



Mrs. MaryGrace (Zangrilli) Guerra

August 7, 1926 - May 27, 2021

Mrs. MaryGrace (Zangrilli) Guerra, age 94, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

Born on August 7, 1926 in Utica, she was the daughter of the late Luigi and Angelina (Matrulli) Zangrilli. She was raised locally, attending St. Mary of Mount Carmel grade school and graduating with the T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1944. She married Paul Guerra, a close and loving union of 47 years until his passing on December 9, 2008.

After working for her father in his business, The Family Shoe Store, she began working at Oneida National Bank, and finished her time there in the Loan Department before leaving to raise her family. In later years she founded Maria's Pasta Shop, working there for ten years until her retirement. MaryGrace loved to cook and entertain, especially hosting the holidays for extended family and friends. During retirement she enjoyed some traveling and spent as much time as possible with her children and grandchildren. She attended their music recitals and sporting events and enjoyed many annual summer trips to Maine with the Pardi family.

MaryGrace was a longtime parishioner of Historic St. John's Church, as well as a faithful supporter of their Food Pantry and Parish Center.

She is survived by her devoted daughters and sons-in-law, Maria Guerra with whom she shared a home, Dr. Anne and Dr. John Sveen, and Paula Guerra and Christopher Farley; her grandchildren who were the light of her life, Sarah, Mia, and Lily Sveen; and Eliza, and Roman Farley. She is also survived by a sister-in-law Barbara Zangrilli, and many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Alfred Pardi; brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Philomena, Anthony and Josephine, Raymond Sr. and Palma, and Albert Zangrilli; nephews Louis, and Raymond Zangrilli, Jr.; and in-laws, Enrico and Rose Guerra, Theresa and Harold Nixon, Joseph and Martha Guerra, and Mary and John Mancuso.

The family extends their sincere gratitude to Dr. Scott Brehaut for many years of counsel and care, the special caregivers over the past few years who assisted the family so she could remain living in her home, and Hospice and Palliative Care.

The family will celebrate MaryGrace's life privately with a Mass of Christian burial. She will

be laid to rest beside her husband in Crown Hill Memorial Park.

Those wishing to express an act of kindness in MaryGrace's memory may make a memorial donation to the Food Pantry at Historic St. John's Church, 240 Bleecker Street, Utica, NY, 13501 or to Hospice & Palliative Care, 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY, 13413 online at <https://hospicecareinc.org/donate-online/>.

Comments



“ Dear Maria, Anne and Paula, My heartfelt sympathy at the loss of your Mom. She was a beautiful spirit, and as my mother, Connie would say, a "pip." They both had a lot of spirit, energy, love and fabulous sense of humor. Even though it's been over 40 yrs since I've crossed the Guerra home threshold, I remember it being a warm and welcoming place....home away from home. I hope she was lovingly greeted by your Dad, and my heart hopes your love, memories and care for family sustain you. Much love and know you are in my prayers, Lisa Mannella Melara

Lisa Melara - June 10 at 11:54 AM



“ Maria, Anne and Paula, I am so very sorry for your loss and grateful that mom was able to spend her final days at home with you. She holds such a dear place in my heart and I am so happy to have known her. She always treated me like her fourth daughter. Bob and I have wonderful memories of visiting with her and your dad, and all the terrific meals that were shared with us. We will cherish those memories forever. I'm quite certain that today in heaven, a very large Italian feast is being shared as your parents celebrate being reunited. God bless you all as you remember your mom.



Sue Hajec Roos - June 06 at 01:48 PM



“ Sad for the loss of an amazing beautiful woman. Aunt Marygrace had the biggest heart, always a smile and caring, kind to everyone and an amazing cook. The best holidays with a house filled with many generations of family and she greeted everyone with a huge hug and kiss. All were family to her. I'm grateful for being part of her family, learning of our family history and how to make pasta from her and Maria, I remember visiting the shop when young always amazed watching them make pasta and of course sneaking the raw dough or ricotta but she always saw. She will be greatly missed but remembered with love in the traditions she helped create in our family. Always with love, rest in peace aunt Marygrace



Kelly boden - May 30 at 10:56 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the Guerra family at this difficult time. Your mother was a kind and caring person. May she Rest In Peace.

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“ Terry Zangrilli lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryGrace (Zangrilli) Guerra



Terry Zangrilli - May 29 at 09:28 PM