



## Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles

December 11, 1942 - August 4, 2023

N. UTICA - Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles, age 80, passed away on Friday, August 4, 2023, while on vacation with her family at Lake Winnepesaukee, in New Hampshire.

Born in Utica on December 11, 1942, Ellena was the daughter of the late Ralph A. and Rose J. (Brigano) Martelli. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1962. On July 10, 1971 Ellena wed Norman H. Snogles, Jr. They respected and honored one another and were destined to be together. They made a heck of a team! They both shared the art of cooking together and did so in harmony. Paramount were meals on Sunday, and all were welcome to share in Ellena's creations. Their mutual desire to surround themselves with their family and friends brought much unity to their marriage. They shared a beautiful and loving 35 years together prior to Norman's passing on July 22, 2006.

At one time, Ellena had been employed as the billing and insurance manager for OB/GYN Associates. She worked among a great staff and was beloved by her patients and coworkers. She had a wonderful work ethic and was very professional. She had retired to enjoy other activities and spend time with her family.

Ellena was known to be truly benevolent and was a mother like figure to so

many people. She practiced the unique art of listening, providing empathy with no judgement. She was patient and helped you walk through all your concerns by allowing you to talk and figure out your own path, all while providing excellent reassurance and sending you off with confidence. As a mother, she was remarkable, and she taught her children how to navigate the world. As a nana, she wanted her grandchildren to know the generosity of her praise which enhanced their confidence. Her life was made most rewarding through the love of her children and grandchildren. She was a great mentor, full of unconditional love, and was always available. Ellena was affable and this virtue afforded her many friendships and others held firm in her trust. The simple things were all Ellena needed to bring her happiness.

Ellena also was blessed to be an outstanding baker, as she made almond paste, Italian soft, and chocolate meatball cookies to perfection with an impeccable presentation. She was a crafter, and she would crochet blankets for her entire family who will forever treasure her handmade heirlooms. After her husband's passing and in need of companionship, she found a Shih Tzu and named her Zoe. Ellena and Zoe were known to be inseparable, and she gave her great comfort. Ellena loved attending musicals with her family, and she enjoyed each one she had the pleasure of attending. This past February, she had a significant heart attack, however she forged through the difficulties and wanted to live a normal lifestyle. Her children planned an 80th birthday celebration which included a gift to cruise to Bermuda with a group of 19 of her family and friends. Her last outing was just prior to her passing. She was on Lake Winnepesaukee with her family where she enjoyed boating, floating, great food, beverages and sunset cruises. She was once again afflicted by her heart condition and after valiant efforts, she passed into the arms of her Lord.

Ellena was known to have a servant's heart. To be able to contribute her time and talents to her church was very gratifying for her. Friendships were made

and intentions to support any project were always done with great devotion when she was a member of St. Peter's Church. She was faithful and relied upon the Lord in her life, which made the greatest difference in the way she lived it. Ellena was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Ellena is survived by her children and their loves, David and Ginger Snogles, and Beth and Scott VanHoover; her step-children, Darlene and James Vanderwood, and Mark Snogles; and her grandchildren, Liam Snogles, and Isabella Snogles; and Elijah VanHoover, and Marianna VanHoover. Ellena also leaves to cherish her memory her siblings, Theresa Sportelli (the late Frank A. Sportelli), her twin Angela Paolozzi (the late Joseph A. Paolozzi, Jr.), and Dominick F. and Kathleen Martelli. Ellena is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews, cousins; and her in-laws; Ronald and Bette Snogles, Donald Snogles and Linda Neuser, and Allen Snogles. Ellena was blessed to have precious neighbors and friends: Julia Mamuliski and Jesse Gibson, as well as their children Desmond, Noah, and Colton; Tara and Dave DeFazio, Jeanne and Carey Lubow, Roberta and Tony Terzini, and Michelle McCarrick-Truett with whom she shared a mutual admiration and loving bond. Ellena was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Norman and Emma (Graves) Snogles.

Gratitude and heartfelt thanks are extended to MVHS at St. Elizabeth Campus and the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, New Hampshire: the physicians, nurses, and the physical, occupational, and respiratory therapists. Among these outstanding professionals the family wishes to especially acknowledge RN Chad Trevisani, RN Mary Turenne, and her son-in-law, RN Scott VanHoover, and Dr. Scott Brehaut, long time family physician and friend.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will graciously accept floral offerings. Memorial contributions in Ellena's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ellena's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday, August 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed at: <https://youtube.com/@st.maryofmountcarmelblessed1703>. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery alongside her beloved husband.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

**AUG 17.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Mass

**AUG 18.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Family, I am so sorry for your loss & sadness. I played cards with her, the "Hand & Foot" game. She was a joy and gracious hostess! Peace & Hope to you all. Janine

Janine - August 18, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.

August 17, 2023 at 01:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 16, 2023 at 08:20 PM

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“ Cousin Angelina and family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



Cousin Angelina and family - August 16, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



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August 15, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ *I met Elena thru my neighbor Jo Shumlansky who was her dear friend. Elena often joined our Friday coffee morning get togethers I also hosted her beloved dog Zoe who was always a delight. I am so sorry for your loss.*  
*Sincerely, Kathryn D'Angelo*

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**Kathryn D'Angelo** - August 15, 2023 at 06:57 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*

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August 15, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



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August 15, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.

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“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 12, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.

August 12, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 12, 2023 at 03:39 PM



“ *Tender Tribute* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 11, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 11, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ Ginger, my condolences to your husband and your family. You're in our thoughts. - John & Carolyn Kuczynski, Charlotte, NC

**John Kuczynski** - August 10, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.



August 10, 2023 at 12:12 PM

EW

“ *Angela and Theresa, I will always remember you three beautiful ladies.  
Classy, loving and gentle, and most of all ladies of great Faith. Beth and David, and to your families, I send my love and prayers. Know that you were always loved by your mom and we always talked about how blessed we were to have such great kids and grandkids! I know that her passing will leave a deep sadness in your lives, but always remember that she is with you and watching over each and every one of you.* ❤️🌹❤️🌹❤️

Ellen Haug. Friend abd co worker. - August 09, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



August 09, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



August 08, 2023 at 07:21 PM

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“ *Ellena we have know each other since we were kids, When you lived in upper South St, the North Utica. I will miss you. Love Carol*

Carol Fusaro Rawls - August 08, 2023 at 06:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



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August 08, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“ *Memories of Aunt Elena with her beautiful loving spirit will forever be in my heart. Always bringing her love and sunny disposition with her to every family occasion. She gave the best hugs and was always interested in our lives.*

*Feeling so very blessed to have had her unconditional love and support while growing up. She endlessly brought us our favorite foods she knew we loved with her from Utica whenever visiting us in Syracuse.*

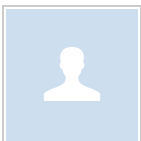
*She blessed so many lives that knew her. I will honor and cherish her forever as I do my own mother.*

*Rest in peace Aunt Elena.*

*Trust and know that Gods grace will be with you.*

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**Julie Asaro** - August 08, 2023 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*



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August 08, 2023 at 12:50 PM

PR

“ *Ellena was such a kind and caring person and a wonderful friend!!! I will miss you. Pam R*

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**Pam Rejman** - August 08, 2023 at 09:42 AM

KS

“ *Dear Family,*

*I have fond memories of Ellena-----being a part of our Aglow Fellowship while we lived in New York-----She was always a joy to be around and loved all those she came in contact with. Always a help and assistant for any needs that were made available to her. I know she has blessed many lives that came in contact with her.*

*Trust that God's peace, love and grace will be with all of you during this very difficult time.*

*Kathy Sakowski  
North Carolina*

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**Kathy Sakowski** - August 08, 2023 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ *Jolene P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Ellena M. (Martelli) Snogles.*

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**Jolene P.** - August 08, 2023 at 09:02 AM

AP

“ *I am my sisters twin, Angela. We shared a kindred Spirt like only a twin can understand. I will love & miss you until we are joined together again in the presence of Our Savior & Lord Jesus Christ. I am. Confident you are gloriously happy. You have changed addresses but I know how to get there. I love you sweet sister.*  
*Angela Paolozzi*

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**angela Paolozzi** - August 08, 2023 at 02:17 AM