



Enes Rochetti Galetto
November 9, 1920- May 15, 2011

Enes Galetto's contributions to Citizens United to Protect the Maurice River and Its Tributaries were those of a patron. I knew her as "Mom;" she was my mother-in-law. She taught me many valuable lessons, but I could carry out none of them as well as she. She had great patience and timing in achieving positive changes on all family fronts. She was bright, filled with compassion, had a terrific sense of humor, and most of all was a fabulous matriarch. She was a quiet ruler. I often said that "when Mom spoke people listened!" In fact two her favorite adages were "Empty barrels make the most noise" and "Everything happens for a reason." Nothing about Mom was empty. She was devoted to her family and her faith.

Please see her obituary beneath the Annual Message.

Her passing was mentioned in the January 2012 Annual Message.

Well, each year we reserve space at the end of this annual message for remembrances of members who no longer grace the earth. This year has been especially unique for me, and for the organization, in that my husband and I sadly have both lost our parents. Nevertheless we were left with a wealth of wisdom in their absence. So I take the liberty of using this space to commemorate, and apologize if anyone objects to my decision. In six short months we lost CU members Enes and Peter Galetto, my in-laws, and my mother, Teresa Morton. All were great supporters of CU and our efforts. The Galetto

Foundation, funded by Enes and Peter, gave generously on an annual basis, and shortly before Teresa's death she donated the single largest individual gift to CU.

But the gifts that I would like to talk about are much more important than that. When I grew up I was given a huge amount of freedom to explore the great out-of-doors. I would spend the entire afternoon after school and all day in the summer in a stream near our home, in the woods every day! People tell me those were different times, and maybe they are right; we never locked our homes, either. At age 10, I paddled and sailed Union Lake unassisted and rarely with any rescue personnel available. Yet I believe that we now live in a time where folks expect to be protected, insured against any possible mishaps (well, with the exception of those crazy X game types). And with that protective attitude we sometimes protect our children so much and organize everything so thoroughly that we forget that life does not come with insurances. And the freedom to explore and take risks is the very foundation on which we LIVE, and on which America was founded. I was blessed to have had parents who let me explore and take those risks, although naturally they knew where I was - well, unless I lied.

Today's youth, by and large, are not familiar with the out-of-doors and are deprived of those same experiences. Sometimes it is because their schedules are filled with other activities. Or possibly they live life through computer and TV screens, or grow up in areas far from nature. This separation leads to a serious lack of understanding about basic natural resources - where our medicines come from, our water, even our food. It is a total disconnect from nature.

Today, CU tries to fill that void and allow folks to explore the great out-of-doors. Yes, we take reasonable precautions. My point is not about risk-taking but rather about opportunities to broaden horizons and be introduced to the wonders of nature. But in spite of this mission, we nearly did not commit to Raptor Discovery Days this year because of lack of funding. When the Trustees found out, I thought they might want to string me and Lillian up, and my neck was feeling mighty tight. So we made a commitment, the same commitment my folks made to me - a commitment to give children the opportunity to explore. The generosity of many people will allow this to happen. We have accepted the financial risk, something taught to me by my father-in-law. We are acting for the good of the community, and in this sense my in-laws were the best role models. We have not stopped there; in developing our calendar we make that same commitment so that people of all ages can remember what it is like to be a child again, to hug a tree, paddle a boat, watch a bird, hike a forest and, yes, to have an advocacy voice in protecting that which we hold dear- Down Jersey.

Newspaper Obituary
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Enes (Rochetti) Galetto passed away on May 15, 2011 (the feast of St. Isidore the Farmer). Born in Rio Cuarto, Argentina in 1920, she moved to Vineland at the age of one with her father and mother, Luca and Vittoria Rochetti. She was graduated from Sacred Heart High School in 1938. After high school she worked for D'Ipollito Electric. She married Peter Galetto of Vineland in 1943. She worked on the family farm on Grant Avenue until the establishment of Stanker and Galetto Building Contractors in 1948. She ran the office of the company in its early years. She and Peter had four children: Patricia, Sandra, Peter and Paul. After leaving Stanker and Galetto, Enes was a full-time mom. She and Peter became actively involved in the community by supporting their parish, St. Isidore and of Catholic education in the Vineland area. She was also involved in the North Italy Beneficial Association and enjoyed going to the Vineland Women's Club to play cards as well as attending daily Mass at St. Isidore parish.

Enes is predeceased by her parents, her daughter Sr. Marie Pierre, DM (Patricia), her brother Albert Rochetti and sisters-in-law Olga Barsuglia Rochetti and Gloria Martini Rochetti. She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Peter, her children, Sandy D'Onofrio (and her husband Mark), Peter Galetto (and his wife Jane Morton Galetto) and Fr. Paul Galetto of St. Augustine Prep. Enes had five grandchildren: Kara D'Onofrio Byler, Kristin D'Onofrio Hannon, David D'Onofrio, Amanda Galetto and Ashley Galetto. She greatly loved her family especially her brother William Rochetti, her in-laws Marie Corcoran (and her husband Michael) and Louis Galetto (and his wife Doris).

With her husband she established the Galetto Family Foundation which supported Catholic education at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, Sacred Heart High School and St. Augustine Prep. The foundation also supported local parishes, the diocese of Camden, the South Jersey Healthcare System, Cumberland County College and other local charities. She was a phenomenal cook who loved having family and friends in her kitchen. She enjoyed playing pinochle and gin rummy as much as talking on the phone with family and friends.

Viewing and visitation with the family will be at St. Isidore Church at 1655 Magnolia Rd in Vineland on Thursday May 19 from 6:00 until 9:00 PM and again on Friday May 20 from 9:00 until 10:45 AM. The funeral liturgy will take place promptly at 11:00.

The family requests that no flowers be sent; rather, donations in honor of Enes Galetto may be made to the Daughters of Mercy (1009 Main Rd; Newfield, NJ 08344) or St. Augustine Prep (611 Cedar Ave; Richland, NJ 08350).