



## Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone

December 3, 1941 - June 11, 2016

Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone, age 74, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family at her side.

Born in Utica on December 3, 1941, Pinky was the daughter of the late Frank J. and Marion (Garcea) Blase. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. In 1966 she married Philip A. DeSimone with whom she shared nearly 50 years. Pinky and Phil were a "comedy act", but they laughed at the end of the day and they loved each other unconditionally to the very last day.

Pinky was a dedicated stay-at-home mom. Her children were her priority and her grandchildren were her life. She loved each of them individually and she had an amazing relationship with each of them. She pursued an entrepreneurial venture in home healthcare as the owner and operator of "Pinky's Companions" Home Care Services.

Pinky was funny and full of life. She was a straight shooter and she fought hard and loved hard. She gave her kids endless love, guidance, and support. She instilled in them the importance of family values and traditions. Christmas Eve was sacred and holidays were a must. She had the best cooking and baking skills, and her loved ones will always remember the trays of cookies she sent as holiday cheer. She was old school but had a way of connecting to young minds. She had the best interests of her children and grandchildren in her heart, and in return, she had their love and respect. Pinky loved music and always had it playing. Saturday night was date night for her and her husband

which included The Lawrence Welk Show and that meant “Do Not Disturb”! Her favorite pastime was sitting under the grapevine with “The Golden Girls”. Pinky was a faith-filled woman who honored St. Jude and prayed for those she loved.

She is survived by her husband, Phil; her children, Frank DeSimone and fiancée Edina Gagula of CT, Philip DeSimone II and Renee (Spine) DeSimone of NC, Jamie and Joseph Barbero of Utica; her grandchildren, Frankie, and Bianca DeSimone; Philip, Joseph, and Vincent DeSimone; Nicholas, and Joseph Barbero; and her sisters, MaryJane Blase, and Nancy Blase, both of CT. Her extended family includes her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Dominick and Mirella DeSimone, Jane DeSimone, and Lucille DeSimone; her lifelong friend, Irene Talerico, and Angelo Giacobelli who she loved like a son. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Angelo “Midge” DeSimone Sr., Marie and Salvatore Alberico Sr., and Anthony DeSimone; and her nephews, Billy DeSimone, Joseph DeSimone, and Richard DeSimone.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Pinky’s funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN **16**. 10:30 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

CL

“ Rest in peace Pinky!!! Pinky and Phil had rented me my very first apartment when I was 19 years old, on Tilden Ave. in Utica. Pinky had a great sense of humor. I can remember sitting in the backyard under the vines listening to her stories about healthcare, as at the time, I was in nursing school. Prayers with her family, she was a great person!

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**Clarissa** - June 21, 2016 at 07:38 PM

DB

“ Frank Philip Jamie & Family

We are so very sorry for your mother's passing.

Joseph Danielle Christopher Coco & Family

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**Danielle Brucker** - June 16, 2016 at 04:15 PM

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“ Danielle Brucker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone



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**Danielle Brucker** - June 16, 2016 at 04:06 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss...Pinky had a huge heart and a great sense of humor... RIP my friend. Love,Maggie Aceto

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**maggie aceto** - June 15, 2016 at 08:54 PM

SF

“ Steven Kim & Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone.



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**Steven Kim & Family** - June 15, 2016 at 10:13 AM

MG

“ Frank, Philip, Renee and rest of DeSimone family Our deepest sympathy over the loss of your Mom, wife and grandmother. She was always so sweet and I always enjoyed talking to her when planning her trips . May all your wonderful memories together give you the peace and strength you all need during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Mary Jean & Jody Grippe

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**Mary Jean Grippe** - June 14, 2016 at 09:42 PM

MA

“ JAMIE & FAMILY,  
so sorry to hear about your mom she was a wonderful woman I enjoyed working for her  
and all the laughs we had she will be missed RIP "PINKY"  
MaryRose  
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**MaryRose Abdoo** - June 14, 2016 at 09:31 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone.*



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June 14, 2016 at 09:27 PM



“ *Jamie and Family, We are so sorry to hear about your Mom. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. God gained another angel. May "Pinky" rest in peace. Love Always, Deb and Bob.*

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**Debbie Barbero and Bob Crouse** - June 14, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“ *Jamie and Family, Your mother was a beautiful person. I will always remember her laughter, and smile. She loved her grand children very much. May our Lord give "Pinky" an open door to eternal life in heaven. May she have happiness, joy, peace, and comfort forever. Love Always, Josette Maldonado*

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**Josette Maldonado** - June 14, 2016 at 06:07 PM



“ *Frankie and Family, My thoughts and prayer are with you all. Pinky was one of a kind, always laughing and smiling. May she rest in peace. Paulette and AJ DeSimone*



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**Paulette DeSimone** - June 14, 2016 at 12:32 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire DeSimone family....Pinky was a wonderful woman who I've know practically my whole life....we always shared many laughs and will be sorely missed....I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the services as I will be out of town but will keep her and the entire family in my thoughts and prayers.... Tom Marchitelli and family...*

Tom Marchitelli - June 14, 2016 at 08:15 AM

SB

“ *to the desimone family so sorry for your loss, especially my sister in law Jamie. I know how close you were to your mom. may she rest in peace and god bless.*

sal barbero - June 14, 2016 at 12:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florene "Pinky" (Blase) DeSimone.*



June 13, 2016 at 06:18 PM

FF

“ *Chomping on the mint from my garden and picking out a Halloween costume.....going to miss you Pinky. I felt like I knew you my whole life. Rest now sweet lady and watch over all of us.*



Fran and Donna Redmond and family - June 13, 2016 at 05:23 PM

AV

*To Uncle Phil Frankie Phil Jamie and the entire family I am so sorry for your loss. All our prayers are with you all. Aunt Pinky was loved and will be missed. May God Bless each of you. Love your cousin Angela*

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**Angela Violante** - June 14, 2016 at 09:37 PM