



## Mrs. Caroline E. (Edicola) Seminaro

November 4, 1926 - January 4, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Caroline E. (Edicola) Seminaro, age 92, went home when she passed away on Friday, January 4, 2019 at the Sitrin Health Care Center with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 4, 1926, Caroline was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (Delduca) Edicola. Her mom died when she was 10 years old, and with great devotion she cared for her siblings and it was very clear at this point her maternal instincts began to flourish. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1944 and was awarded a full scholarship to Syracuse University for Nursing, but she declined the opportunity to remain home with her family to continue to care for the family household. On June 1, 1946 she married Frank G. Seminaro with whom she shared 66 years prior to his passing on August 28, 2012. They were a united couple, inseparable and bonded by values and virtues that have gone by the wayside today. Caroline loved her husband with the greatest loyalty, and for them, family came first. Caroline attended the Utica School of Beauty Culture where she earned her credentials as a Licensed New York State Beautician. She began her career in her home salon that was completely prepared to handle all the hairdressing needs of their generation. For 40 years she tended to her patrons while keeping her home and family under watch, and as the years passed, she became a wonderful grandma who was always available to babysit. It was incredible that Caroline could carry on the tasks of wife, mother, grandmother, beautician, and housekeeper with the greatest of ease. She loved her family

unconditionally, and cooking good meals was a way to convey her love and appreciation to them. They loved to be together and their dining room table was the center of gatherings and remembrances. As matriarch, Caroline was a paragon of strength, and like many women of her generation, she carried out her responsibilities with grace and with much heart. Her strong work ethic was seen in all aspects of her life. Music made her smile and the smooth sounds of Sinatra, the heavenly high and low notes of Bocelli, and more recently, the operatic pop songs of Il Volo lifted her spirits, especially when she sang along with them. Caroline often shared her thoughts, “sometimes unfiltered”, and she was never afraid to be the butt of a joke, traits developed through having a great sense of humor. Holidays were the best of times, and celebrations for no particular reason were so memorable. For Caroline, they were magical times and nothing could quite compare to those days.

She was grateful to have raised a family that loved, respected, and honored her. As her lifestyle changed, they never failed her and remained right by her side to the very end. It always amazed her children that all her accomplishments were achieved by a woman who did not have a mother to teach her, which speaks to her innate wisdom, maternal instinct, and skills that were self-taught and so successful.

Back in the day, Caroline kept in touch with her sorority sisters and over time, Friday nights were reserved for meeting at each other’s home to play cards and celebrate the camaraderie they cherished for a lifetime. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, needlepoint, and crafts that caught her fancy. She was fond of solving crosswords and word searches, and she was adept at using a computer to play games and send email! The excitement of slot machines thrilled her - penny machines only!

A woman of great faith, when she was able to attend Mass she was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Previously, her home parish was Blessed Sacrament Church where she would cook for the nuns at the convent. Caroline gave so much of herself whenever she saw a worthy cause. She was a true believer in the Lord’s love, protection, and guidance. She

prayed for others and placed prayer cards and crosses in the palms of her children to guide them to make the right choices and walk a good path. Caroline is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Teresa M. Saporito, Frances and Robert Fuller, Sandra Sangiacomo, and Mary Beth and Don Lotoski. She held close to her heart her infant son Frank G. Seminario who passed in 1970; and was also preceded by her sons-in-law James A. Sangiacomo in 2003, and Philip Saporito in 2018. She also leaves her grandchildren Bernadette and Kevin Todd, Nicole Romeo and Dominick Puleo, Philip and Deana Saporito,; Carrie Ryan and Mike Harter, Kelly Lilley, Lisa and Brian Herron, Robert and Morgann Fuller; Brianna Sangiacomo and fiancé Russell Milano, and Franca Sangiacomo; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Antoinette Critelli; and brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Mary Edicola. She will also be remembered by her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. She was predeceased by her siblings, Thomas Edicola, Theresa Barrett, and members of her late husband Frank's family. She loved animals and had many pets, with special mention of her feline "Armani" who was so loyal.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Sitrin Health Care Center/Chestnut House who truly loved Caroline and cared for her with compassion. They were extended family to her, and her loved ones wish to thank each and every one of them. She was blessed to have her family united around her bedside, along with several anointments by clergy. She was truly ready to go home.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Caroline's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Caroline's memory may make a contribution to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Committal Prayers and

Entombment will take place at Calvary Mausoleum.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Mausoleum**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Tribute Wall



“ *My condolences are with the family sorry i cant be there no ride*

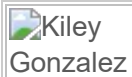
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**Kim Wirkus** - January 08, 2019 at 10:33 AM

KL

“ *Kevin and Michele Laffey purchased the Pretty PI ease for the family of Mrs. Caroline E. (Edicola) Seminaro.*



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**Kevin and Michele Laffey** - January 07, 2019 at 01:25 PM



Kiley Gonzalez

“ *My mother is a nurse that took care of Caroline (Shannon) and she loved Caroline so much. I was a cook for her and other residents and I thought she was a very sweet lady. Her family was so nice too and would always chat with me. I'm very sorry for your loss and my condolences are with your family.*



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**Kiley Gonzalez** - January 06, 2019 at 09:30 PM

SS

*Thank you Kiley ❤️*

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**Sandra Sangiacomo** - January 07, 2019 at 08:54 AM

RF

“ I will never forget hanging around Utica during summers and playing at the parks near Aunt Caroline and Uncle Frank's home...and home was always what it felt like when we visited from down south after my family moved from Utica. With many loving memories, rest in peace and say hello to all the Utica crowd who I'm sure are welcoming you Aunt Caroline, right behind your husband, Uncle Frank. I know my Dad will be their, too! Condolences from all of us down in Texas.

Richard B. Critelli & Family - January 06, 2019 at 04:36 PM

RA

“ I'll never forget her first day at sitrin or meeting her family before I met her. She was a beautiful sarcastic soul that I instantly bonded with. I loved her like my own and I'm truly sorry for your loss. Rip my sweet Caroline. You'll always hold a special place in my heart.

Rachael - January 06, 2019 at 01:07 PM

SS

I will never forget her first day either; walking into her room and hearing you and her laughing and giggling. It will forever be the best memory I have of her time there. Thank you for taking such good care of her but also for making her smile ❤️

Sandra Sangiacomo - January 06, 2019 at 01:49 PM

SH

“ Shannon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Caroline E. (Edicola) Seminaro



Shannon - January 05, 2019 at 08:37 PM

SH

“ *My heart hurts. Going to work every day without her there is painful. Thank you for letting me have the honor of taking care of her. I loved her as if she were my own family. I will forever miss my beautiful sweet Caroline.*

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**Shannon** - January 05, 2019 at 08:37 PM

SS

*We all are so very grateful to you for the love and care you have given our mother. I think she would not have made it this long without you there with her. And we will miss you as well. Love you ❤️*

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**Sandra Sangiacomo** - January 06, 2019 at 09:35 AM

LB

“ *Dear Sandy and Family, I am so very sorry to hear about your Mom. She was a big part of my childhood and was always so kind and warm. I remember getting my hair done in the shop in the basement. I remember spending so much time at Sylvan Beach at your camp. You were so blessed to have her for as long as you did and I know she was so proud of you! You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! I wish I lived closer to come to the arraignments but I am in South Carolina! Please know she is at peace and rejoicing with all the loved ones she has lost along the way! Thinking of you.*

*Lisa A. Bergholtz*

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**Lisa Bergholtz** - January 05, 2019 at 07:24 PM

SS

*Thank you Lisa. You always had something beautiful to say of her and she knew you cared about her ❤️*

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**Sandra Sangiacomo** - January 06, 2019 at 09:36 AM

DG

“ Sandy & family...We are so very sorry on the loss of your Mom Caroline...I remember when I was young and used to come visit with my grandmother and mom...as she was in her shop downstairs her house....My cousin surely was a remarkable woman...she is now with her family...Uncle Tommy...your dad...my grandparents..mom and aunt...all her family who have passed...she will always be with you and watching over you..you will feel her presence always....

Love. Denise (Pristera) & family

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**Denise Pristera Giruzzi** - January 05, 2019 at 05:01 PM

SS

Thank you for those beautiful words and memories ❤️

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**Sandra Sangiacomo** - January 06, 2019 at 09:37 AM

RA

Dear Mary Beth & Sandy, so sorry to hear about your Moms passing, it will take awhile to get use to it, It is a very hard thing to do,But we will be there for you, LOVE Rosalie & TOM

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**ROSALIE ANDERSON** - January 06, 2019 at 01:43 PM