



## Ellen A. "Ellie" (Acee) Romanus

March 18, 1926 - December 29, 2008

Mrs. Ellen A. "Ellie" (Acee) Romanus, age 82, of New Hartford, passed away on Monday, December 29, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Clark Mills, NY on March 18, 1926, Ellen was the daughter of the late Happy and Nijma (Boulos) Acee. Raised in Clinton, she attended Clinton High School. On April 14, 1945 in the Church of the Annunciation, she was joined in the sacrament of marriage to Raymond J. Romanus, Sr. with whom she shared 56 years prior to his passing on April 22, 2001. As a couple, they shared joyous memories of the countless happy and fulfilling times with one another and their children.

An entrepreneur by nature, Ellie, along with her husband, Ray, opened the Knotty Pine Restaurant which was located on Commercial Drive for many years. She took leave of the business to devote her time to raising her family, and concurrently pursued her baking talents, specializing in wedding cakes and cookie trays. After attending to her family's needs, in 1968 she established Ellen's Chili Hut, also located on Commercial Drive, which was renowned as a local gathering place for many years. Upon her husband's passing, she again ventured into her proprietary vocation when she opened Ellie's Delectables which she operated for several years until her health caused her to retire. During Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990's, Ellie worked countless hours baking and packaging thousands of cookies which were sent to our soldiers in Iraq. She was known locally as the "cookie lady"

and she was heralded for her generosity.

Strong, energetic, and organized, Ellie set the standard for women in a day when many did not venture into the business world. Blessed with a loving and compassionate nature, she had a warm heart for people and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was well versed in politics and on the local level she even campaigned for Judge Murad. Ellie was straightforward and shared her views on issues of which she had strong beliefs. But above all else, she was a most dedicated wife, mother, sister, and cherished grandmother and great-grandmother. When entertaining at home, she prepared a grand table graced with a spectacular presentation in her sparkling style. Her favorite pastimes included cooking, canning, knitting, crocheting, and playing a good game of cards. She was a communicant of the Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church and often volunteered at the parish festivals in the 'fried-dough booth' where she also offered her delicious cookies.

Ellen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Edward Freeman of Barneveld; her sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond J., Jr. and Wendy Romanus of Clinton, Richard A. and Nancy Romanus of VA, and Robert A. Romanus of MN; her grandchildren, Jennifer and Ron Kilway; Renee and Jeff Lloyd, Kellie Romanus, Raymond III and Kimberly Romanus, Ryan, Kristi, Steven, Richard, Jr. and Tricia Romanus, Jessica Romanus, and Stephanie Romanus; and her 8 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her sisters and brother-in-law, Bedelia Lewis, and Catherine Lewis, both of Clark Mills, and Theresa and Narvin Efferson of SC; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Happy and Judy Acee of Clark Mills, Fred and Linda Acee of CO, and Gabriel and Barbara Acee of OR; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, with special mention of Rev. Abe Esper whose relationship she cherished, and in-laws. She also leaves her friends, Dr. Francis Chanatry, Dr. Joanne Joseph, Mary Steet, and many others too numerous to mention. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward and Catherine Acee, Anthony Acee, Ted and Mary Acee, Albert

and Ann Acee, and Thomas and Evelyn Acee; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Leona and Edward Meelan, and Marion and John Gungui; and her step-mother, Julia Acee.

The family offers special thanks to the nurses and staff of the 4th floor at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Patricia Flihan; the 2nd floor nurses and staff at the Charles T. Sitrin Rehabilitation Center; and Dr. Cenk Pekis, Dr. Kevin McCormick, and family friends, Dr. Joanne Joseph, and Rev. Abe Esper, for their friendship and professional care.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Ellen's honor to the Abraham House; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Ellie's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church

16 Park Ave.

Whitesboro, NY 13492

<https://stpaulswhitesboro.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen A. "Ellie" (Acee) Romanus



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very saddened when I heard that Ellen had passed away. I was a nurse who took care of her husband Raymond through a nursing agency back in the late 90's. They were a fun couple and I loved to be around them. Ellen was an outstanding cook. She even taught me how to make Arabic bread! She was one of a kind and I will always remember her for her strength and kindness. God bless the Romanus family.##imported-begin##Jennifer (Houck) O'Neill##imported-end##

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March 19, 2009 at 02:38 AM



“ Rick and Nancy,  
Very sorry to hear of your loss. Rick's Mom sounded like a great lady. May God Bless your family at this time of your loss.

Joe Abal

Florida##imported-begin##Joseph A. Abal,Ph.D.##imported-end##

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January 02, 2009 at 05:48 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy in your time of loss. Ellie was such a wonderful person that will be missed by many. Her life live on in the great deeds that she did for others throughout her life. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Rick, Nancy and the entire Romanus family. Love always, Rob & Sue Doyle###imported-begin###Rob & Sue Doyle###imported-end###

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January 02, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ Rick and Nancy,  
  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.  
  
Scott and Krista Shuman  
Eaton,CO###imported-begin###Scott Shuman###imported-end###

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January 02, 2009 at 01:59 PM



“ Rick and Nancy, The V.A.A. wants you all to know we are thinking of you both during this time. God bless you both.  
The Virginia Auctioneer Family.###imported-begin###Virginia Auctioneers Assoc.###imported-end###

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January 02, 2009 at 01:37 PM



“ Rick and Nancy, Please know that Jean and I are praying for you at this time. If there is anything we can do please let us know. God bless you both.  
  
Charles and Jean Nicholls###imported-begin###Charles and Jean Nicholls###imported-end###

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January 02, 2009 at 01:27 PM



“ Our hearts go out to the family. We really appreciate the friendships we have made over the years. May God be with you during your sadness and everyother day.##imported-begin##Troy & Angie Lippard##imported-end##

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January 02, 2009 at 11:12 AM



“ We extend our most sincere sympathy to you upon the loss of your mother. May your heart be filled with warm, loving thoughts and treasured memories of your mother.

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Tip & Mark Pangle and family##imported-begin##Tip & Mark Pangle##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2009 at 08:01 AM



“ Dear Rick and Nancy and family, friends,

*I cannot imagine the loss of a mother.... A prayer for your loss ...*

*Your mom is in good hands...*

*Keep Smilin'*

*Becky*

*auctioneer##imported-begin##Rebecca L. Lawrence##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2009 at 06:47 AM



“ Dear Rick and Family,

*I am so very sorry for this heartbreaking loss.*

*Please feel comforted in the fact that mom is resting peacefully and spending eternity with her husband and our Father in Heaven and patiently awaiting for the rest of her friends and family to live for all eternity with.*

*Death is not the end but rather a transistion to a painless and totally happy endless life.*

*God bless each and every one of you and feel the comfort that mom is living her reward for now and forever.##imported-begin##Kenny Lindsay, CAI##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2009 at 12:27 AM



“ How blest you are as a family with so many memories of a truely great lady. Thank you for sharing her life with us. Sara##imported-begin##Sara J. Minor CAI, Indiana Auctioneers##imported-end##

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January 01, 2009 at 08:09 PM



“ May God grant you strength during this difficult time. Your family is in our prayers.##imported-begin##Scott Swenson & The Staff of Jones Swenson Auction Marketing##imported-end##

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January 01, 2009 at 05:00 PM



“ Just to let you know all of you are in our thoughts and prayers at the loss of your loved one.##imported-begin##William B. Beck##imported-end##

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January 01, 2009 at 03:27 PM



“ What wonderful memories we have of our times with Grandma Romanus. Her smile, the twinkle in her eyes, her banana-coconut cream pie! What a GREAT lady she was and what a role model for living a full and fulfilling life. We will miss her but treasure the memories.##imported-begin##Dave and Sue Rhodes##imported-end##

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January 01, 2009 at 01:26 PM



“ My heart goes out to You Ric and Nancy- May the God of peace be ever near to you and your Family.##imported-begin##Tommy Wagner##imported-end##

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January 01, 2009 at 11:05 AM



“ Dear Rick and Nancy, may God bless you with comfort that only a loving Heavenly Father can.

*Best wishes for all.*

*Randy & Jean Burdette##imported-begin##Randy & Jean Burdette##imported-end##*

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January 01, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ Thinking of your family during this time of grieving.##imported-begin##Gordon Miller##imported-end##

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December 31, 2008 at 10:22 PM



“ Richard,

*We are truly sorry for your loss but in knowing you from the auction business and our dinner meeting in Utica it was quite obvious that your family and especially your mom had a powerful and wonderful effect on you and the manner in which you lived your life and that will live on in you and in your family. Our prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Baker##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2008 at 09:38 PM



“ Rick and Family,

*Just wanted to send our deepest sympathy to you and your family during this time. We will keep you all in our prayers.*

*God Bless,  
David J. Meares and Meares Auction Group Staff##imported-begin##David J. Meares - Meares Auction Group##imported-end##*

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December 31, 2008 at 06:46 PM



“ With deepest sympathies to you, and the entire Romanus family. I will pray for your beloved Mom.  
FTP##imported-begin##Frank T. Pietrzak##imported-end##

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December 31, 2008 at 05:08 PM



“ I cannot begin to speak of my sadness at the passing of Ellie. From the bottom of my heart, I feel so blessed to have called Ellen "friend". I dont think I have known a kinder, harder working, generous and loving person then Ellen. Her sense of humor and commentaries on current events was just the best! I will also remember Ellen as one of the best cooks I ever knew! My deepest and sincerest sympathy to my dear friend Joanie, Ray Jr, Bobby and Richard and the rest of the wonderful Acee family, I will miss her more then you can imagine but will be joyfull in knowing that she is now at rest and in the gentle arms of The Lord. Linda###imported-begin##Linda Kelsey Polizzi###imported-end##

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December 31, 2008 at 01:44 PM



“ My heart breaks for the whole family. I am so sorry for the loss of Aunt "Cousin" Ellen. I did not know that she had passed until right now. She has always been such a wonderful part of my life. I will always hold her dear to my heart. Her love for her family and her "Cousin"s" was always such a special loving gift to all of us that were lucky enough to be blessed to have her in our lives. God Bless You Aunt Ellen. You will be missed terribly. All my love. Cousin Kathi Tamer###imported-begin##Kathi Tamer###imported-end##

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December 31, 2008 at 11:07 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. We hope God will give you peace and comfort during this time.###imported-begin##Tammy, Jerry & Hayden Moore###imported-end##

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December 31, 2008 at 08:39 AM