



## Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino

January 7, 1967 - November 25, 2023

UTICA – Mrs. Deborah M. “Debbie” (Yacco) Bevivino, age 56, passed away on Saturday, November 25, 2023 in the tranquility and peace of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in New Hartford on January 7, 1967, Deborah was the daughter of Joanne (Grasso) Yacco and Dominick Yacco. She attended St. Agnes Grammar School and graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1985. She then attended Herkimer County Community College where she concentrated her studies in stenography.

On May 3, 1997, Debbie married Jerry Bevivino. The two were extremely well matched and enjoyed each other during their 26 years together. Jerry became accustomed to Debbie’s ways in the early years and met all Debbie’s requests. When she became ill, Jerry couldn’t do enough to help. Though when Debbie needed to show her independence, he trusted her strength and judgement. One of the greatest blessings of their relationship was knowing that the other would always be there, whether it be listening, respecting, or compromising to keep peace and harmony in their hearts.

Debbie could always find work in service industries. At one time she worked with Petrone and Petrone as a legal secretary. She later held employment with the Chesterfield Restaurant where she partnered with the vision of Sal

Borruso. She also was a helpful hand and creative mind to her in-laws who operated the memorable Belvedere's Market. In April of 1996, she began as a waitress at Georgio's Village Café and quickly rose up the ranks to become manager, as well as a trusted and beloved friend and confidant to Judy Gorea.

She had a wonderful eye over everything in her life, which could be both a blessing and a detriment to her family and others. She was a gifted soul who touched and made a mark on so many people. She was honest and forthright, loyal and true to her commitments. She was never afraid to speak her piece. Everything Debbie touched had her memorable mark upon it. Whether through her wise words or her sometimes blunt statements, she stayed true to herself and always maintained control. Debbie was truly one in a million.

As a mother, she was also her son and daughter's best friend. She knew both of their hearts and wanted them to be the best that they could be. She wished for them to challenge themselves academically and build their individual characters. She took great care to be connected to them and was truly a passionate mama bear.

A fabulous cook, she was creative in her kitchen. One of the most unique things she did was in preparation for dinner for her husband and children, she would plate their meals to ensure they were well fed. Baking became a second art form for her. Her ability to prepare some of the most unique desserts was so impressive. Sentimentally, out of love for her Grandma Grasso, she was so proud to have had her treasured cookie recipes and to maintain the traditions that meant so much to her. Her passion for cooking was evident in her numerous freezers that were always well stocked. She also had the gift of being able to present her meals in a beautiful way. Her signature dish was her lasagna ~ the more ricotta, mozzarella, and meat the better – you had to be a weightlifter to carry it! One of Debbie's greatest enjoyments, in addition to those above, was travelling. She began in her youth

with friends and concluded with numerous trips with her brother and sister-in-law.

Debbie appreciated her parents, her brother, and all her extended relatives. Spending time with her family was of the utmost importance to her. She also loved her Enzo, their Golden Retriever who was always by her side and gave her security and joy.

When she received her diagnosis, she strove to keep things normal for her family's sake. She never complained and always said she was feeling great. She wanted normality above all else. She had such a positive attitude.

She never really knew how loved and well-regarded she was in this community. Her presence could truly light up a room. She humbly just took each day, gave it her very best, and worried about the things that were important to her. She impacted so many people with her vivacious, outgoing, and humorous ways. She had her last hurrah at her nephew and niece's wedding which will be so memorable to all.

Debbie was very spiritual but held it close to her heart. She knew that the Lord would provide for her. She was member of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus

Debbie is survived by her beloved husband, Jerry; her 2 precious children, Vincent Anthony "Vinny" Bevivino, and Dominique Rose Bevivino and James Luther, Jr.; step-children, Marcella Gallagher, and Francesco Bevivino; her mother, Joanne Yacco; her father, Dominick Yacco and his wife Marianne; her brother and sister-in-law, Steven and Carolyn Yacco; and her step-siblings and their spouses, Lisa and Mike Pavia, and their daughter, Sophia, and Carrie and Steven Klepadlo, and their son, Robert. She will live in the hearts

of her nieces and nephews, Steven and Kathleen Yacco, Jessica and Tim Holmes, Sarah Yacco who was also her goddaughter and fiancé Zach Evans, David Zongrone, Matteo Bevivino, and Alivia Bevivino; her aunts and uncles, Elaine and Joseph Madia, and Patricia and Albert Zumpano; her cousins particularly Dr. Marissa Kalil and her family, she was a guiding light for everything during Debbie's illness; her mother-in-law, Antonia "Gianna" (Sezzi) Bevivino and her late husband Mario; and her in-laws, Maria C. and David Zongrone, Francesca Bevivino, Mario A. Bevivino, Giordano Bevivino, and Matthew and Stacey Bevivino. She was blessed to have numerous wonderful friends who were like sisters to her, Kim Montanarelli, Dana Mosca, Michele Mandia, Judy Gorea, Deanna Ambrose, Debbie Malek, and Michelle Mancuso, they were incredible friends who brought each other much love and comfort. "By chance they met, by choice they became friends." She was preceded by her godmother, Phyllis Lasota.

The Bevivino and Yacco families are grateful to the wonderful and inspiring physicians and caretakers who assisted Debbie during her health journey, especially Dr. Alicia DeTraglia and the staff of Hospice. Not everyone can find the comfort of so many who treasured and honored her journey.

The family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Deborah's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Debbie's honor may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. online at [www.hospicecareinc.org/donate-online](http://www.hospicecareinc.org/donate-online); envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church (Lourdes Campus)  
2222 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

AI

“ *Debbie and I were friends back in high school—we were cheerleaders together. Debbie was a fun, kind soul and we were all so lucky to know her. I got to see Debbie about a year ago when a group of old friends got together for dinner. Debbie was still just as sweet and lovely. My deepest sympathies to her family.*

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**Aimee** - December 14, 2023 at 10:05 AM

LC

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers for comfort to all.*

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**Lisa Carzo** - December 04, 2023 at 08:27 PM

CC

“ *To Dickie, Joanne, and the Bevivino family.. Sending my deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful Debbie..I had every intention of attending her funeral today..unfortunately, Bobbie's aide didn't show up, and I couldn't leave him alone! My thoughts and prayers are with all of you..may she rest in peace 🙏*

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**Claudia Cardillo** - December 04, 2023 at 04:39 PM

DM

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss of such a beautiful soul. Debbie was such a loving person with a vibrant personality. She will be deeply missed by all that had the pleasure of knowing her. May her spirit and memories fill your hearts each and every day. My deepest condolences to you all.*

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**Danielle McEwen** - December 04, 2023 at 10:33 AM

GJ

“ Jerry and family. So very sorry for you all at the passing of your wife and mother Debbie. Praying for you all, may Debbie rest in peace.

Gary Jones



Gary Jones - December 04, 2023 at 09:20 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.



December 03, 2023 at 09:59 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.



December 02, 2023 at 11:23 AM

CM

“ I was so upset to hear of Debbie's passing. We were very good friends in high school, slept over each others houses, hung out with friends. She never minded my sister Norma wanting to tag along. She was filled with life and was a strong person. May her beautiful soul rest in peace.

Cathy Massoud

Cathy Massoud - December 01, 2023 at 11:18 AM

LM

“ Debbie, our little breakfast club with you, me, Michy and Sas is never going to be the same without you healers. We are all so devastated and in total shock. We love you and miss you already. No more pain or suffering. Please watch over your children, Jerry and all your family. I know Grandma Lena was waiting for you when you arrived as well as the rest of your grandparents and your father-in-law. R.I.P. Debbie, love Lorrie 💔🙏😭

Lorrie Moyer - November 30, 2023 at 11:55 PM

RD

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of Debbie's passing. I've known Debbie my entire life. She was always such great company and a beautiful friend. Jerry, Vin and Dom sending our deepest condolences during this difficult time. May God watch over you and your entire family. With love Frank, Rena, Maya and Michael.

Rena DeFazio - November 30, 2023 at 10:26 PM

NC

“ Our thoughts , prayers and love are with you all💜 The Cocomazzi's.

Nicole Cocomazzi - November 30, 2023 at 10:13 PM

SC

“ So sorry for the loss of Debbie. Prayers to the whole family. Sandra & Tony Cotrupe

sandra Cotrupe - November 30, 2023 at 07:54 PM

MF

“ I remember Debbie at belvedere. She was such a sweet person and a very dedicated mother. I haven't lived in utica for over 20 years but will always have great memories of her as a person who loved her family

Maureen Fumarola - November 30, 2023 at 04:16 PM

NP

“ Bevivino, Yacco families,  
So sorry for the loss of Debbie, may God Give You All Peace .

Nick Parrotta - November 30, 2023 at 10:04 AM



“ We never got to meet up in Utica  
You will be missed so very much  
Stacy 🙏



Stacy Reilly - November 29, 2023 at 08:54 PM



Love you always

Stacy Reilly - November 29, 2023 at 08:57 PM

VA

“ Vita DelBuono & Steve Altieri lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino



Vita DelBuono & Steve Altieri - November 29, 2023 at 04:33 PM

JZ

“ Jerry, I'm so sorry to hear of your wife's passing. I will be praying for you and your family. Joanne Kalwara Zegarelli

Joanne Zegarelli - November 29, 2023 at 01:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.



November 29, 2023 at 10:32 AM

FC

“ Dom, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family during this difficult time.

felicja colosimo - November 29, 2023 at 09:05 AM

DB

“ Danielle Brucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino



Danielle Brucker - November 29, 2023 at 08:19 AM



Stacy Reilly - November 29, 2023 at 09:00 PM

WF

“ With Love, Isabella Moo-Garcia family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.

With Love, Isabella Moo-Garcia family - November 28, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.



November 28, 2023 at 11:14 PM

LF

“ My sincere condolences to Debbie's family & friends. You will be missed immensely. Rest in Peace, Debbie. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Lynette Franco - November 28, 2023 at 10:26 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss may she Rest In Peace she has was a great person.



Janae Mazza - November 28, 2023 at 09:58 PM

JD

“ So very sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace 💜🙏

Judy (Arcuri) DeFina - November 28, 2023 at 09:38 PM

AD

“ Jerry and Family So sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in are thoughts and prayers

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - November 28, 2023 at 09:33 PM

MM

“ My regards to you family at this time Deb !  
You'll be missed!



Michele Maio Morawiec - November 28, 2023 at 09:03 PM

WJ

“ With love & sympathy, Robin Arcuri Jones purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.



With love & sympathy, Robin Arcuri Jones - November 28, 2023 at 08:50 PM

LR

“ Gone but never forgotten rest In Peace



Lisa rimmer - November 28, 2023 at 07:46 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino.*



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November 28, 2023 at 05:16 PM



“ *Left, Right Center will never be the same without Debbie screaming at the other end of the table. May she rest in peace.*

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**Mike Kalil Jr.** - November 28, 2023 at 01:46 PM



*so very true Mike- thank you!!!*

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**Carolyn Yacco** - November 29, 2023 at 09:49 AM



“ *Don Oyer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Deborah M. "Debbie" (Yacco) Bevivino*



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**Don Oyer** - November 28, 2023 at 01:30 PM

MS

“ *May God bring you peace and comfort during this incredibly difficult time. Debbie was such a special loving person and you are a special family that we love with all our heart.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike and Marian S*



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**Mike and Marian Sturr** - November 28, 2023 at 01:25 PM

RC

*Debbie was a wonderful lady. Always smiled and had a kind word. She will ne missed. God Bless you Debbie. Cardillo Family*

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**Robert Cardillo** - November 28, 2023 at 03:57 PM

KF

“ *There are no words to express how wonderful Debbie was to her husband, children, family and friends. Our hearts are broken and you will be missed by so many people!! Fly high Debbie - you are in his hands now. God bless you and your family 🙏💔💔🙏💔💔*

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**Kathy F** - November 28, 2023 at 01:06 PM