



Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes

April 28, 1930 - October 13, 2017

FRANKFORT/MARGATE, FL - Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes, age 87, went peacefully home to our Lord on October 13, 2017 with her loving family by her side at her Florida home.

Born in Frankfort on April 28, 1930, Congetta was born to the late Francesco "Frank" and Concetta (Solaro) Carbone, the youngest of 13 siblings. She was a graduate of Frankfort High School and as a young woman began her working life at the General Electric Company at the Broad Street Radio/Receiver plant. On October 1, 1949 she married the love of her life, George D. Sykes at St. Louis Gonzaga Church with whom she shared 68 blessed years. They truly lived their nuptial vows: they loved, honored, and respected each other. She was George's "honey bunch". They were two humble souls living in one heart and mind, and God graced them with a life time of love.

Together in 1950 they established two successful enterprises, Sykes Superette on Whitesboro Street, a full-service store for the neighborhood, and Sykes Realty, a business that led to their roles as property owners and landlords to many area families. Their intense work ethic and compassionate nature afforded them many loyal friends and patrons in the community. Their companies were first and foremost, family-oriented. Connie was a quiet listener and she intuitively sensed and took to heart the needs of others. Her matriarchal roles as wife, mother, nana, and aunt were most rewarding to Connie and those relationships were her joy, pride, and legacy. She was

selfless, devoted, and genuinely sincere. She honored her family values and virtues. She was dependable and when someone was in need, “no” was never in her vocabulary. Although she had great strength of character, she was not coy; she called it as she saw it! Being in the company of family and friends, sharing a few good laughs, and of course, some good home cooking made her happiest. She enjoyed every day events, family gatherings, celebrating family traditions, and especially having everyone over for the holidays. Her children will never forget the memories made at their Otter Lake Camp with all of their cousins. She was a gracious host and extended her heartfelt hospitality to all who joined her table. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren lit up her heart and she cherished her time spent with them. She was the BEST “Mom and Nana!”

Connie loved to watch Family Feud and she always had a good answer for her children, just like Steve Harvey! They came to appreciate, as they grew older, just what a wonderful mom she was. She knew each of her children from head to toe, inside and out, and she was confident when she helped them handle their challenges. As snowbirds, they looked forward to winters in the warmth of Florida. They were blessed to have nieces and nephews residing in the “sunshine state”, so they were never alone. They made many new friends, enjoyed socializing, and all that Florida brings. Connie was a great supporter of the NY Yankees and all are hoping that she’s rooting up above for their grand victory.

Together Connie and George were on a co-ed bowling team at Pin-O-Rama, were members of the Moose Lodge, the former Sons of Italy, and the New Hartford VFW, where they would dance the night away. Connie believed in the Lord and prayed to him for strength and courage.

Connie is survived by her honey, George; her beloved children, Paula and Gene Bianco, David Sykes Sr. and Georgianne “Gigi” Sykes and fiancé Jeff Allen; her grandchildren, Matthew Bianco and Lianna Bianco, and Genae Bianco and Anthony Panzone; David Jr. and Mary Sykes and his mother Cindy Sykes, Nicole Sykes and fiancé Jeff Thrasher; Derek Sykes, Jenna

Sykes, and their mother Gina Grande; and her great-grandchildren, Savino Bianco, Kylie, and Kaeden Barry; David III, Davin, and Bella Sykes, and Katryna Congdon; Michael, and Myla Thrasher. She was beloved Aunt Connie and a second mother to her special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; cousins, and godchildren. She also leaves her sisters-in-law, Victoria Carbone, and Helen Carbone. She knew the love of her extended family, Bill, Lisa, and Amanda Fridley who were very attentive to her; and her dear friends, Carol Perry, Cindy Sykes, Carolyn Battelene, and Lillian Mody who were there for her in love and support. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Jean Carbone, Michael and Mary Carbone, Vincent "Jim" and Dorothy Carbone, Dominick and Sadye Carbone, Peter Carbone, Fred Carbone, Rocco and Rosemary Carbone, and Frank Carbone Jr.; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rita and Coleman Comito, Anna and Joseph Castellano, Catherine and Ercole "Hinko" Gualillo; and her in-laws, Marion Srour-Sherwood, Florence and Emilio "Gooch" Julian; and Albert Sr. and Thelma Sykes.

The family is grateful for the compassionate care given by Dr. Prabhat Ahluwalia; Dr. Edward Kaplan and the South Florida Radiation Oncology personnel; and her caregivers, Diana, Penny, Fredricka, Marrilee, Tonya, Nicole, and Kitty. She was preceded by her caregiver Kathy Mastrangelo who was beloved by the family.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. By family request, please omit floral arrangements. Connie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. It was a request of Connie's to go home to the house that her husband built her, therefore her procession will pass her home en route to Calvary Cemetery where committal prayers will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum Chapel followed by Interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Mom, I love you and miss you terribly. Until we meet again.

Gigi - October 28, 2017 at 08:31 AM



“ John Sessa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes



John Sessa - October 24, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes.



October 21, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ Paula and Gene and family,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. Please accept my condolences as my thoughts ad prayers go out to all of you.
Linda Fulmer McDermot

Linda McDermot - October 21, 2017 at 05:14 AM

DE

“ My thoughts and Prayer's with all the Family. So sorry for your loss



denisedoolen - October 20, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ Paula, Gene, and Family We are so sorry to hear of your loss . We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. With Deepest Sympathy Maryrose, Jimmy and Roz

Maryrose Schiavetta - October 19, 2017 at 12:41 PM

RB

I have so sorry for your loss, our condolences, prayers for your family "Aunt Connie" will truly be missed with love Regina and Frank Butler



Regina Butler - October 21, 2017 at 10:32 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes.



October 19, 2017 at 11:37 AM

DC

“ George, Mr. Sykes, sending prayers and condolences to you for your loss. Stay strong and God Bless You. Many years ago you were the best landlord I had, and I was lucky enough to have met your family. David, Cindy and I became friends since then with Paula and Gene, downstairs from us, and Gigi, whom I still stay in touch with. David Jr., an unbelievable young man and beautiful family, so George, stay well, and keep strong, for all the beautiful memories. Every time, I met Connie, she was always smiling and welcoming with open arms. Love you all, 🙏🙏🙏 Debi (Graziadei) Carcone

Debi (Graziadei) Carcone - October 19, 2017 at 10:07 AM

DC

“ Gigi, Dave, and Paula, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Time has passed, but I remember the good old days. Condolences to you all, I'm so very sorry. Stay strong, hold on to the memories. 🙏🙏🙏 Debi (Graziadei) Carcone

Debi (Graziadei) Carcone - October 19, 2017 at 09:56 AM

TS

“ Gigi & Family, Please accept my most heartfelt sympathy for your loss...my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.



Thomas J Saladino - October 19, 2017 at 09:39 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Congetta T. "Connie" (Carbone) Sykes.



October 19, 2017 at 08:17 AM



“ *Aunt Connie, you will be so missed and are so loved by all your family and friends. I can remember marrying into the Castellano family, and meeting you for the first time, it was your sweet smile that just warmed my heart. You were always so kind and full of fun. I can remember Nonnie's Thursday night get-togethers, (now I am going way back), and we would have so much fun visiting, laughing, and the Italian way, eating! You were always a breath of fresh air. All of us - your family and friends are grieving because you are not sharing this earth with us. But, we know that you are up there with Nonnie and Poppie and are watching over all of us. We love you forever! Rest in peace, lovely Aunt Connie.*

Connie Castellano - October 19, 2017 at 06:04 AM

HB

For George, The children, and grandchildren, Connie was always smiling, and I knew her as a very positive person. My memory is very vivid of the numerous times spent at Gooch and Fluffy 's home. We had a ball!! It seems like yesterday.....I felt like all of your family was mine too. You will be missed, Connie. Your job was well done.

Love, Helen Buttiglieri 💕🙏

helen buttiglieri - October 19, 2017 at 06:12 AM

SY

Aunt Connie, you will be greatly missed! I so admired your loyal, unconditional love you gave Uncle George for 68 years. What a powerful love that continued to grow over all the years. I will cherish all the beautiful times our families shared together at each other's homes. The holidays, the school trips, Sunday's and all of our parents get together in the evenings just playing cards and having the best times ever. One BIG huge family fun that seemed to last forever! What great memories that will live on in our minds. Paula, Dave, and Gigi, you were so blessed by having a caring, loving mom. Her spirit will live on through you three always! Grandchildren and great grands you were blessed to have Aunt Connie in your lives! I love you! 💋💕

Suzi Yelvington - October 19, 2017 at 07:34 AM

JW

Dave and Family, you have our deepest sympathy in the passing of your mother Connie. You and your family are in our prayers, I remember you mom and dad running the store George Sykes, may she rest in peace with her husband. You will always have the memories of all the good times with family. God Bless you and your family.

Jackie, Carrie, Franklin Jr (Jabo) and Kenny Davis

Jacqueline Davis Womack - October 23, 2017 at 10:44 AM