



## Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi

October 2, 1941 - July 20, 2021

UTICA - Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi, 79, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at home on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Faith was the beloved daughter of the late Chester "Chet" and Helen (Hughes) Julian. On January 13, 1961, she wed Eugenio P. "Gene" Nappi, a union that lasted 44 years. Their marriage was a partnership of two unique people who brought out the best in each other. They were truly blessed with unconditional love. Gene was one of her greatest treasures, and, until her passing, the love of her life.

Faye's work life included, a longtime career as an employee of the Mohawk Valley Credit Union where she went above and beyond for the members, who appreciated and admired her. As a people person, she also enjoyed a side career of waitressing at various local restaurants.

As a mother, she was protective, loving, kind and thoughtful. In her daughters, Faye fostered independence, inclusivity, and acceptance. She instilled in her children and grandchildren, a zest for life, her passion for cooking and baking and her impeccable entertaining skills. Her doted upon grandchildren were the spring in her step. To them, she was known as "Nonnie, a.k.a. Nonnie Donuts", was their best friend, and a source of everlasting and unconditional love.

Faye was vivacious, larger than life and lived her life to the fullest with those she loved the most. She was a legendary entertainer and kept an impeccable home. Friends and family enlarged her world, and she created magic with

each and every one of them. She treasured her relationships with her siblings and friends and always kept them forefront in her world and tucked closely to her heart. Faye was one-in-a-million, a True Blue friend and was loved and adored for her fashion flair, exuberance, empathy, loyalty and generosity. Now that she has departed, she would want a celebration, not tears.

Faye leaves her children, Cherié Nappi-Gilbert and husband Terry, and Jené and Daniel Rossi; grandchildren, Danielle Cozza-Whiteley and husband A.J.; and Willow Simei Rossi; great-grandchildren, Albert "AJ", Eugenio "Geno", and Amalia Faith Whiteley. She had a special bond with her cherished siblings, Beverly Partello (and late husband Melvin), Ronald and Jeraldine Julian, Carol and Anthony Carzo, and Sandra and Walter Kowalski; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Donato "Dan" Nappi, Cynthia Nappi (late husband Dr. Anthony Nappi) and Annamarie Parker; and her many special, devoted friends, too many to list, you know who you are! She was predeceased by her nephew, Jeffrey T. Julian with whom she shared a close and special relationship.

The family wishes to thank the law enforcement agencies who responded with care and concern during a difficult time.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Faith's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will greet visitors at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to the Abraham House, online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate>; envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment beside her beloved Gene will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Tim Boehlert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi*



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**Tim Boehlert** - July 29, 2021 at 05:08 PM

JS

“ *Memories are treasures in ones heart. Growing up with Faye on Tracy Street, will be one in my heart always. My deepest sympathy to the Julian and Nappi families.*

*Joan Sutton*

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**Joan Mietlinski Sutton** - July 28, 2021 at 08:48 PM

NH

“ *I am so very sorry to hear about Faye's untimely passing. We worked together at the Marr-Logg for years and she was always such a special person, full of so much life and pizzazz. Prayers for strength, during such a difficult time. Keep her memories close and she will always be with you.*

*-Nicole (Fraccola) Hadsell*

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**Nicole Hadsell** - July 28, 2021 at 10:06 AM

EV

“ *To the Nappi and Julian families  
We are so very sorry for your loss. We are also sorry we are unable  
to attend Faye’s funeral mass. It’s comforting to know that your  
parents will be reunited in heaven.  
Butch and Kathy Ventura*

Ercole Ventura - July 28, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi.*



July 27, 2021 at 04:45 PM

LT

“ *We are saddened to hear of the passing of Faye. Our heartfelt  
sympathy to Jene’, Cherie and the entire family. Faye was beautiful,  
vivacious and kind and a fiend who will always be remembered. Our  
love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Lauretta and Anthony Taurisano*

Lauretta Taurisano - July 27, 2021 at 11:10 AM

JF

*So sorry for your loss. Your Mom was bigger than life, and lit up every  
room she entered. May her light shine down on all who she loved, and  
may your love for her, carry you through the coming days.*

Jeff Franz - July 27, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi.*



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July 27, 2021 at 08:02 AM



“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Faith C. "Faye" (Julian) Nappi*



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**Lynette Franco** - July 27, 2021 at 12:06 AM



“ *Cherie/Jene/Danielle and to the whole Julian and Nappi families: Sending my deepest sympathy to all of you on Faye's passing. What do I say about my best friend that I've known for over 67 years? Not everyone is blessed to have had such a wonderful relationship. We met in grammar school and throughout life shared the joys and sorrows of life. Faye was beautiful, inside and out; she was a loving, generous lady who loved her family above all else. I was in awe of her ability to juggle married life, bringing up her family and extended family; working and being the best cook and hostess that I ever knew. We lived miles apart but I loved our 2 hour phone conversations. We always ended our phone calls by saying "I love you". It's going to be difficult for everyone who loved her to live without her but she'll be with Gene, the love of her life. I am so sorry for your loss - Faye was my shining star and I'll never forget her.*

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**Carol Cowl** - July 26, 2021 at 11:27 PM

JM

“ Offering our condolences and prayers...The Montanaro family

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**Joseph & Margaret Montanaro** - July 26, 2021 at 05:09 PM

JC

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Faye's beautiful daughters, and the her entire family. Faye was beautiful, kind and a treasure to have for a friend. I am so saddened by her loss. May you find comfort knowing you were the light of her life. I will miss her. She was the friend who leaves a footprint on your heart and I'll remember her always.

*Jeanne Castronovo*

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**Jeanne Castronovo** - July 26, 2021 at 04:37 PM

GP

“ Since I was born Faye was there. She had a special bond with my mom & dad, Always helped me put party's together when I needed her. Lifetime of memories, childlike heart filled with love and compassion. She will forever be etched in my memory with love! Laugh -dance.....Gina Putrello

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**Gina Ann Putrello** - July 26, 2021 at 02:35 PM

LT

“ I am so so sorry to hear of Faye's passing. I loved those years working together. We had fun and remember the time we wore mice costumes to work for halloween. I always made sure to check out her porch when driving by to admire her decorations. We are in NJ this week and am so sad that I can't attend her funeral..I would be there for sure if we were home. Sending love to all the family. So hard to lose a beloved mother and grandmother.❤️  
*Lee Rubino Tomaino*

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**Lee Tomaino** - July 26, 2021 at 11:35 AM

LW

“ I’m not sure what to say in the face of such a difficult loss. Just want you all to know that I care about you, and I share in your sadness.

*Faye’s amazing qualities will be carried on beautifully by her family and everyone that she knew and loved. She will be greatly missed and always remembered.*

*Her love for cooking has inspired me and has become a personal love of mine. Faye always gave/had the best dinner parties and everyone was always welcome in her home. She always made me feel like family and passed on her special recipes with no hesitation.*

*Cherie & Jene:*

*“There is no one in this world like your Mother. She was a special woman and she will be with you both always.”*

*Your Mom’s kindness, generosity and caring nature was contagious and her memory will live on forever.*

*Danielle: She loved you so very much and was so proud of the mother and the women you’ve become.*

*Faye, you will forever remain in my heart and memories.... I will love you always!*

*Lori & Mike Wojtanowski  
Florida*

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**Lori Wojtanowski** - July 25, 2021 at 02:12 PM