



Clara Frio

March 26, 2017

Frio, Clara⁹², of Cranston, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, March 26, 2017, at Kent County Hospital, Warwick. Clara was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Frio, the love of her life. Born in Itri, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Ralph and Rose (Testa) Pezzuco. As a child of the Great Depression she had to leave school in the eleventh grade to help support the family. She never lost her love for education and returned to school to earn her GED at the age of 46 while fully employed in Retail Management and raising five children. Her last twelve years of employment were spent at the MetLife Administrative Office in Warwick. She was also a volunteer at the Cranston Senior Center. She loved animals, gardening, cooking, reading mystery novels, watching PBS mysteries, and foremost, spending time with her family. She was a mother figure to many besides her children, especially to AlanTM's friend, Bob Garafano. She was predeceased by her son Robert Frio. She was the loving mother of Alan Frio and his spouse Kathleen Jennings; Daniel Frio and his spouse Deena; Susan Frio and her spouse Gary McKenna; and Natalie Frio-Hamel and her spouse Lutz Hamel. She was the loving grandmother of Lindsay Brennan and Michael McKenna. She was the sister of Evelyn Cionci and Elena Conboy and the late Joseph Pezzuco. A special thank you to the full staff at All American Assisted Living, Warwick, who were absolutely wonderful to our mother and, also, the care givers at Kent County Hospital. Donations in ClaraTM's name can be made to the Rhode Island SPCA: 186 Amaral St. Riverside, RI 02915 or to DORCAS

International Institute of Rhode Island: DIIRI 645 Elmwood Avenue,
Providence, RI 02907. At the request of the family burial will be private. A
memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.