

Mrs. Doris Joan (Gianotti) St. Mary

October 8, 1931 - June 1, 2023

UTICA – Our mom, Doris, passed away on Thursday, June 1, 2023 surrounded by her daughters, Jeanette, Karen, and Kathy; also her niece, Marie Wilusz and her husband Kevin, and Sandra Penree who was a like a daughter to her.

Mom was born in Utica on October 8, 1931, attended local public schools, and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in June of 1951.

She was predeceased by her husband, James St. Mary, with whom she shared over 42 years of marriage prior to his passing in 2004; her parents, Joseph and Dorothy (Kahler) Gianotti; her step-mother, Anna DeMarco Gianotti; sister, Peggy Klaus; and brother, Joseph Gianotti.

Mom always worked in the healthcare profession, starting in 1952 at Utica State Hospital. During her time there, she joined the CSEA Union. Over the years she went on to work at The Hunter House, Willow Park, Vale Haven, St. Joseph's Nursing Home, and the Masonic Care Community. She also cared for Ruth Wright who was the Executive Director of the Neighborhood Center and with whom she shared a life-long friendship.

We lived our lives on Dudley Ave. for about 39 years until purchasing a 2-family home on Hawthorne Ave. that she found peace in until her very last moment of life. Mom enjoyed bowling for many years at the Royal Bowling Alley and the Pin-O-Rama lanes with Jeanette and Kathy. She also attended many state tournaments over the years with very special friends. She was a member of the Oriskany Post 1448 Ladies Auxiliary.

Mom was a warrior, a caretaker, and a loyal friend. She overcame many health issues in a very dignified way. She was a mother figure to many wonderful young people and families. She was a great cook and made many delicious meals. Our mom was sociable and kind, and had a generous soul. Many precious moments were shared during her travels. Wherever her girls went, she was there! She was energized yet gentle, attentive, and dependable. Humor lived in her heart and mind. She was affectionately known as "Bocce Lucelle" which was originated by the two John's at Pellettieri Joe's Restaurant! She practiced her faith at Historic Old St. John's Church. She is survived by her daughters and their loves, Jeanette St. Mary (Bev Heath), Karen St. Mary (Sandra Penree), and Kathleen St. Mary; special friends, Marie Russo, Janet Roach, Joyce Tencza, the Penree family, her daughter from another mother, Penny "Chen" Chencharick, Maria Alberico Brindisi, Mary Devins, Val Yager, and Gina Arcuri; special neighbors, Sheila and Jim Glod, and Adam Kardash; and so many others ~ everyone knew "Momma Rooch!" She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Nikki St. Mary; and her fur babies, Kody, Little Bee, Kiki, Hobo, and J.J.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please, in lieu of flowers, consider memorial donations in Doris' honor to an animal shelter or rescue of your choice. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Doris' Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday afternoon, June 7, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Historic Old St. John's Church, 240 Bleecker St. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery in Clinton at the convenience of the family.

Fly high Mommy, we will always love you, forever!

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Clinton, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Tribute Wall

MK

“ *The members of PEF reg 6 division 183 MVPC so enjoyed having Doris at our Christmas parties
We will miss your wonderful Mother along with you and wish you comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

Mary Krukonis



Mary Margaret Krukonis - June 06, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MS

“ *Jeannette - so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I felt like I knew your Mom, after all your kind words about her. I was glad to have the opportunity to meet you in Florida, and learn about your Mom and family. She sounded like a real go getter. You must take after her. I pray your memories help you get through this difficult time. May God bless your Mom and entire family.
Bob and Mary Ann SImard (Barb Ulmer's cousin)*

Mary Ann Simard - June 05, 2023 at 07:01 PM

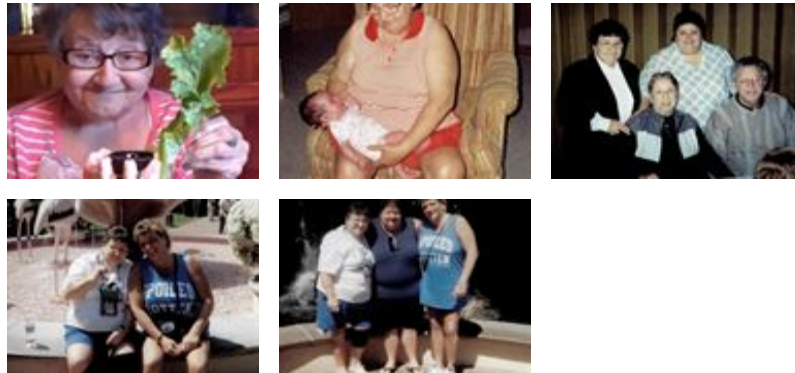
VL

Jeannette, I'm so sorry to see the notice of your mom's passing in the Rome Sentinel. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.

Valerie Lovenguth - June 05, 2023 at 08:49 PM



“ 116 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 05, 2023 at 06:38 PM

KD

Jeanette, Karen, Kathy, and Sandy, so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. A great lady. What wonderful memories you have captured in all these photos. May she rest in peace.

Karen Dean - June 08, 2023 at 06:05 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Doris Joan (Gianotti) St. Mary.*



June 05, 2023 at 12:22 PM

LF

“ *I am so sorry for your great loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers.*



Lynette Franco - June 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM

GO

“ Nettie, Karen and Kathy

So sad to see your mom has passed what a wonderful woman. Reading the obituary there are so many memories I had when I lived on Dudley Ave may your mom rest in peace. Gary Ollerenshaw



Gary Ollerenshaw - June 04, 2023 at 09:01 PM

MR

“ Jeannette, Karen and Kathy,

You were blessed with a wonderful, caring Mother...she truly was the best! Everyone that knew her loved her! May she rest in peace and may eternal light shine upon her. Michelle Randazzo

Michelle Randazzo - June 04, 2023 at 07:27 PM

JD

“ Karen, Nettie and Kathy- I loved your mom the day I met her, she went through so much and still cared about everyone else . She definitely kept many of us in line, but under all that was her Heart of Gold !! I will always keep many memories of her in my heart forever. ❤️🙏



Jacki D. - June 03, 2023 at 06:02 PM

LC

“ Nettie, Karen and Kathy

My heart goes out to all of you! I know what an icon your mom was to many!! Thanks to all of you and your love she had the best ice and the best friends a mom could ever ask for in daughters!! Send a kiss to her and tell her to hug Aunt Kathy “cal” !!! ❤️

lisa callister - June 03, 2023 at 02:24 PM

KD

“ Karen, Nettie & Kathy,

Words cannot express the sadness in my heart from receiving the news of Mamarooch's passing . I'm so beyond grateful to you 3 for sharing your mom with me and our community. Her love, non judgment, humbleness, fun , humorous soul was pure and affectious . May you find comfort in knowing how truly special she was to so many. I will forever hold her in my heart of hearts. Sending you all big hugs from across the miles.....



Sweet dreams Mamarooch.

Until we meet again,

Karrie D

Karrie DiNigro - June 03, 2023 at 02:12 PM

TF

“ Remembering all the happy times with Momma Rooch over the years. No doubt she and her beloved James are tilling the soil together in Heaven for their eternal garden. Peace & prayers to all.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - June 03, 2023 at 10:00 AM

CB

“ Nettie,
Sorry to hear of your loss, I know how close you were to your Mom, and what a great support you and your sisters were to her. My Condolences, Celeste Billins

Celeste Billins - June 03, 2023 at 09:40 AM

PN

“ Nettie,
Your momma was the best!! So sorry to see
she passed. Sending you and all your family
love and prayers.
Love ya, Patti & Ralph Nitti



Patti Nitti - June 03, 2023 at 08:08 AM

BB

“ Jeanette and family, So sorry for your loss. That was a beautiful
obituary and your Mom lived a very wonderful life and was blessed
to have you all by her side. God be with you, Bill Britt

bill britt - June 03, 2023 at 07:25 AM



“ Not enough space here to list the memories.....thank you for being
the " cool" mom to Sooooo many of us. I will forever have dents in
my skull from your " black hand" beatings....WHEN WILL YOU
LEARN??? Love you now and forever.

Gina Arcuri - June 03, 2023 at 01:33 AM