in Sea Isle City, NJ over the last twenty years. She adored her ten grandchildren and treasured the time spent with each of them. Over

the past eleven years, Lucinda had a special place in her heart for her Boston Terrier, Margo.

Over six years ago, Jim and Lucinda moved to Moorestown, New Jersey to be closer to family. Jim continued to work and Lucinda remained active in her new community. For everyone who knew Lucinda, she was a fun loving, caring, warm hearted individual who will be deeply missed by all who loved her.

Visitation Friday November 25th from 2- 4 pm at the Lewis Funeral Home, 78 E. Main St. Moorestown, NJ. A private service will be held immediately after the visitation time.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's New Jersey, 425 Eagle Rock Avenue, #203, Roseland, NJ 07068. <https://tribute.alznj.org/tribute/lucinda-florio/>

Burial will occur with her husband James in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Lewis Funeral Home
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Private Family Service

NOV **25**. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lucinda Coleman Florio*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Lucinda was a true blessing to the Metuchen community and especially to the YMCA. She devoted significant time and effort in building donations to the organization and served on the board, exemplifying true leadership. She became a great source of support for my family when we faced significant challenges losing loved ones to cancer. Lucinda took time to take my sister in law to doctors appointments which greatly warmed our hearts and provided comfort to us. She had the touch of an angel. Her loving husband James and her will truly be missed.*



Deborah Spigner - November 29, 2022 at 06:14 PM

DA

“ My earliest remembrance of Lucinda was traveling the district attending a funeral while Jim was still in DC. She asked jokingly whether our joint responsibilities would be attending viewings and funerals. Between the two of them, there was no contest in terms of who was better (by far) at consoling. Lucinda's sense of humor, her warmth, her thoughtful and giving personality made you feel as if she'd been a member of your family forever. And she was. Joanie always reminds me of the time our twins were toddlers and she came to our home in Lindenwold to spend time with us -- and, more important -- to entertain the kids. If there was ever a couple that better complemented each other than Lucinda and Jim -- it'd be hard to imagine who that couple might be. An incredible treasure -- we'll miss her dearly. Our sincerest condolences and love to the entire family.

Jackie, Beth, Joanie and David Applebaum

David Applebaum - November 19, 2022 at 04:32 PM

JH

Lucinda was a true dear friend we spends hours together just having a great time my prayers go out to all the family , Joan haberle

Joan haberle - November 23, 2022 at 12:37 PM

JF

“ Lucinda Florio - what a special individual who will be missed by so many.
Lucinda & Jim Florio were clearly devoted to each other & so in love - a beautiful thing to see.
Steve & I have wonderful memories of our dinners with them though, sometimes, the Governor & I would discuss environmental issues a bit too much. Lucinda & Steve would give each other "the look" though the Governor was oblivious to it.
Lucinda was giving & caring - most especially for children. Her many outside activities demonstrated that. - especially for children.
Lucinda was the epitome of charm, grace & class.
She is now with the love of her life for eternity. God bless them both.

Jeanne Fox - November 19, 2022 at 11:16 AM

SB

“ Cindy was in our class at GSA. She ALWAYS had a beautiful smile on her face. I love to hear her laugh. Blessings to her son, Mark, and the whole extended family. Too young for such sad news.

Sandy Balli - November 18, 2022 at 04:39 PM

CO

“ My condolences to Mark, and his family. Mark I remember how your mother adored you as a young boy. You were her world. I know you will all miss her. It was my pleasure to call her my friend.

Carol Owens - November 18, 2022 at 12:28 AM

LH

“ I have so many happy memories of Cindy. She was a beautiful, kind and caring sister. Who was there for everyone in the family. My children loved her as she always took time with them, as she did with me when I was little. She took me everywhere she went and told her friends I had to come as she was my babysitter. She never made me feel I was in the way. Included me in all of her activities. She will always have a place in my heart as I loved her so.

Lillie Haig - November 17, 2022 at 09:10 PM