



Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster

November 13, 1950 - March 29, 2025

E. UTICA - Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster, age 74, passed away on Saturday, March 29, 2025, after a prolonged hospital stay.

Finita was born on November 13, 1950, in Utica, NY, to Robert and Nancy (DeSimone). Mancuso. She was educated locally and graduated from Thomas R. Proctor High School in 1968. She continued her education at Utica College, where she earned a master's degree in education.

After college, she married Frank Paternoster and moved to Syracuse, where she taught at St. John the Baptist Junior High School for several years before returning to Utica where she gave birth to her two sons, Dominick, and Frank Paternoster. Later, she owned and operated Dairy Cream in Utica. After many years of self-employment, she continued her career in Child Protective Services for Oneida County. Finita was known among family and friends for her superior cooking abilities.

Finita is survived by her son, Frank (Renae) Paternoster, and their children Elijah, and Scarlett; grandchildren, Amelia, Grace, and Dominick Paternoster; brothers, Paul (Sandra) Mancuso, Robert (Susan) Mancuso, James Mancuso, and Michael (Michelle) Mancuso; and many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Finita was predeceased by her mother and father; and beloved son, Dominick Anthony Paternoster.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Finita's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, April 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

This obituary has been lovingly written by Finita's family.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Juicy and family, My deepest condolences.*

Joseph Arcuri - May 27, 2025 at 03:40 PM

DD

“ *Diane Detore lit a candle in memory of Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster*



Diane Detore - May 13, 2025 at 12:02 AM

CS

“ *Our condolences to the Mancuse and Paternoster families. Finitia was a wonderful person and generous. She fought her sickness to the end and may she rest in peace. 🙏❤️*

Carolyn F. and John Gorea Sr. - April 05, 2025 at 08:43 AM

NM

“ I am so sad to learn of Finita's passing and offer my sincere condolences to all her family and friends.
For a short time of less than a year, I was so lucky work with and supervise Finita. Finita was the most honest, diligent and compassionate CPS Caseworker . She was thorough & spot on in her observations and had an ability to assess human frailty versus bull. She listened and accurately heard what a child and their parents were saying. She never cowered in speaking the truth & she stood up to power. She had my back. I respected & trusted her immensely.

Rest in Peace, dear Finita. You accomplished so much and did so much good during your life. I learned so much from you.
May your memory be eternal.

Nancy Cox Marafioti
New York Mills, NY.

Nancy Cox Marafioti - April 04, 2025 at 04:29 PM

RD

“ Mike, Michelle and family, words can not explain how sorry i am, rip Finita , when i saw he at the nursing rehab. i always talked to her and brought her some food, i felt so bad for her , she was not feeling good, God Bless you all and keep her in our prayers, I will always remember our days at Dari Creme, fun days RENEE

renee m defrank - April 04, 2025 at 12:30 AM

BD

“ *Mancuso Family*

Guy and I were so sorry to hear of Finita's passing. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. RIP Finita..

Guy and Bonnie DelMastro

Bonnie DelMastro - April 03, 2025 at 06:20 PM

SM

“ *Mike, Michelle and Family, Our sincere condolences to you. Finita was an accomplished woman and it shows throughout her life ventures. She will be missed but her memories will carry on forever. Our prayers are with you and May Finita RIP.*

Steve and Phyllis Madrak - April 03, 2025 at 11:39 AM

GD

“ *Finita was a strong caring woman that I've known over the years. May she rest in peace 🙏. My prayers to her family at this difficult time.*



Gracelyn DiNitto - April 03, 2025 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Angelina Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster*



Angelina Mancuso - April 03, 2025 at 10:20 AM

CS

“ Rest in peace Finita 🙏 sincere condolences to your loved ones

charleen sangiacomo - April 03, 2025 at 10:10 AM

LF

“ Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster



Lynette Franco - April 03, 2025 at 08:58 AM

AM

“ Anastasia Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Finita Mary (Mancuso) Paternoster



Anastasia Mancuso - April 02, 2025 at 07:15 PM

LS

It is with great sorrow that I read about Finita's passing. We worked together for many years at CPS. Finite was such a lovely, kind, giving person who always spoke with great pride of her family. Especially, her boys, her grandchildren and twin nieces. She loved you all so dearly. Finite had such a quick wit and somewhat dry sense of humor at times. Last time I saw her I stopped at the house and she told me, " she looked a fright" because she had sweats and sweatshirt on. I remember her telling me a story one time about how she was buying flowers at Price Chopper for her holiday table and she threw in a few extra for free! She was such a character! Well, heaven got another angel! I am so blessed to have had the privilege to call her friend.

Laurie Szmurlo - April 03, 2025 at 12:56 AM