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Mary Rinaldi, Editor

President's Message

The GCICS Board welcomes members as we launch our new fiscal year commencing with a virtual Cultural Lecture on Oct 11 and our Welcome Back Luncheon on Oct 23. It has been a challenging time and now, with caution, we are planning our new program year. We have set in motion several events so that members can once again enjoy one another's company. Although we may not be out of the COVID woods, with some rules in place, we can create safety for ourselves and others. It will take cooperation and respect for the well-being of fellow members; in essence, caring is the word that would best describe what our mindset should be. It will afford us the ability to be in one another's company safely.

It is fitting to mention how important our members are to this organization. We are not an organization without you. Many friendships have been forged and been strengthened during this time despite the pandemic. We have interacted with one another through zooming, emails, phone calls, texting, and six feet apart driveway socials. It feels good to say that although we will continue to zoom, send countless emails, and text messages, we will most likely say good-bye to driveway socials.

As in previous years, we need to think not only about our social events and cultural happenings that have become a big part of GCICS but also focus on the altruistic dimension of our mission. Without you, our altruistic dimension would not be achieved, and we could not award GCICS student scholarships and performing arts grants. May I ask each of you to please help us move forward with all that we hope to accomplish simply by renewing your membership and consider a scholarship donation to help GCICS realize this worthy cause. Why renew your membership and give generously? We share in a common interest and one that creates bonds that are satisfied through membership. It is not only to sustain us as an organization, but it also helps bring out the best in each of us, knowing that we make a difference, knowing that we care about one another and those in our community.

It is necessary that we stay positive, and no matter what befalls us, as the song says, "look for the silver lining and the sunny side of life." We have been through so much and possibly more clouds will come our way, but we will persevere with the right attitude and charity in our hearts.

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We hope to fulfill a robust calendar which Ellen is keeping up to date with scheduled events, dates and times, information, and save the dates. Also, we will keep you updated as GCICS members and the Board fulfill goals, one example being the completion of our new website. Finally, I thank our Board members for their dedication through these 19 months. I have had the pleasure and it has been an honor to work on your behalf and I will continue with the belief that the best year is yet to come. With best wishes to all of us and our endeavors.

Julie Bondarenko

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William (Bill) Korp 1933 – 2021

IN MEMORIUM

Prepared by Ellen Roderick, GCICS Secretary
Obituary (modified) Written by Alex Korp, Son



GCICS Member, 1995-2021
GCICS President, 2010-2014
GCICS Director, 2010-2021

William “Bill” Korp, 88, of Sarasota, FL, a friend, father, grandfather, husband, brother, and mentor, died on 6/25/21 after a short illness. Born on 11/29/32 in Lima, OH, he moved with his family to Orlando in 1933. He graduated from Orlando HS where he was senior class president and a star basketball player. His athletic achievements led to his being awarded a basketball scholarship to the University of FL. After graduation, Bill joined the Air Force, serving as a navigator on reconnaissance missions during the Korean Conflict, and achieving the rank of 1st Lieutenant. On leaving the AF in 1959, he completed a law degree at Stetson University College of Law, St. Petersburg in 1962.

Kate Page was in the Stetson Library one evening in 1961 and that is where Bill and she first met. It was not until 1963 that they married, and in 1964 moved to Sarasota with Kate’s dog, Snitzzy. Bill founded the law firm Stinnett, Surfus, Korp & Payne while Kate taught Art at Sarasota HS. Later Bill established Korp & Wheeler, Attorneys at Law in Venice. Kate accepted a position at Manatee CC teaching Art, Art History and Appreciation. In 1971, their son William Alexander was born.

Bill organized another law practice in 1979 where he served for 19 years. In 1998, he joined Abel, Band and then Lutz, Bobo, and Telfair in 2009. Bill loved the practice of law and looked forward to going to the office every weekday, including the Monday (6/21/21) before he checked himself into the hospital. Bill was active in many FL civic and political activities. He was president of both the Time Sifters Archaeology Society and GCICS for many years. He loved the fine arts and performing arts and supported local theatre and music, including the Ringling, the Asolo, and the Sarasota Opera.

Bill and Kate traveled extensively, having safaried in East Africa, boated down the Nile, and walked in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks. Besides the arts, Bill loved the outdoors and was an avid birdwatcher. He enjoyed sailing, fishing, and restoring old boats. Bill loved entertaining friends, with Bill and Kate’s parties being legendary. Bill is survived by his wife Kate of 59 years, his son Alex and wife Christina and their two children, Brielle and Logan. A celebration of life is planned for later in the summer. [RETURN](#)

Bill Korp's Dedication To GCICS **A Tribute Written by Kate Korp, Wife**

Bill and I joined GCICS around 1995 when Gabriella Thurston was president (1993-2001). We had just returned from our first extended (1 month) trip to Italy and I decided that we had to learn to speak some Italian, so we signed up for Gabriella's classes and joined GCICS. The organization was small at the time but very welcoming and we enjoyed the people we met, the socials, and the lectures.

Bill had been a history major at the University of FL, and I was an art teacher who had been teaching Art History at Manatee Community College for some years. We both wanted to know more about the origins of Western art and civilization. When we traveled in Italy, we found that not only did we love the art, but we also loved the natural beauty of the country and how nice the Italians were to their visitors. In fact, we made the acquaintance of Franco and Bruna Canova Lanza (and many of their friends) and we have been good friends over the years. Bruna (whom many in our organization met on visits here to Sarasota) is a direct descendant of the famous 19th century sculptor, Antonio Canova, and her husband was an Italian poet of some renown who was also the editor of the Vatican newsletter, so we found we had interests in common. We traveled to visit them a number of times over the years and they and their children, who were the same age as ours, visited us and became good friends. (See note at end.)

In 2008, Mary Amabile Palmer, GCICS President, 2008-2010, asked Bill to become her VP though Bill had no Italian blood that he knew of. But, of course, those ancient Romans were everywhere so who knows! He succeeded Mary as GCICS President in 2010. That is also when Bill became a member of the GCICS Board of Directors. His main project as president was to enhance the GCICS Scholarship Program and the opportunities it afforded to young Italian Americans. He felt there was no better way to promote Italian culture than through the GCICS program to encourage young people to respect and love their heritage. He also wanted our lecture programs to be as interesting and professional as possible and suggested an honorarium for out-of-town speakers.

He also enhanced the "October Italian Culture Month Welcome Back Brunch" to include the award and acknowledgement of the contributions of notable Italian Americans from Sarasota. I might also mention that he was president of Time Sifters, the Sarasota archaeological club, so these two interests fit together very nicely. Bill and I very much enjoyed our association with GCICS and with all the wonderful people we have met through the organization. We have been much rewarded to see its growth over the years.

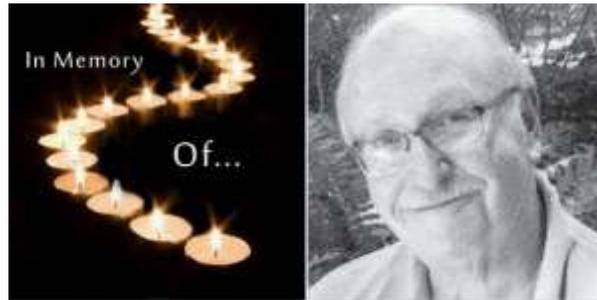
NOTE: Bruna and I discovered that we were the same age, both majored in art, had sons the same age named Alexander (Alessandro), and that our fathers fought against each other in WWII.

NOTE: Donations may be made in memory of Bill Korp to the GCICS Scholarship Fund, P.O.

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Dr. Noel M. Chiantella 1950 - 2021



Dr. Noel M. Chiantella, 71, of Venice, FL passed on June 29, 2021 in the care of Tidewell Hospice. Born in Long Island City, NY and raised in Seat Pleasant, MD, he attended Mount Saint Mary's College and the University of Maryland's School of Medicine where he completed residency and a fellowship in neuroradiology. A dedicated physician, he served as a general medical officer in the US Navy and practiced medicine in Buffalo, NY for 25 years. His wonderful sense of humor and devotion to family will be missed. Predeceased by his son Michael. Survived by his wife Eileen; daughter Catherine Stern (Jordan); daughter-in-law Karen Camacho; sisters Carolyn Chiantella, Jean Sims, Gloria Chiantella, Margaret Junghans and Christine Davis; and his five grandchildren. A mass was held Saturday, July 17, 9:30 a.m., St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Sarasota, FL. Inurnment will be at Arlington National Cemetery in 2022. Memorial contributions may be made to the Tidewell Foundation or GCICS Scholarship Fund.

After moving to Florida, Noel and his wife Eileen joined GCICS. They were active members and encouraged his sister, Carolyn, to join. In 2019 Noel and Eileen opened their home and hosted the GCICS Christmas Party.

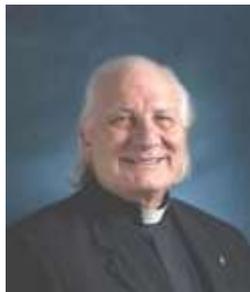
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Italian Cultural Heritage Month
MESSA DELLA CULTURA ITALIANO



Dear GCICS Members,

Your Board of Directors is excited to announce our first in-person large group luncheon since March 2020. It is our traditional GCICS Italian Cultural Heritage Month Welcome Back Luncheon on Saturday, Oct 23, 2021 from 11:30-2:00 pm at Mattison's 41.



**Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C.
Pastor, St. Martha's Catholic Church
Sarasota, Florida**

GCICS will honor the Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia, S.A.C., Pastor of St. Martha's Catholic Church in downtown Sarasota, declaring him "2021 GCICS Italian American of the Year". Father Fausto will deliver the keynote address prior to presentation of the honor. It has been ten years since the Society last bestowed this honor. While serving as pastor for 30 years, Father Fausto has grown the Catholic community of Sarasota with the founding of two new parishes and the building of Bishop Nevins Academy that includes St. Mary Academy and St. Martha Catholic School.

We hope that you will honor Father Fausto with your presence and meet a member of Sarasota's clergy who has devoted 30 years to fostering a strong ecumenical spirit across all faith communities in Sarasota while looking out for the welfare of Sarasota residents and families.

Event: “GCICS Italian Cultural Heritage Month Welcome Back Luncheon”

Date/Time: Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Mattison’s 41 Restaurant, 7275 So. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231

Cost: \$42 all inclusive; make check payable to GCICS; write entrée selection(s) on the check or in a note.

Mail Check to: Ellen Roderick, 770 So. Palm Ave., #1003, Sarasota, FL 34236; please make certain it arrives in her mailbox by Oct 16, 2021.

Point of Contact: Ellen Roderick (301) 775-1344 (itrain@erols.com)

Program: “GCICS 2021 Italian American of the Year” Ceremony with the Very Rev. Fausto Stampiglia providing the keynote.

Menu

***Hors d’oeuvres**

Focaccia with Boursin Butter

***1st Course**

Mattison’s Caesar Salad

***2nd Course**

Penne ala Vodka

***3rd Course: Entrée (select one)**

(1) Chicken Chevre topped with wilted spinach, roasted tomatoes and herbed goat cheese finished with a basil beurre blanc.

(2) Rosemary & Lemon Honey Glazed Salmon with a citrus beurre blanc.

(3) Grilled Vegetable Paella: traditional Spanish saffron rice with garlic, onions, green olives, peas, red peppers, artichoke hearts & tomatoes; topped with grilled asparagus, artichokes and zucchini (Vegan, DF, GF); served as is, no additional sides.

***Accompanying entrees (1) & (2) above: Chef's Choice of Starch & Veggie**

***4th Course: Dessert**

assorted mini desserts

***Beverages & Coffee included**

Cash Bar

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Bocce Corner News



COVID has shut down our Society's in-person sponsored activities. Many of our bocce stalwarts have continued with unofficial play each Sunday, weather permitting. We will resume Society sanctioned play because we are outdoors and obviously each person will do what he/she feels is safe.

I'm happy to report that even though Linda Ahern has moved from The Cascades, she has maintained ties with friends there and, of concern to us, their bocce group. They wish to host another challenge match against us next February. This is competitive but fun bocce played on very different courts than ours, but it is followed with a fun social NOT to be missed. Hopefully this event will take place. I will keep you all posted!

For new members, we gather in an informal manner to play bocce most Sundays from approximately 2-4 pm. Occasionally, the Foundation has an event there which needs the entire grounds. No experience is necessary to play! No teams are pre-arranged, but tradition has it that the ladies gather at one end of the court affording them the opportunity to catch up on "all the latest". Politics is not discussed at either end! The single bocce court, which GCICS maintains, is located at 400 Palmetto Ave, Osprey on the Conservation Foundation grounds. This road runs parallel to Rt. 41 behind The Spanish Point Visitors Center. See you there!

Tom Hurban, Bocce Chairman

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ZOOM Transatlantic Cultural Event



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Dear GCICS Members,

Would you like to know more about Italian art, its roots, influential and phenomenal development? Then mark your calendars for another special transatlantic GCICS Zoom presentation, this one on Columbus Day, Monday October 11, 2021, 2 - 4 pm EDT.

We will conduct a conversation with Francie Hammond, who for decades taught art around the world and has lived in Sicily for the last 20 years. From her home in Aci Castello, she will guide us on the whys and hows that turned Italy into the fertile breeding ground of so much European fine art --painting, architecture, and sculpture.

Francie, whom some of you have met (she has a second home in Sarasota), was born in West Virginia and has degrees in Fine Arts and Education from both the University of West Florida and Framingham (Mass.) State University. She is particularly well prepared to discuss Italian arts within the global space, having resided, taught, and studied art in the Far East, Asia Minor, and Italy.

Francie's career includes long-term postings in Iwakuni (Japan), Incirlik (Turkey) and Sigonella (Sicily), teaching fine arts in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) to children of U.S. Armed Forces personnel. In Sicily, she met and married Gianni Sessa, the Master Sculptor who treated us to a delightful live demonstration of his talent and art almost a year ago, in October 2020.

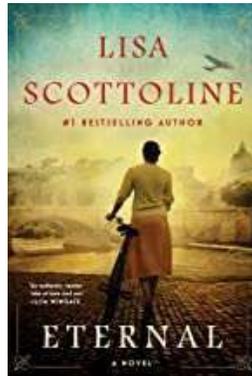
So mark your calendars, prepare your questions and RSVP to Ellen Roderick by email if you plan to tune in for what promises to be an enlightening visit to Italy's rich garden of artistic delights. Detailed instructions with the required Zoom link will be sent ahead of the date.

Looking forward to "seeing" you,

George Arfield
GCICS Social & Cultural Chair

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Italian Book Shelf by Leita Davis



Eternal by Lisa Scottoline
G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2021, 480 pages

Lisa Scottoline is a New York Times bestselling author of 33 novels, including her latest work, *Eternal*, her first historical novel. She is better known as a writer of crime mysteries. Her Rosato & Associates mysteries series is very popular. She was awarded the Mystery Writers of America most prestigious honor. She also writes a weekly column with her daughter Francesca Serritella for the Philadelphia Inquirer titled “Chick Wit.”

I don't usually read mysteries, but felt I had to acquaint myself with Scottoline, because she's so famous and because she's Italian-American. So I read *Look Again*, a gripping story of reporter Ellen Gleeson who gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer in the mail. She almost throws it away, but something about it makes her look again, and her heart stops—the child in the photo is identical to her adopted son, Will. Her every instinct tells her to deny the similarity between the boys, but she's a journalist and won't be able to stop thinking about the photo until she finds the truth. She investigates, uncovering clues no one was meant to discover, and when she digs too deep, she risks losing her own life—and that of the son she loves. I won't be a “spoiler” by divulging the surprising ending. I thought she surpassed the category of “mystery writer” in this book, and so went on to explore her latest book, *Eternal*.

Elisabetta, Marco, and Sandro grow up as the best of friends despite their differences. Their friendship blossoms to love, with both Sandro and Marco hoping to win Elisabetta's heart. But in the autumn of 1937, everything change as Mussolini asserts his power, aligning Italy's Fascists with Hitler's Nazis and altering the very laws that govern Rome. In time, everything that the three hold dear--their families, their homes, and their connection to one another--is tested in ways they never could have imagined. This is a poignant story of a little known incident of World War II about Jewish people in Rome.

Scottoline said, “The inspiration for *Eternal* came from a college course that I took at the University of Pennsylvania as an English major with the late American author Philip Roth, who

introduced us to the work of Primo Levi. The more I learned, the more I wanted to write about what happened in Rome in October 1943, because I truly felt that this extremely significant event wasn't well enough known outside the scholarship.”



“In an interview in Italy Today, Scottoline says, I am so proud of being Italian-American. In fact, I can't think of a way that it does not influence me! Of course there is the love of food, and family, arts, and of literature, and of culture, because we have such a rich heritage and so much to be proud of! But above all, I think my approach to life is distinctly Italian – that life is to be enjoyed and savored and that we can undergo hardships with humor and the love of one another.

“Believe it or not, my mother was the youngest of 19 children, most of them born in Italy, and almost all of my aunts and uncles and cousins were at our very tiny house every Sunday. My mother is from Chieti in Abruzzo and my father is from Ascoli Piceno in Le Marche. Both families immigrated to the United States through Philadelphia and stayed there, which is where I grew up and still live. I have been to Italy five times, going any chance I can, and I'm lucky enough to have my books published there! But my favorite trip was when I went back to Ascoli Piceno with my daughter Francesca, who is named for my father, and we saw the lovely town, the beautiful piazza, and the church of my father's family. I was even given the key to the city! Sadly my father had passed by then, but it was a moment I will never forget.

“Part of the reason that I have always had Italian-American characters star in my novels is because I want to show positive images of Italian-Americans, who are smart, hard-working, and full of heart.

“I would love for people to go to my website (Scottoline.com), where they can find information about all my books, including 20 videos that I filmed on locations in Italy that informed the backdrop for Eternal and serve as a true companion to reading the novel.”

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Italian Classes



We're delighted to announce that, following a summer hiatus, Prof. Paola Tate will resume teaching GCICS Italian Language Classes (1- Italian for Beginners and 2- Italian Conversation), beginning on Wednesday, October 6. As of now and in light of the ongoing pandemic, the classes will be held via Zoom.

This instruction is free to GCICS members who have paid their 2021-2022 GCICS dues. The membership renewal form is attached for your convenience to submit your dues prior to Oct 6th. If interested in taking the classes, please reply to this email (issued by GCICS Secretary Ellen Roderick), including your full name and which of these two options you wish to join. Of course, you may join both.

The details for Wednesday October 6 and going forward are:

*Italian for Beginners: 2:00-2:55 pm Eastern time

*Italian Conversation: 3:00-3:55 pm Eastern time.

As in the past, enrolled members will receive an email from Jerry Hall with the link to join the Zoom sessions.

Our thanks to Paola and Jerry for making this instructional event possible.

George Arfield
GCICS Social & Cultural Chair

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La Cena Review



After a long interval imposed by the Covid pandemic GCICS resumed in-person social events with a La Cena outing on the evening of Sept. 2. The attending 16 members were required to have been fully vaccinated and the restaurant provided assurances that its staff had also complied with all precautions.

The dinner was held at La Violetta, the new restaurant and Italian specialty foods store of Emilio and Rosaria Ferrara, owners of the former La Scarpetta. A lighthearted current of fellowship was noticeable as members renewed friendships while enjoying an array of specialties from Northern Italy.



L to R: Skip Stuart, Jerry Hall, Beth Rose.



L to R: Sandra (Sandy) Russell, Diane Flannery, Linda Mercurio

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Dues Renewal

Dear GCICS Members,

It is time to renew your GCICS membership. Because our Fiscal Year begins on Oct 1, 2021, we are collecting dues commencing today, Aug 15th. Individual membership is \$35 and family membership is \$60. The GCICS Membership Renewal Form is attached for sending dues and perhaps a scholarship donation. Please print the form and send it with your check to the address shown on the form. We do welcome scholarship donations. If you are unable to print the form, simply put the information on a piece of paper. The deadline is Nov 30, 2021.

Do's & Don'ts – PLEASE. . .

1. Mail your dues/scholarship donation to: GCICS, P.O. Box 2591, Sarasota, FL 34230.
2. Do not give your dues/scholarship donation to another member and ask him/her to include it in his/her check. This has created problems in the past.
3. Honor the deadline date of Nov 30, 2021.
4. Do not include your dues/scholarship donation in a check that includes payment for an event. This has created problems in the past.
5. Let me know if you decide NOT to renew so that I will no longer send reminders to you.

GCICS RENEWAL FORM

10/1/2021 - 9/30/2022

DEAR MEMBERS,

Membership covers the fiscal year that begins on October 1 of one year and ends on September 30 of the next year. If you initially joined GCICS on or after March 1, 2021, your membership is automatically extended through September 30, 2022. Dues must be received no later than November 30, 2021.

Individual Membership (\$35) Family Membership (\$60)

Donation to Scholarship Fund

Select One: **BOOSTER** \$20-\$49 **DONOR** \$50-\$99

PATRON \$100-\$249 **SPONSOR** \$250-\$499 **ANGEL** \$500-\$999

BENEFACTOR \$1000+

Membership Amount \$ _____

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Areas of special interest & personal talents you would like to share with the group

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please write "Membership" in lower left corner of your envelope & mail completed form and check to GCICS, PO Box 2591, Sarasota, FL 34230

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Save the Dates

10/1/21

***10/23/21 (Sat) “GCICS Italian Cultural Heritage Month Welcome Back Luncheon” @ Mattison’s 41; announcement contained in this news letter. GCICS will recognize the 2021 Italian American of the Year who will deliver the keynote address.**

***10/11/21 (Mon, 2-4pm) “GCICS Cultural Lecture (Virtual/Transatlantic): Italian Art, its Roots, Influential and Phenomenal Development”; announcement contained in this newsletter.**

***11/19/21 (Fri) “GCICS La Cena Dinner Cruise” @ Marina Jack II; first announcement was sent out on 7/1/21; will issue at least two additional announcements.**

***12/12/21 (Sun) “GCICS Holiday/Christmas Dinner Party & Scholarship Fundraiser” @ Patty & Mike Di Micele’s home, Sarasota; announcement to be issued by 10/12/21; will be a potluck along with fundraiser (\$35 pp that goes directly into our Scholarship Fund).**

***1/14/22 (Fri) “GCICS Annual Meeting/Luncheon/Town Hall/Cultural Lecture” @ Del Webb Community Facility, Lakewood Ranch; announcement to be issued by 12/1/21; 11:30-2:00 pm; no cost to members; GCICS member to deliver lecture on a famous Italian American.**

***2/19/22 (Sat) “GCICS Bocce Invitational VI” @ The Cascades; to be announced.**

***3/20/22 (Sun) “St. Joseph’s Feast Day Celebration Luncheon” @ Café Baci; to be announced.**

NOTE: We will be planning a Scholarship Festa in the spring as well as Cultural Lectures and LaCenas throughout the program year.

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“Dear Ellen,

Thank you for your kind and sincere concern regarding my recent surgery. Informing our GCICS membership and the outpouring response of love and encouragement and thoughts and prayers is truly so very heart-warming and meaningful. I am so blessed to have the friendship of our beautiful GCICS family. Please extend my sincerest love and appreciation to all who reached out with phone calls, beautiful cards and thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Teresa”



Dr. Joseph Latona and Teresa Lato

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