



Ann Marie (Gottuso) Ryan

February 2, 1930 - September 18, 2024

NEW HARTFORD - Ann Marie (Gottuso) Ryan, age 94, passed away on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Born in Utica on February 2, 1930, Ann was the daughter of the late Anthony and Concetta (Brescia) Gottuso. She attended Brandegee Grammar School and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School.

On June 9, 1949, Ann united in marriage with James Edward Ryan, Jr., The couple was very much in love and shared over 58 years before James' passing on April 20, 2008. Ann was later blessed with a second relationship with her companion, Howard Church. The time they spent together was joyful and fun-filled for both of them before Howard's passing on January 15, 2016.

From 1969-1979 Ann held employment in the cafeteria at MVCC as a prep cook. She was also a Nanny to two families. She had a great love for children and a delightful personality. Caring for the children truly made Ann's day; they loved her like a grandmother and Ann felt honored to care for them. Overall, Ann loved children with great passion and related to them so well.

Ann possessed a very persistent personality which she felt was an honorable virtue. She carried a wholehearted soul, had an entertaining personality, was witty, funny, and known for her great phrases. She was kind-hearted and

enthusiastic. She went out of her way to raise others' spirits. She was self-educated, and always looking to learn. She was also very independent. She had a great memory and enjoyed word searches, memorizing the same 10 words a day, a testament to her lifelong love of learning and staying mentally active.

As Ann woke in the morning, she thanked God for each day. Her religion was her moral compass. At one time she was a communicant of St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Ann is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Louis Denato; and son and daughter-in-law, James Patrick and Cely Ryan. She held close to her heart the memory of her son, Anthony D. Ryan, who passed away on October 13, 2021. She is additionally survived by her grandchildren, Maria and Stanley "Stash" Zielinski, Louis Denato, Jr. and his spouse Erin Vetter, Suzanne "Suzie" Denato and Kenny Gotte, and Nicholas J. Denato and Melissa Guernsey; great-grandchildren, Amanda Talerico, Joseph Talerico, Sidney Zielinski, Araya Lane and her husband Bill Rust, Sierra Schultz, Lynde Schultz, Caiden Denato, and Cameron Denato; and three great-great-grandchildren, Cleo Rust, Elli Grace, and Dahlila Rose. She was preceded by her siblings and their spouses, Mario A. Gottuso, Frances and Joseph Kinville, Rose and Ernest Sobkowiak, and infant Dolores Gottuso. She additionally leaves behind her sister-in-law, Beryl "Bee" Gottuso; brother-in-law, John Ryan; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and friends, Justine and Luis "Ripper" Ramos and their family, Francine and Dan Ferro and their children, Jennifer and Anthony, and Kirk Evans and Dr. Nancy Shaheen-Evans and their children, Liam and Tess.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center for their care and compassion.

In honoring Ann's wishes there will be no public services. Inurnment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY