



Claire M. Colosimo

March 23, 1934 - May 11, 2016

Claire M. Colosimo, age 82, passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. She was born in Utica on March 23, 1934, daughter of the late Angelo R. “Angie” Colosimo and the late Isabella L. (Fanelli) Colosimo. She graduated from Proctor High School in 1952. Claire later pursued her college education earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Spanish at Utica College. She continued her studies at Syracuse University and at Middlebury College in Vermont, where she obtained her Master of Arts Degree in Spanish. At Utica College and at Middlebury College she also studied Italian.

Claire taught Spanish and Italian at Utica Free Academy for 25 years, retiring in 1989. She was also an adjunct faculty member at MVCC for several years. She spoke often of her students and colleagues, always remembering them fondly.

Claire was of the Roman Catholic faith. She was a life member of the New York State Association of Foreign Language Teachers, the N.Y. State Association of Retired Teachers, a member of the Retired Utica Teachers Association, and the Oneida County Retired Teachers Association.

She was a past member of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese and also of the American Association of Teachers of Italian. Her leisure pursuits included reading, knitting, and gathering for lunch with her fellow classmates from Proctor.

She is survived by her brother Felix and her sister Marie; her cousins, Sophia Rugare Rood of Maplewood NJ, Carl and Patricia Paratore of Frankfort NY,

Sal and Rosann Paratore of Reston VA, and their families. She will also be remembered by her cousins, especially acknowledging Kathleen Hobaica; and her caring neighbors, Bill and Mary Sue Eisenman, Denise DiGiorgio, Patricia Guarnieri, Charlie Hickel, and longtime family friends Bernadette and Jim Peters. She was predeceased by her aunts and uncles, Lucy and Carl Paratore, Victoria and Dominick Fanelli, and Margaret and Joseph Rugare; and her cousins, Rosemary Paratore, and Nicolyn Paratore.

The family is grateful to Dr. Sudershan Dang and his staff, especially Barb and Theresa; Dr. Atul Butala and staff, Dr. Domenic Aiello, Dr. Michael Kelberman, and Dr. Nalin Sinha for their medical expertise; D & T Transport, especially Anthony, and the Utica Fire Department and EMTs for their kindness and prompt response; the personnel of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., and the Siegenthaler Center for the compassionate care offered to Claire and her family. The family will be eternally grateful to all of their friends who have been so loving throughout her lifetime.

Visitation will be held Friday afternoon from 2:00-4:00, Friday evening from 6:00-8:00, and Saturday morning from 11:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Claire's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at the conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Visitation

MAY 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

MAY 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

MAY 14. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NG

“ Dear Claire,

It's already 2022 and you've been in heaven for at least 6 years. My beloved, Dale, is there with you since January 4, 2022. I hope as I write this, you might find each other in God's home. Dale and I were together for 56 years and I often spoke of you to Dale. You were my Spanish supervising teacher and you became a good friend. I owe you a lot!

I learned a skilled and kind way of teaching watching you interact with students, staff and administration. Thank you, Claire! I wish I had contacted you earlier. Still, "meglio tarde che mai." I honor, thee, dear teacher, mentor, friend and I wish you HEAVENLY PEACE. I am Nancy Archimede Gallagher and I graduated from Keuka College as a Spanish teacher in 1967. Dale and I married on July 9, 1967. This year on July 9th, 2022, I'm holding a CELEBRATION of life for Dale and his twin brother, Mark. Mark also died during the Covid pandemic on August 31, 2020. In that celebration, I will acknowledge YOU and others who helped shaped the lives of many who are still alive and remembering you here on earth. I wish for your family BLESSINGS and PEACE and IF they read this and wish to contact me, I'm at 5225 Winterton Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066. Phone is: 315-251-2664

All my love, Clare and may the LIGHT within you that has carried you HOME keep on shining for all of us until we meet once more. Mi manchi! Te quiero. Grazie Mille and AMORE SEMPRE! Nunziata Nancy A Gallagher

Nancy Archimede Gallagher - June 06, 2022 at 10:54 AM

VP

“ Marie& Felix, please accept my most sincere condolence. Claire was one of my closest friends as we were growing up. She was one of the most sincere& kind people I have ever met. I have so many fond memories of our time together--- too numerous to mention. But I shall carry them with me forever. Fondly, Virginia Parasiliti(Gazzilli)

Virginia Parasiliti - June 26, 2017 at 01:34 PM

BF

“ I'm so sorry to hear this --- she was my Spanish teacher for 11/12th grades in 1981-1982 and I adored her. To show her effect, I'm married to an Argentine and although I'm not fluent, I can understand when they're talking about me behind my back. She was just a lovely person, had a wonderfully supportive style as a teacher and I wish her eternal peace.

Buffy French - May 16, 2016 at 01:04 PM

AL

“ So sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories, that I will always treasure. She was a wonderful friend.
Aggie Lewis

agnes lewis - May 13, 2016 at 10:01 AM

GA

“ Felix and Marie

So sorry to hear about Claire. A wonderful lady is now in Heaven with God. May she rest in peace

George and Francine Abdoo

George & Francine Abdoo - May 13, 2016 at 08:12 AM

JO

“ *Father Felix sorry to hear about your sister. May she rest in peace.*

From John handzel. & Denise. Sorge

Johnhandzel - May 12, 2016 at 07:42 PM

JL

“ *Father Felix,
So sorry to hear of the passing of your sister. I always remember
her smile when she would come into the funeral home.*

John Lilli

John Lilli - May 12, 2016 at 02:58 PM

FE

“ *Father Felix and Marie, I am so sorry to hear about he passing of
Claire. My thoughts and prayers are with you both during this
extremely difficult time. Love, Cousin Felicia Colosimo*

Felicia - May 12, 2016 at 09:40 AM

MM

*Claire and I grew up on Blandina Street and attended school together.
She was truly a lovely friend. I would walk by her father's grill every day
and I knew her mother, very sweet. When I was able to attend a school
reunion she was among those I looked forward to seeing. God Bless
You Dear One.*

Maria Grillo Mazzarella

Maria Grillo Mazzarella - May 16, 2016 at 07:20 AM



*Miss Colosimo was my homeroom teacher and Spanish teach at UFA
from 1982 to 1986. She was a lovely, accomplished woman and
teacher and a real role model.*

Kathleen Feeley - May 16, 2016 at 10:28 PM

LB

Miss Colosimo was my first-year Italian teacher at UFA. She was always such a wonderful and caring teacher. She shall be missed. Lyn Blanchfield

Lyn Blanchfield - May 20, 2016 at 10:07 AM