



Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi

February 24, 1922 - March 6, 2016

Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi, of New Hartford, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 6, 2016 in the comfort of her home at the young age of 94. On the morning of her passing, the sun radiated through the windows and illuminated her face as she began her journey to heaven.

Born in Utica on February 24, 1922, Agnes was the daughter of the late Richard and Mary (Moshaty) Karaze. She was raised and educated locally. On May 26, 1947 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church she married George W. Rasi with whom she shared 35 years. They were wonderful parents who set an excellent example of values for their children to embrace as they matured. George passed away on August 10, 1983.

Agnes learned responsibility early on, working with her parents in their corner grocery store located on Richardson Avenue in Utica.

In 1955, Agnes and her husband George took over the store. They were known for their generosity of heart, fair business practice, and unlimited supply of penny candy, homemade hot sausage, and cold Utica Club beer. Although Agnes was a woman of small stature, she possessed a unique passion for life. She had a zest for living and was able to relate to people of all ages. To her friends, she was "Aggie" and to her "boyfriends", she was "Sweetie"; and most importantly, to everyone else, she was "Nannie". Blessed with a beautiful smile, she was a true social butterfly and one classy lady. She fashionably dressed to the nines and enjoyed having a good time. We cannot forget Nannie's Syrian cooking and baking. Her energy was boundless.

Agnes had a strong religious faith which guided her life. She held a special devotion to St. Anne and the Blessed Mother. She was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Louis Gonzaga Church. She was a member of the Catholic Women's Club and the Christ Child Society.

She was a former president and longtime member of the St. Elizabeth Guild providing more than 20,000 hours of service. In 1996 she received the Volunteer-of-the-Year Award and 2002 the prestigious St. Elizabeth Hospital Eleanor Nelson Award for her volunteer service in the gift shop.

Nannie's most precious possessions were her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren who extended the joy in her life. Their mutual bonds and closeness were incredible. She adored them and they were her life. So much respect and love was shared with her until the very last day.

Agnes was the mother of four children. Her son, Rev. Dr. Richard Rasi, who passed away on November 13, 2002, was the first to welcome her to heaven. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, George A. and Patricia Rasi of PA; and her daughters and son-in-law, Glory Rasi, with whom she shared a home, and Anne Marie and Luke Lewis of Clinton; her grandchildren, Christina and Dr. Michael Graybill, and Cayla Rasi; Zachary, Joshua, and Aneesa Lewis; her great-grandchildren, Jacob, and Andrew Graybill; and her sister, Gloria Abounader. Also left to remember her are her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially the closeness she shared with Mary Cordonat; and in-laws, Blanche Karaz, and John Popeo. She was predeceased by her brother, Albert Karaz; and her in-laws.

The family extends their appreciation to Dr. Oleg Dulkan whose compassionate and personal care was unmatched; Deacon Paul Salamy who was a friend in the truest sense of the word; Chorbishop John D. Faris whom she admired and loved for his special gifts; and family and friends who were of great support.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. The Prayer of Incense will be offered on at

6:30 at the funeral home in Agnes' memory. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions may be considered to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Agnes' Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed which will commence on Thursday morning at 11:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church offered by Chorbishop John D. Faris, Rev. Joseph Daiif, and Deacon Paul Salamy. All are welcome to attend Committal prayers followed by graveside interment at Calvary Cemetery where Agnes will be laid to rest alongside her husband and son.

To Agnes, our Mom and Nannie, "God rest your soul and we hope you are tickling the feet of the angels and pulling their wings." You loved sitting in the sun on earth, and now it's time to enjoy the sunshine in heaven. We love you forever.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

MAR **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 16, 2016 at 03:37 PM

DS

“ *We were sorry to hear of Mrs. Rasi's passing. She and her husband, Mr. Rasi, were a most important part of our children's development. Not only did the Rasis provide a corner store with all kinds of essential foods (and candy), but it was a place where our children were always received with love and kindness. In later years I saw Agnes on occasion at the Catholic Women's Club card parties. She and her sister lit up the room with their energy and beautiful smiles. We have always valued our relationship with the whole Rasi family and we send our best wishes that the memories of your wonderful parents will give you strength throughout the years. Peace and blessings, Don and Diane Stebbins, Tom, John and Meg*

Diane Stebbins - March 14, 2016 at 12:25 PM

SW

“ *Shelly Withers lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi*



Shelly Withers - March 12, 2016 at 09:07 AM

SW

*We are so very sorry for your loss. I feel horrible that I missed her services and please know we would have been there if we saw this in time. Aggie was one of the best memories of my childhood. I remember her harvesting her grape leaves on Richardson Ave, spraying down the sidewalk with her hose, sitting on the outside deck enjoying the sun, sneaking us a couple of extra sour patch kids and of course always smiling. She had the patients of a Saint as all of the neighborhood kids came in at once to buy candy and Popsicle on a hot day and always knew the right tone to use when we ran in her store. She was the best and I hope she reunites with her husband and son and watch over us as angels; as we would be the lucky ones. Love you and your family! God Bless!
Shelly (Talerico) Withers*

Shelly Withers - March 12, 2016 at 09:15 AM

KM

“ *Best night ever....making bakleva (gosh I can't spell) and having Nannie teach us and regale us with stories and side splitting laughter....there's not another gal like her!! Kathy Moccaldi*

kathy moccaldi - March 09, 2016 at 11:48 PM

JH

“ Dear George & Patty, Glory, Anne Marie & Luke,
Unfortunately, I am physically unable to make the trip to Utica this week. My heart is heavy for you, your children, and your grandchildren for your earthly loss of “Sitto - Aggie”. Ag was such a wonderful woman and I have countless fond memories of her that I will always cherish. It’s not what she did or said that makes her so special; its how “she made everyone feel”. She exemplified unconditional love.
I am confident she has been doing the Dabke with Richie in Heaven since Sunday morning.

Love,
John Huether

John Huether - March 09, 2016 at 07:18 PM

BR

“ Glory, Anne and family. Sorry we were unable to attend the services for your beautiful mother since we are presently out of town but wish to express our sincere sympathy to you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely, Bill & Ann Marie Ruth



Bill & Ann Marie Ruth - March 09, 2016 at 07:10 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear about this sweet beautiful lady. I loved her smile and her friendliness and her warm heart . She always made me smile. So sorry I couldn't be there tonight. I'm in Syracuse with my daughter. May she guide and bless all of you and may she rest in heaven in the arms of the Angels. God blessed you all with 94 years of mother and grandmother . That truly is a blessing . Love Linda Sciortino

linda sciortino - March 09, 2016 at 06:39 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi.*



March 09, 2016 at 01:41 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi.*



March 09, 2016 at 08:32 AM



“ *Glory,*

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. Your Mom was so full of energy and love and her smile would brighten a room. She will truly be missed and always remembered.

May God give you comfort during this difficult time.

Love, Rachel

Rachel Rogers - March 09, 2016 at 08:17 AM

GG

“ Dear Rasi Family, Please be assured of my sympathy and prayers for Agnes. She was an amazing lady with incredible energy and an open loving heart. I first met her at Auriesville and was struck by her grace and beauty both inside and out. We bonded over kibbeh samak and talked recipes a fair amount. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

with great affection, Gerard Golden

Gerard Golden - March 09, 2016 at 07:44 AM

CB

“ Aggie always felt like my third grandmother. It was impossible not to smile when she saw you. It was also impossible to escape her hugs until she was done which always took a minute or so.

She would always ask my how my life was going and told me that I was "Such a good boy". I only hope that I can continue to make you proud Aggie. You will be in my thoughts always.

Collin Blank - March 08, 2016 at 11:25 PM



“ Pink & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. (Karaze) Rasi.



March 08, 2016 at 04:06 PM

LR

“ *Dear Rasi Family,
We are thinking of you all and we send our deepest sympathy and our prayers for comfort and peace during this time of loss. We know that Agnes and Rich have found true joy in being together again.
Love,
Lourdes and Diane*

Lourdes Rodriguez - March 08, 2016 at 02:02 PM

CK

“ *Agnes was a beautiful lady and will be greatly missed by all the members of the
Christ Child Society of Utica. She was so helpful to us and always around to help
with any project we were working on.*

Cindy Kelly - March 08, 2016 at 10:13 AM

FD

“ *Glory,
Marilyn and I are very sorry for your loss. I met your mom twice and I could see the love in her eyes for you. See you soon .
Fred*

fred demma - March 08, 2016 at 10:01 AM