



## Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese

May 30, 1942 - January 30, 2019

WHITESBORO - Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese, age 76, went home to the Lord peacefully when she passed unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 in the comfort of her home.

Born in Utica on May 30, 1942, Annabelle was the daughter of the late Salvatore J. and Adeline (Baleno) Cosco. She attended St. Agnes Grammar School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1959 where she met her childhood sweet heart. On June 16, 1962 she married Lawrence J. "Larry" Calabrese with whom she shared 56 years as true companions and best friends. Larry always spoke of his wife with admiration and adoration, and she had a profound love for him. She tended to his every need and loved him as her one and only. She stood behind his community endeavors, and they blended their civic commitments.

Annabelle worked at the New York Telephone Company in the Customer Service Department until she had her precious children. When they were school age, she returned to the workforce as a Medical Secretary for Dr. Richard Silverman. She enjoyed her co-workers and kept in contact with them to the very end of her life.

Annabelle was one of the kindest women you could ever hope to meet. She loved socializing and entertaining, and she had friends for every occasion. She saw the good in everyone, and respected their views. Her family was the most important facet of her life, especially her husband, children, and grandchildren. She also took pride in her home. Grace and beauty touched

her and never faded. Her hospitality extended to all her loved ones. Annabelle was a great source of wisdom, cultural traditions, and treasured recipes handed down from bygone generations. Her children were taught by her example to carry on these traditions with her grandchildren. She was uniquely creative in capturing the legacy of loved ones so they wouldn't be lost to time. Outside of their family circle, Annabelle and Larry were blessed with friends who have been so loyal and dedicated, including their Dominoes friends, Pitch club, the "group" dinners, and Annabelle's high school friends who she held in her heart and remained close to from those days past, especially Roseann Orlando, and Gerry Natale. During her spare time, she enjoyed reading. She and Larry traveled the world over. She would plan the venture and he would enthusiastically escort her on the trip. In more recent years they spent the winter months in Longboat Key, Florida with their dear friends, Dr. Frank and Clorinda Mondì.

Annabelle was a faithful member of The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church. She administered Holy Communion as a Eucharistic Minister, was a member of the Adoration Society, and attended to the linens for the altar. She joined in Bible study sessions, read the Bible daily, led the Rosary Rally yearly, and prayed for the intentions of all who were in her heart. She had an old-school commitment to her Catholic Church and never missed weekly Confession or Mass, even when she travelled. She loved the Lord and commended her soul to him.

Annabelle is survived by her beloved husband, Larry; her children and their spouses, Wendy A. Calabrese, John J. Sr. and Lori Calabrese, Rebecca and Sean Keenan, and Christopher and Melissa Calabrese; her adored grandchildren, Krysta and Travis West, Ashley Blais; John J. Jr. and Amanda Calabrese, Morgan, and Joseph Calabrese; Jack, and Tommy Keenan; Bobby, and Max Foltz; known to her great-grandchildren as GiGi, Gavin, Gabrielle, Adrianna, and Asher; and her brother, Nicholas Cosco. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Anna Marie "Rita" Gilliland, and John and Barbara Calabrese; and a host of

beloved friends from her church family, and social network. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Frank Pellegrino; and her brother-in-law, Alfred Gilliland.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to the Whitesboro Volunteer Fire Department, and the Whitesboro Police Department for their timely response and efforts; longtime physician Dr. Naji El Khoury for his care; and the many family friends who showed their support during her untimely passing; may they all be blessed.

The family honored and commemorated her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Annabelle's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 11:30 at The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Thomas Durant. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Annabelle's memory may make a contribution to Sisters of Charity of Our Lady, Mother of the Church online at <https://www.sistersofcharity.com/donations/>, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>, or the Autism Society of Central New York online at <https://autismnow.org/local/autism-society-of-new-york/>. Envelopes will also be available at the service. Her family will escort her to her final place of rest.

# Tribute Wall

PD

“ Dear Larry and Family, Annabelle was one of the nicest ladies in our Bible Study in Whitesboro. She always had a smile and greeted everyone, She was always concerned about others in our Bible Study and church. She will surly be missed. Our thoughts and Prayers will always be with you.

*Paul T. DeBois*

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**Paul T DeBlois** - February 07, 2019 at 10:14 AM



“ Larry & family, May beautiful memories of a life lived to its fullest linger and the shadow of pain be lessened each passing day. The sadness of the passing of your loved one is felt by many. May the thought of knowing that friends share in your sadness be of comfort to you. Richard & Mary Lynch



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**Mary Lynch** - February 06, 2019 at 12:39 PM

CB

“ Dear Larry and family, words can't express how saddened we are over Annabelle's passing. She was one special lady. I've known her my entire life. She was such a kind, compassionate person and will be greatly missed. Sorry we can't attend her services as we are in Florida but our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

*Our deepest sympathy, Camille and Joe Bianco*

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**camille bianco** - February 04, 2019 at 06:10 PM

MM

“ Dear Larry and Family...we share your loss of your beautiful Annabelle...she was a gracious and wonderful person...our prayers are with all of you...Joe and Marg Maurer

Marguerite Maurer - February 04, 2019 at 05:08 PM

CM

“ Larry and Family: so saddened to hear the news of Annabelle's passing. She always was so kind to us as well to my Mom, Aunt Mammie. We send our prayers and heartfelt condolences to all of you. Cousins Ronni and Cos Mallozzi

Cos Mallozzi - February 04, 2019 at 02:59 PM

YF

“ Your Wegmans HR Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.



Your Wegmans HR Family - February 04, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.



February 04, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.*



February 03, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.*



February 03, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.*



February 03, 2019 at 04:37 PM



“ *Larry and family: Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We hope the pain that you all are feeling soon subsides and memories of a life well lived will bring smiles and erase the tears.*  
*Joe and Evelyn Tierno*

**joe tierno** - February 03, 2019 at 09:40 AM

GN

“ Larry and family, I am so sad to hear of Annabelle's passing. She was a great, kind person and a wonderful cousin. I will miss her. My condolences to all of you. Gloria (Cosco) Nardini

Gloria Nardini - February 03, 2019 at 09:35 AM

TM

“ Larry and family my heartfelt condolences so very sorry to hear of her passing. Annabelle was the sweetest person I knew, always a smile n kind word to everyone she came in contact with. She will be missed by all her friends, left much to soon embrace the wonderful memories she leave with you. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Tosca Meola - February 03, 2019 at 08:26 AM

SS

“ My sincere and heartfelt condolences to Larry and all the family. I always felt blessed having Annabelle as a friend. We shared so many wonderful times working for Dr. R. Silverman, traveling through Europe, and joining old friends for lunch. I consider these treasured memories. She is and will always remain in my prayers. God Bless. Sharon Smith

Sharon Smith - February 02, 2019 at 06:38 PM

DG

“ Larry, my heart just breaks at the sad news of Annabelle's passing. I truly connected with her when we were together. If there is anything Jerry and I can do at any time, please let us know. We had a moment of silence in her memory at the Foundation Dinner last night and I could hardly hold back the tears.

Dorene and Jerry Gortner.

Dorene Gortner - February 02, 2019 at 03:40 PM

GL

“ We are so sorry to have lost Annabelle. She was one of the kindest, caring, most compassionate persons we've known. We will miss her greatly. To Larry and her children and grandchildren, our most heartfelt condolences.

*Cousins Gary and Jeanne LaBella and family*

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**Gary and Jeanne LaBella** - February 02, 2019 at 01:16 PM

NS

“ So sorry to hear of Aunt Annabelle's passing. A sweet soul always giving to others. I am glad we were able to chat at John Jr.'s wedding and I spoke with her on Tuesday. I sure always keep the memories of family get togethers in my heart. I'm sure her sister Elaine will welcome her to heaven and there will all be a great reunion!

*Nancy (Pellegrino) & Mike Stark*

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**Nancy & Mike Stark** - February 02, 2019 at 12:13 PM

YD

“ Your friends from Albany Pride, Greg & Chris D-S purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mrs. Annabelle M. (Cosco) Calabrese.



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**Your friends from Albany Pride, Greg & Chris D-S** - February 02, 2019 at 11:47 AM

KM

“ Larry and Family, I just received word about Annabelle and I want to extend my deepest sympathy to all of you. You have lost one of a kind and she will be missed by many.

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**Kathy Martin** - February 02, 2019 at 02:12 AM

CM

“ Dear Larry, and Family, my deepest sympathy. It seems like I have known Annabelle forever. I am so saddened. Love and prayers,  
Carol Malloy

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**carol malloy** - February 01, 2019 at 11:00 PM

MG

“ So sorry for the loss of a lovely lady . We hope Larry and family will find strength in each other. Dan & Marylou Giglio

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**Marylou Giglio** - February 01, 2019 at 09:38 PM

CL

“ We are so sad about Annabelle loved her so..love you all xxxooo  
Cal & Gayl Lyon

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**Cal & Gayl Lyon** - February 01, 2019 at 09:02 PM

PC

“ So sorry about Annabelle. She always had a smile on her face.  
Larry and children you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Peter and Stephanie Caroli** - February 01, 2019 at 07:03 PM

CB

“ We have enjoyed reconnecting with Annabelle and Larry over the last several years and will miss Annabelle's ever-present smile and sweetness. I just put back our High School Yearbook after looking up our cheerleading picture - such wonderful memories!  
May the Angels accompany her to her heavenly home.  
Carol and Bart Basi

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**Carol Basi** - February 01, 2019 at 06:23 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of family get together with Cosco's, holidays and just Sundays. She is together with everyone that is gone before. Stay strong.

*Maryann and Chuc Conigliaro*

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**Maryann Conigliaro** - February 01, 2019 at 03:22 PM

BP

“ We are so saddened by the death of dear sweet friend, Annabelle. Larry, John, Wendy, Chris, Becky and family.....you are forever in our prayers. We love you all.

*Barb & Ed Paparella*

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**Barb & Ed Paparella** - February 01, 2019 at 03:09 PM

PB

“ Larry and Annabelle such loving and special couple! We have so many memories of our fun times in Florida! You are in our prayers!  
*Pat and Roe Barilla*

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**Pat & Roe Barilla** - February 01, 2019 at 01:35 PM