



Mrs. Anne M. (DeFabio) Cragnolin

May 28, 1925 - August 17, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Anne M. (DeFabio) Cragnolin, age 92, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at the Sitrin Health Care Center.

Born in Utica on May 28, 1925, Anne was the daughter of the late Arnold L. and Marie (DeFazio) DeFabio. She attended T.R. Proctor High School and was proud to further her studies and attain her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse at the Utica School of Nursing. In 1944 she married Herman J. Cragnolin with whom she shared 46 years. He passed away on May 6, 1990. Anne worked as a private duty nurse in residence at many area homes. One of her proudest accomplishments was her vocation as a health care provider. She was the quintessential caregiver, blessed with the attributes of empathy, compassion, and kindness. She was passionate in providing personalized care to each of those who were under her watchful eye. Anne was also a wonderful matriarch. She was a great listener and could be trusted as a confidant not only to her children, but also to family, friends, and neighbors. She was a woman who shared her words of wisdom with people who appreciated her advice. She was able to see into their souls and say what was in her heart as a way to help ease their burden. She had a generous spirit, often selfless in her own intentions, and she was comfortable with herself. During the sunset years of her life, she was thankful for every little blessing that filled each day. Even throughout her peaks and valleys, she was consistent in caring for others.

Anne was proud to have raised her boys to be men of integrity. She provided

them with a quality education and a home of their own. She was a congenial host and holidays were important to her. She was a great cook and a superb baker, and her specialty meals were savored by everyone. Anne's adventurous side was seen when she danced so gracefully to many measures of music and songs. She was an avid NY Yankees fan. Anne was a child of the Greatest Generation, an era that embraced responsibility and love for all. She found comfort in the Lord and displayed great faith in times of trial. She practiced her spirituality at St. Basil's Melkite Catholic Church.

Anne is survived by her sons and their loves, Robert and Karen Cragolin, and David Cragolin and Pamela Turner. She held precious to her heart the memory of her son, Richard Cragolin, who passed away on May 8, 1961. She also leaves her grandchildren, Nikki and Adam Harris, and Cody Cragolin; great-grandchild, Noah Robert Harris; nieces and nephews, Darlene and Bruce Evans, Jamie DeFabio, Michael and Carol Cragolin, Suzanne and Rocco DiPierro, Donna and Don Cooper, Danny and Debbie Cragolin, Arnie and Sally DeFabio, Mike and Stacy DeFabio, Robert Manus, and Jill Cardelfe. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Carol DeFabio, Rudy and Rita Cragolin; and the many blessed friendships that graced her life. She also knew the respect and regard of Bob Lalli, Dorothy Salerno, Joan Girardi, Paul Remizowski, and Bob Sirianni. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Gus Manus; her brother, Arnold DeFabio, Jr.; and her in-laws, Ercole "Red" and Kathleen Cragolin.

The family is grateful to Anne's physician and the staffs of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, the Sitrin Rehabilitation Center, and the Chestnut Household for their care and compassion; and Fr. Saba Shofany for his spiritual guidance, prayers, and visits.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Anne's Memorial gathering which will be held at the Eannace Funeral Home Inc. on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 2:00-4:00. All are invited to attend Anne's Memorial Mass which will be held on Saturday afternoon at 4:30 at Saint Basil Greek

Melkite Catholic Church, 901 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **16.** 4:30 PM (ET)

St. Basil's Melkite Church
901 Sherman Drive
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

MT

“ To the Cragnolin family,
I'm so sorry for your loss, I somehow missed your mother's obituary in the paper and feel horrible that I missed the opportunity to say goodbye to her.



I had the pleasure of living around the corner from Anne for many many years, she was such a loving, warm, caring person. I remember Cody as a little girl, and how proud she was when she spoke of her and her sons. I have so many memories of her with my daughters. She was in her mid 60's when I moved in and yet she was the one who taught my daughter to roller blade. No words can describe what a wonderful, giving, spirited person she was and the joy she brought to our lives. She was never too busy to talk to my daughter and listen to her, she wanted to hear about everything, big and small. She shared in many birthdays, and family get together at my house, and even became my daughters sponsor for her confirmation. She was just as proud as any grandparent when my daughter joined the Navy, got married and had her children. Although I hadn't seen her for many years, the memories my daughters and I have of her will live in our hearts forever.

RIP Anne. I hope your giving dancing lessons up there.

Maryrose (Percola) Tucker

Maryrose Tucker - November 17, 2017 at 10:18 AM

TB

“ *The Boyz purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mrs. Anne M. (DeFabio) Cragnolin.*



The Boyz - September 14, 2017 at 03:54 PM

MC

“ *To the Cragnolin and Defabio Families and their extended Families. Through my good friend and Anne's oldest son, Robert, I was fortunate to meet one of the kindest and gentlest, human beings I have known. She was vibrant and fun loving. with a quick smile and a friendly, knowing, greeting whenever we were fortunate enough to be in her presence.*

In all that time, almost 50 years for me, I never heard her raise her voice or utter an unkind word to anyone. That doesn't mean she didn't command respect or obedience, it just meant there are other ways to make your point. You were all blessed to have her in your lives for as long as you did.

The picture below, shows Anne, in her prime, with her ever present smile being walked to her place of honor at Bob and Karen's wedding. I don't know exactly the year(my apologies to Bob and Karen), but judging from the length of my hair and the age of David on her left, it was in the early 70s.

It was my extreme honor and pleasure to make that walk with a woman I will never forget. God Bless you, Anne DeFabio Cragnolin. Rest In Peace.

Michael Cangj



Michael Cangj - September 14, 2017 at 03:42 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anne M. (DeFabio) Cragnolin.*



September 13, 2017 at 04:44 PM



“ *DEAR DeFABIO & CRAGNOLIN FAMILIES,
May we send our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers for the loss of Anne. May she rest in place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing but everlasting life !!!! I had the pleasure of knowing her ever since she began to attend Saint Basil's Melkite Catholic Church.
She certainly was a wonderful woman full of faith.
"May Her Memory Be Eternal"
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski*

Deacon Dan Klockowski - September 11, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ *David,
So sorry for your loss.
Marian Wilson*

Marian Wilson - September 10, 2017 at 01:32 PM



“ *Correction – that last message should've said Richard is in his mother's loving arms again. What a reunion that must've been.*

classmate - September 10, 2017 at 10:34 AM

CL

“ When Richard passed away he left behind many heartbroken and grief stricken friends and classmates. We did not know how to deal with our sorrow. Despite her own grief Mrs. Cragolin was there for us, helping us cope and giving us so much love. She was our angel. Richard and his mom have never been forgotten and they will always be in our hearts. May you find peace in knowing that Richard is in his mothers not be moms again. What are we union that must've been

classmate - September 10, 2017 at 10:24 AM

DO

“ David and Robert,
So very sorry of your moms passing. She was such a nice, kind lady with such wisdom. Enjoyed our talks and laughs as she was so young at heart. Visited her a few times at the Sitrin and Chestnut. A sad loss for everyone that knew her. May she rest in peace.

Donna

Donna - September 04, 2017 at 06:35 PM

TF

“ Please accept our sincere condolences on your mom's passing.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - August 27, 2017 at 08:04 AM

AP

“ Anne was a strong and vibrant woman who often showed her love for life with a twinkle in her eye to let you know she understood what was happening and appreciated life in all of its comings and goings. . She was strong and caring. She will be long remembered and loved by many. Alicia Pagano

Alicia Pagano - August 23, 2017 at 10:53 AM

EP

“ Dave,
We are so sorry to hear about your Mom.
Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.
Sincerely, Joe and Erlene Puleo

Erlene Puleo - August 23, 2017 at 06:37 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss Dave. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Gary White - August 21, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DS

“ David and family. So sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She wa a fiery red head who lit up s room but made everyone feel welcome. She was a loving caring generous person who will be missed. Diane Conte-Servello

Diane Servello - August 21, 2017 at 05:44 AM

DS

“*Dave and Family, I so saddened to hear of your Mom's passing. I enjoyed serving her meals at Sitrin Home for the past year. We became close, and she was like a mother to me. I would pop in every now and then after she was moved to Chestnut. She was a kind hearted woman that I will never forget. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Diane Shephard*

Diane Shephard - August 20, 2017 at 09:54 PM

VS

David I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a one off a kind. My mom will be so glad to see her, and I know how much she missed my mom. Again I am so sorry she will be greatly missed. If you get a chance give me a call. Live Vanessa Sowich

Vanessa Sowich - August 22, 2017 at 07:46 AM

EN

“*My sincerest condolences to you and your family, Dave. Ed Novak.*

Ed Novak - August 20, 2017 at 12:19 PM

GM

“*My siblings and I are blessed to know Anne since our youths in the early 1960s. Our Moms grew to be close friends as they volunteered at many annual carnivals at St. Frances de Sales School. Anne has daily offered unconditional love, steadfast support, unwavering kindness and pleasantries, as well as prayers. A great woman. A woman of faith. "May Perpetual Light shine upon her. And may she rest in peace."*

Girard A. Plante, Newton, MS - August 19, 2017 at 01:27 PM

RV

“ *My Deepest Sorrow to The Family of Anne. She was a "Lady" that made the Room Light Up in so many ways. My prayers will be with her.*



Rosemary Vasile

Rosemary Vasile - August 19, 2017 at 11:01 AM

DM

Dave I'm so sorry for lost she gave me a little doll because she said it was to remind me of my daughter what a thoughtful and wonderful lady

darlene morris - August 21, 2017 at 09:08 AM

FC

I was totally saddened to learn of the passing of my beloved "Annie". I find it amazing how close we stayed in touch all these years since Richard's passing. I think we belonged to a mutual admiration society! I have so many fond memories of Anne from my childhood when Richard and I were such good friends at St. Francis de Sales Elementary School, through our many years as parishioners of St. Francis de Sales, and of course all of our years as two dancing fools at all of the Spanish dances and clubs I dragged her to! She was such a good-hearted person. We have truly lost someone special. I will forever remember her fondly. Frank Calaprice

Frank Calaprice - August 21, 2017 at 02:06 PM

ML

The Best God Mother anyone could have.

Mark L. - February 04 at 12:39 PM