



Mrs. Frances N. (Greco) Benzo

December 25, 1918 - August 29, 2022

UTICA - Mrs. Frances N. (Greco) Benzo, passed away on August 29, 2022 at the Sitrin Health Care Center. Frances was 103 years and eight months old. She was born in Utica on Christmas Day, December 25, 1918, to the late Cosmo and Julia (Palmisano) Greco. Frances was the widow of Pasquale H. "Pat" Benzo. They were married on October 5, 1940 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church, Utica.

Surviving Frances are three children: MaryRose (Charles) Dzyban of Las Vegas, Nevada, Pasquale C. (Carol) Benzo of Utica, New York, and Robert C. (Bonnie) Benzo, also of Las Vegas, Nevada. Frances also leaves five grandchildren: Dr. Lisa Ann (Dr. David Morison) Dzyban of Bellingham, Washington, Steven M. Dzyban of Franklin, Tennessee, Michael N. (Holly) Dzyban of Tacoma, Washington, Julie A. (Michael) Burline of Schuyler, New York, and Pasquale R. Benzo of Floyd, New York; as well as four wonderful great-granddaughters: Sophia Grace Dzyban, and Hope Madeline Dzyban, both of Tacoma, Washington, Lauryn Evelyn Morison of Bellingham, Washington, and Natalie Lorine Barber of Schuyler, New York. She is additionally survived by her sister, Julia Pelle, age 101, of Ashburn, Virginia; a brother, Remo Greco, age 95, of Redmond, Washington; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews from both the Benzo and Greco families. She was predeceased by her siblings, Florence Scarfo, and Dominick Greco.

Her family would like to thank the nursing and professional staff at the Sitrin

Health Care Center for the excellent care they gave to Frances. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in Frances' memory be made to the Sitrin Health Care Center online at <https://www.sitrin.com/donate-online>; envelopes will be available at the service.

The family honored and commemorated her life privately. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frances' Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will be held on Friday, September 9, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at Mary, Mother of Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St., Utica. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the church beginning at 10:30 a.m., prior to the Mass. Those unable to attend the service may view it live at <https://www.youtube.com/c/JoeSalernoOLOL>. Frances will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery alongside her husband.

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

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Church (Lourdes Campus)
2222 Genesee Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Benzo's passing. I was a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament Church when my three children were young. After my divorce, Mrs. Benzo would come to my home ever other Wednesday to watch my young children so I could get to an early morning bi-monthly meeting in Syracuse. She was like a grandmother to them! And boy, did she make them toe the mark! She made the best breakfasts! Thank you for sharing your mother, grandmother and great-grandmother with us. She was quite a wonderful woman!

Christine DeSanctis - September 12, 2022 at 10:47 AM

LD

“ *My grandmother was infamous for having strong opinions and voicing what they were throughout her life!*

However, she truly loved her family and friends and was fiercely dedicated to them. I will always lovingly remember all of the fabulous meals she (and Judy) would prepare for family celebrations! She patiently showed me how to make pasta by hand and kept every member of the family stocked with "turtle shells" for decades. When I think of my grandmother, I will mostly remember her in her big white kitchen, cooking specifically to the tastes and preferences of each family member (even when that was preparing snails over pasta for me and my Poppy or eel for her father).

She never missed a birthday, a Christmas, a graduation, a wedding or a funeral with her gifts, cards, food and participation. She visited us where ever the military put us (Germany, California, Nebraska) or where our lives went (Minnesota, Washington, Nevada).

She and my Mom took me to have my ears pierced when I was eight and she insisted on buying my first pair of earrings...I still have them and wear them often. I don't remember her playing with me when I was a child, but she did play with my daughter Lauryn and her cousin Hope when we were at dinner the night before her 100th birthday party. I cherish those minutes because they are probably the only memory my daughter will have of her great grandmother....a strong, dedicated good woman. She lived a long and productive life and she will be greatly missed by those that loved her.

Lisa Dzyban (granddaughter)

Lisa Ann Dzyban - September 09, 2022 at 01:12 PM

RK

“ dear family, i have great memories of frances during during my days as pastor from blessed sacrament from 1994 to 2004. she was such a classy lady, and always wanted things looking sharp especially around and in church. she had a great sense of humor and was able to roll with the punches as i recall when she had the fire in the house one wintertime she just continued to go on and on . she cam and worked for afew hours for the church on fridays in my time and when she left everthing was always tip top. may she rest in peace and blessings to all the family and friends. fr bob kelly

robert kelly - September 07, 2022 at 02:27 PM

DM

“ Pat and family, please accept my sincere condolences on your loss. She certainly had the gift of longevity...

Don Marino - September 04, 2022 at 09:52 AM

DM

“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances N. (Greco) Benzo



Don Marino - September 04, 2022 at 09:50 AM

RB

“ She was a sweet lady. She was my first lady I worked with when I started working at sitrin. I miss her everyday she will always be in my heart and prayers rest in peace grandma love you.



Rebecca L Blanchard - September 01, 2022 at 05:13 AM