



Eva M. "Ava" (Lazaruk) Karam

January 27, 1931 - March 6, 2025

UTICA - Eva M. "Ava" (Lazaruk) Karam, age 94, went home to the Lord on Thursday, March 6, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Born in Montreal, Canada on January 27, 1931, Eva was the daughter of the late Dometi "Daniel" and Teklia (Boboska) Lazaruk. She was raised and educated in Montreal and went on to graduate from McGill University with a degree in Business and Fine Arts. Eva spoke very fondly of her childhood and was immensely proud of her father who was a decorated soldier for his service in World War I and World War II.

While in college, Eva met the love of her life, Wade J. Karam, and they united in marriage on April 24, 1954. In 1957, Eva and Wade built a home together that they soon filled with love, laughter, and the blessings of their children. The couple shared 16 years together prior to Wade's untimely passing on May 27, 1970.

As the matriarch of her family, Eva poured her heart and soul into nurturing and caring for her five children. She was a private person who would selflessly carry the weight of the world on her shoulders. She embodied resilience and true inner strength and possessed a wonderful sense of humor. Eva was tenacious about her children receiving their college degrees, which they all did. She appreciated growing up in a multi-lingual home where she became

fluent in speaking French, Ukrainian, and Russian as well.

Eva was special, in that she was always open to forgiveness and compassion was always given. She was a fantastic cook and enjoyed seeing her family gather around the table to enjoy the meals she had prepared for them.

Eva was an avid reader and enjoyed staying up to date on current events, reading the NY Post, NY Daily News, and Montreal Gazette regularly. She also appreciated the theater and held membership in the Broadway Theatre League. She was also able to attend Broadway shows and the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular in New York City each holiday season for over 20 years. Christmas was a special time for Eva, who delighted in the decorations, festiveness, and extra time it allowed with loved ones. Also a sports fan, Eva followed the Montreal Canadiens hockey team and the NY Yankees. She especially enjoyed hearing the crowd come together to sing the Canadian National Anthem. A nature lover as well, Eva found solace in walks in the park. She excelled at gardening and was well known at the Mum Farm. Eva knew which flowers would do best at what time of the year and how to properly tend to them. The birdhouses in her yard brought new birds each spring that she loved to watch come and go. A true and talented artist, Eva specialized in acrylic and enamel painting, with many of her pieces being displayed in the Munson Art Shows over the years.

By automobile was Eva's favorite way to travel and she took many trips to see the cherry blossoms in Washington, D.C., Boston, MA, and several shows and sporting events in New York City. During the autumn, she would travel up north to enjoy the beautiful foliage and fresh Adirondack air.

Eva was a lifelong parishioner of St. Agnes Church until its closing.

Eva is survived by her children and their spouses, Barbara and Edmund

Furcinito, Wade and Jennifer Karam, Bruce Karam, Richard Karam, and Andrew Karam; and grandchildren, Edmund "Teddy" Furcinito, and Eva Furcinito. She fondly remembered her sister who preceded her, Anna Torjusen. Eva will also be missed by her best and longtime childhood friend, Frances Richman, with whom she corresponded through the lost art of letter writing; and Mary Lou from Munson's art classes. She was predeceased by her dear friends, Vita Rinaldi, Kay Migliaccio, and Vicky Devins.

The Karam family wishes to extend their gratitude to Dr. Scott Brehaut for compassionately caring for Eva whether it be by office appointment or a house call.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Eva's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 1:00 p.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. Memorial contributions in Eva's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate, Paralyzed Veterans of America online at www.secure.pva.org/pva/donation-for-m-backup or Munson online at www.munson.art/donation/step2; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Bruce, Rich, and Barb, my sincerest condolences.

Joe Bojarczuk - April 03, 2025 at 01:09 PM

JD

“ Joe Dennison and Beth Docteur purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Eva M. "Ava" (Lazaruk) Karam.



Joe Dennison and Beth Docteur - March 14, 2025 at 04:36 PM

JD

“ Joe Dennison and Beth Docteur planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eva M. "Ava" (Lazaruk) Karam.

Joe Dennison and Beth Docteur - March 14, 2025 at 04:36 PM

MB

“ Bruce and family,
I was so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. I know how close all of you were and how much she meant to you. Losing a parent, no matter their age, is never easy, and I can only imagine the depth of your loss.

Your mother lived a long and full life, and I have no doubt that she left behind a legacy of love, wisdom, and cherished memories. I hope that in this difficult time you will find comfort in those memories and in the support of those who care about you.

Margaret Beck - March 14, 2025 at 02:23 PM

AD

“ To Wade, and all the Karam family so sorry to hear of your moms passing you are all in are thoughts and prayers

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - March 12, 2025 at 08:19 PM

JC

“ Barbara, Bruce, Wade, and Rich

My My deepest condolences go out to all of you. You all were great people to work with, and your mother must've been a beautiful woman to have such nice kids she raised you all right

Jack Ciccarelli

Jack Ciccarelli - March 12, 2025 at 09:08 AM

PD

“ Barb, Wade, Bruce, Richard , Andy, and Family. My sincere Sympathy to read of the Passing of your Mom may Eternal light shine upon her soul. Bless you all. Paul Devins.

Paul Devins - March 12, 2025 at 09:07 AM

FP

“ Wade, Barb, Bruce, Richard, & Andy:

Our sincere sympathy for the loss of your mom. Family was so important to her and you all were loving and dedicated to her. May your memories of all the times with her give you comfort.

Carla & Frank Percia

Francis A Percia - March 11, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JA

“ *My deepest condolences.*

Joseph Arcuri - March 11, 2025 at 11:41 AM

AM

“ *Barbara, Bruce, Wade, Richard, and Andy*

My heart goes out to all of you at this very difficult time. Ava was the true epitome of a “real lady,” the way she spoke, the way she carried herself, and the way she took such pride in her family and her home. Those we hold in our hearts never truly leave us. They live on in the kindness they showed, the comfort they shared, and the love they brought into our lives.

May she rest in peace. Angela Meola

Angela Meola - March 10, 2025 at 07:23 PM

JO

“ *Barb Bruce and family. My thoughts and prayers re with you at this time. I regret that I am unable to attend the mass. May the memories you all shared together always be a source of comfort to you and yours. Always be proud of your accomplishments because your mom was. Your mom was always there for the good and the bad and taught you how to believe in yourselves and be strong. She is at long last reunited with the love of her life your dad. May their memories serve as an inspiration for all the present and future people whose lives were touched by them. Judy Oster*

judy oster - March 10, 2025 at 04:57 PM