



## Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla

January 16, 1948 - March 9, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla, age 70, joined her parents and sister when she passed away on Friday, March 9, 2018 at the Abraham House with her beloved family by her side, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Utica on January 16, 1948, Andrea was the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary (Gigliotti) Perri. She attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1966. She was an avid organizer of class reunions and looked forward to attending them. On July 17, 1971, Andrea married Louis D. LaPolla with whom she shared 46 years. She was dedicated to Lou, and supported him in all his civic and political endeavors. They were always together.

Andrea began her working career as a secretary at the Loughlin Insurance Agency and subsequently accepted a position as Administrative Assistant at the Bank of New York Mellon. She enjoyed the camaraderie of her co-workers, and the younger staff appreciated the collective wisdom and experience she accrued during her 30 years employed in the business world. She retired on a temporary basis until recently.

A soft-spoken, humble woman, Andrea stood by her husband, Mayor Louis LaPolla, and had a quiet presence in the community sharing her spouse's dedication to the Utica City School District and his political allegiance to the city. Andrea was a best friend to her children and encouraged each of them from their youth to reach their potential. She participated in their school activities and was the first one to volunteer on their behalf. She was also a

great listener and knew their hearts. She saw to their every need, at every phase of their lives. Andrea had an abiding passion to be of service to others. She was always non-judgmental and her sweet smile was an affirmation of her loving nature. She loved the joys of the holidays and the happiness of being together as a family. Andrea enjoyed her life, saw the goodness in people, and never spoke ill of others. She accompanied her husband at social events and served on a number of political committees. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club and the Daughters of Columbus; was a volunteer for the National Cancer Society and the Relay for Life; and was an officer for the Home School Council for St. Agnes Church. She enjoyed bingo, ceramics, and planting beautiful gardens. She was an entertaining host and had a knack for making her house a warm and welcoming home. She will be remembered as 'one-of-a-kind' to all who knew and loved her. Andrea was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. She was grounded in her Catholic faith and honored the rites and obligations of her religion. She had a great devotion to St. Jude, the Blessed Mother, and Mother Marianne Cope.

Andrea is survived by her husband, Lou; her daughter and son-in-law, Michele L. LaPolla-Bintz and David Bintz; and her son, Michael A. LaPolla. She kept in her heart the memory of her sister and best friend, JoAnn M. Nora, who passed away on December 17, 2003. She also had a special bond with her sister's children and their families, Deborah and Peter Marcheterre; and Lt./UFD Carl and Beth Ann Nora and their children, Jackson and Lily. She also leaves her uncle John LaPolla and her nieces, nephews, and cousins in Carbondale, Pennsylvania; her in-laws, Marion and Michael Sturr, Anthony L. LaPolla, Dominic LaPolla, and Robert "Bob" Nora; and her friend Sally Burdick who was a blessing to her life among many other wonderful friendships. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Louis J., Sr. and Marion LaPolla.

The family is grateful to Dr. Mary Cunningham and her staff for their determination and valiant efforts; the nurses and staff of Hospice & Palliative

Care, especially Ann Lindsey; the personnel of the Abraham House who opened their home to Andrea and provided comfort and dignity during the final days of her life; and Fr. Joe Salerno for his longtime friendship and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 10:00 to 12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Andrea's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered.

Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

"Let us make the very best use of the precious moments and do all in our power for His dear sake and for His greater honor and glory."

- St. Marianne Cope (1838 - 1918)

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Mayor LaPolla and Family, I don't know how I missed Andrea's passing. I met her many years ago when we were children and my grandmother lived on Jay St. Her sister Joann and I were friends. Those were simple times, precious moments in time. But even then, I just knew she stood above all others. I know your heart is heavy, and her passing makes the days difficult. Rely on your faith. She now is your own very Angel. And that is what she was even then...*



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**beverly yero schrader** - July 25, 2018 at 01:38 PM

JF

“ *so sad a very nice woman a good neighbor remembered my mom liked her a lot, (Eleanor Dudek) JMFowler*

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**j fowler** - April 24, 2018 at 02:54 PM

TM

“ *Deepest sympathy for your loss she was a very special person. 💔*

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**Tosca Meola** - March 21, 2018 at 08:33 AM

DD

“ *To Mayor Lapolla , My condolences to you & your family . Wishing you the very best through this this time of sorrow .  
David D'Ambro*



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**David D'Ambro** - March 13, 2018 at 12:16 PM

FR

“ I am so sorry to hear of Andrea's passing...She was a wonderful friend who will be missed greatly.  
Fran Ramos



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**Fran Ramos** - March 13, 2018 at 11:05 AM

AD

“ Sorry for your loss.  
Angela DiSpirito

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**Angela DiSpirito** - March 13, 2018 at 09:11 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Marshall lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



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**Jennifer Marshall** - March 12, 2018 at 11:07 PM

JM

“ Andrea, my "work mom," was one true friend who I knew had my back no matter what. Her love was fierce and unconditional; she stood behind her children and her adopted "children" 110%. She was always willing to go the extra mile for her friends, and she was continuously generous with surprise gifts for my kids, whom she called her work grandchildren. Her optimism and cheerful nature were so contagious that I didn't believe she could ever leave us, but I try to take comfort in the thought that she is with her sister and parents whom she missed so much. Thank you so much for sharing your wife and mother with me. She will always be remembered and loved in my heart and in the hearts of the many people she blessed in her life.

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**Jennifer Marshall** - March 12, 2018 at 11:07 PM

KK

“ Kim Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



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**Kim Kelly** - March 12, 2018 at 09:09 PM

MM

“ Rest in Peace Andrea....Mary Malachowski

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**Mary Malachowski** - March 12, 2018 at 08:37 PM

MM

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**Mary Malachowski** - March 12, 2018 at 08:34 PM

KW

“ To Mayor Lapolla and family. Please accept our deepest condolences. I used to work with Andrea at the Bank of NY, and I used to read your meters. You and family are in our thoughts and prayers. Keith & Angela Webb- Memphis TN

Keith Webb - March 12, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla.



March 12, 2018 at 04:37 PM

AC

“ Lou and Family, We are so Sorry for Your Loss, Our Thoughts and Prayers are With You! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - March 12, 2018 at 03:26 PM

DM

“ Lou, my deepest sympathy on your loss. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Dr. Paul Mickler

Dr. Paul Mickler - March 12, 2018 at 01:10 PM

DG

“ *Dear Lou & family  
We are so deeply sorry for the loss of your beautiful Wife and Mother. Andrea was a beautiful woman inside and out. Our prayers are with you all. No words can help ease the pain right now, but just remember, she is always with all of you. Her memory will live on through you. Our deepest sympathy.*

*Denise & Jim Giruzzi*

*Vincent Pristera*

*Danielle & Ryan McEwen*

*Jimmy & Gianna Giruzzi*

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**Denise Giruzzi** - March 12, 2018 at 12:47 PM

CF

“ *Cleon A. Frazier lit a candle in memory of  
Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



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**Cleon A. Frazier** - March 12, 2018 at 11:34 AM

PF

“ *Patricia Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



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**Patricia Frazier** - March 12, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla.*



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March 12, 2018 at 09:09 AM



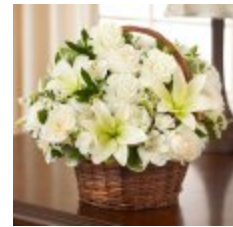
“ *We are not able to attend services as we are out of town. Please know that we always thought highly of Andrea and are so surprised to read of her passing. She was a special, kind person and will miss running into her always smiling face. Prayers and thoughts to her family. Love Dan and Ann Marie Corleto*

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**Ann Marie Corleto** - March 12, 2018 at 08:56 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla.*



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March 12, 2018 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Mayor. My prayers are with your family at this time. Fr. Jim Lutz*

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**Msgr. M. James Lutz** - March 12, 2018 at 06:09 AM

SH

“ *Sheila Holliman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



Sheila Holliman - March 12, 2018 at 12:07 AM

SJ

“ *Mr.Lapolla and family,sorry for your lost.My condolences and prayers are with you!*

Sheila Jolliman - March 12, 2018 at 12:06 AM

AE

“ *So very sorry for the loss of your dear wife, Mr. LaPolla. I always remember seeing you together in church. Prayers for peace and comfort to you and your family.*

Amy (Perritano) Eddy - March 11, 2018 at 09:33 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Marian Sturr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



Mike and Marian Sturr - March 11, 2018 at 07:01 PM

CP

“ *I'm sorry for your loss mr lapolla and family .*

christina piperata - March 11, 2018 at 06:15 PM

CM

“ Michele and Family, my deepest condolences for your loss. Your mom was a special person, and touched the lives of many. As each day passes, hold tight to the memories you shared, and know that you loved you more than anything. I was fortunate to be able to work with her for the past 30 years. My thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

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**Cheryl Baye (Bank of New York Mellon)** - March 11, 2018 at 05:35 PM

KT

“ So sorry for your loss Mike and Michele..prayers to you and your family.



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**Keri Tartaglia** - March 11, 2018 at 04:50 PM

LM

“ Luke & Felcia Medici lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



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**Luke & Felcia Medici** - March 11, 2018 at 04:27 PM

DM

“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



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**Don Marino** - March 11, 2018 at 03:19 PM

RP

“ *Louis and family.....our deepest condolences to you and your family. She worked with our late daughter Deanna and Andrea was such a sweet, kind and compassionate person. Also fond memories from the old days.....May she rest in peace .*  
*Ralph and Rosemarie Paladino*



**Ralph Paladino** - March 11, 2018 at 03:18 PM

LD

“ *Louie, my prayers go out to you and your family. Andrea was a beautiful person.*

**Lucille Pagliaro Dober** - March 11, 2018 at 02:17 PM

JM

“ *JoAnn Mariano lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



**JoAnn Mariano** - March 11, 2018 at 01:29 PM

JM

*Lou: Our deepest sympathy are with you and your family.*

**JoAnn Mariano** - March 11, 2018 at 01:33 PM

SP

“ Stephen Pilipczuk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Stephen Pilipczuk - March 11, 2018 at 11:32 AM

MH

“ Mary Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Mary Hosey - March 11, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Michele Simmen - March 11, 2018 at 11:07 AM

MS

*Dear Lou and Family,  
My prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
God bless,  
Michele Simmen*

Michele Simmen - March 11, 2018 at 11:08 AM

DC

*Our prayers r with u and ur family at this time May God bless u*

Dawn Cotto - March 11, 2018 at 12:49 PM

RZ

“ Ray And Terry Zangriil lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Ray and Terry Zangriil - March 11, 2018 at 11:01 AM

JC

“ Jim And Cindy Cahill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Jim and Cindy Cahill - March 11, 2018 at 10:33 AM

JG

“ Jody Guarnieri lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Jody Guarnieri - March 11, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla.



March 11, 2018 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ Michele LaPolla-Bintz lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Michele LaPolla-Bintz - March 11, 2018 at 09:28 AM

ML

“ Michele LaPolla-Bintz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla



Michele LaPolla-Bintz - March 11, 2018 at 09:27 AM

MS

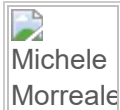
♥ thinking of you guys.

Melissa Shafer - March 11, 2018 at 09:28 AM

ML

Mom you are a real angel I know you will always be on my shoulder looking out as you always have. I love you more than words can say.

Michele LaPolla-Bintz - March 11, 2018 at 09:29 AM

 Michele Morreale

Michele I am so sorry to hear about your Mom, I have very special memories of her growing up she was a beautiful woman with a big heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Michael.

Michele Morreale-Saya - March 11, 2018 at 12:51 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla.*



March 11, 2018 at 09:21 AM



“ *Lydia Shafer sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



**Lydia Shafer** - March 11, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ *Now you can be at peace and suffer no more. Love you.*



**Melissa Shafee** - March 11, 2018 at 08:47 AM



“ *Sally Zito-Burdick lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



**sally Zito-Burdick** - March 11, 2018 at 07:28 AM

FW

“ LOU AND FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I REMEMBER ANDREA AND HER SISTER JOANNE, BECAUSE WE ALL WENT TO MT. CARMEL SCHOOL TOGETHER.. I KNOW THAT GOD HAS TAKEN HER HOME, AND I PRAY THAT YOU RECEIVE THE GUIDANCE AND STRENGTH FROM OUR LORD AND HIS PRECIOUS MOTHER, MARY  
FIORA GRANDINETTA WILSON



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**FIORA GRANDINETTA WILSON** - March 10, 2018 at 09:28 PM

ML

“ *Michael LaPolla sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



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**Michael LaPolla** - March 10, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ *Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



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**Rosemary Brown** - March 10, 2018 at 08:53 PM

ML

“ *Michael LaPolla lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Andrea M. (Perri) LaPolla*



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**Michael LaPolla** - March 10, 2018 at 08:43 PM

ML

*Words can't describe how I feel right now I miss you so much mom but we only part to meet again I love you so much*

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**Michael LaPolla** - March 10, 2018 at 08:50 PM

CM

*Lou and Mike, I can't tell you how sorry I was to hear about Andrea. Our families go back over 50 years with friendship and when one passes it leaves a void in our hearts. Andrea and Lou shared in many family functions with our family and those memories will never be forgotten. I will hold close to my heart the beautiful picture Andrea did for me in my favorite color during her time of struggles. On so many occasions Lou had told me the story of meeting Andrea at my dad's restaurant on a Friday night Fish Fry...Cutest story!!May her beautiful soul rest in peace and may you find comfort in your memories of her.*

*Cathy Massoud*

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**Cathy Massoud** - March 11, 2018 at 02:32 PM