

Zinaida “Zina” Chiola
July 23, 2012



Zinaida “Zina” Chiola was one of our members who did not participate in CU except in one very important fashion: she faithfully supported our efforts through renewing memberships for herself and her husband Mike each year. However, she was not a stranger to quite a few of our other members. In fact, many will remember her from Chiola’s Pharmacy or from the other pharmacies that she managed when the family business was retired. A 1965 graduate of Pierce School of Business, Zina loved gardening, gourmet cooking and her family. She constantly looked out for the health and wellbeing of the community and she will be missed.

Newspaper Obituary
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Zinaida "Zina" Chiola, nee Schpakow, 67, of Millville died Monday, July 23, 2012, at the University of Pennsylvania Rittenhouse Hospice after a short, but intense, fight against cancer.

Born in Germany on Aug. 27, 1944, of Russian parents, she immigrated to the Millville area via Ellis Island at the age of 5. She graduated from Millville High School in 1963 and the Peirce School of Business in 1965. During her first job at Lucy Ann Bakery, she met her husband of 46 years, Michael Chiola. After marrying in April of 1966, she worked for the family business, Chiola's Pharmacy. During the mid-'80s Zina also managed the Millville Airport Restaurant and Lounge. Until her passing, she was employed by Rite Aid.

Zina's most beloved pastime was spending time with her grandchildren. Her many hobbies included gardening, gourmet cooking, entertaining, studying Italian and traveling. Zina was an advocate for the children of our community and held various positions with the Millville PTA and as treasurer for the NJ State PTA. The Rieck Avenue Gymnasium was an accomplishment of her many years of service.

Zina is predeceased by her parents, Marfa and Paul Schpakow; her sister, Tamara (Susie) Sedio; brothers, Boris and Gene Schpakow; sister-in-law, Sherry Chiola; and an infant son, Anthony. She is survived by her husband, Michael; daughters, Christine Miller (Larry) and Michelle Petronio (Anthony); and son, Albert Joseph Chiola (Kimberly); grandchildren, McKenzie Chiola, Madison Chiola, Philip Miller, Lauren Petronio, Alexa Petronio, Briana Miller, Jared Miller and Ella Petronio; brothers, Michael and Nicholas (Ann) Schpakow; sisters-in-law, Rose Schpakow and Pat Duran; brother-in-law, David Chiola; and many aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Mass will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Parish of All Saints (St. Mary's). Burial will follow in Siloam Cemetery of Vineland. Relatives and friends will be received at the Rocap Shannon Memorial Funeral Home on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m.