



## Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore

January 7, 1926 - October 21, 2016

Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore, age 90, passed away peacefully with family members by her side on Friday, October 21, 2016.

Fran was born in Utica on January 7, 1926. She was the daughter of the late Antonio and Giovanna Guarino Spina.

Fran was raised and educated in Utica. She graduated from Thomas R. Proctor High School in 1943. Immediately after high school at the age of 16, Fran entered the Faxon Hospital School of Nursing in Utica. She graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1946 and was awarded the Florence Nightingale Pin. This honor was given to a Faxon graduate who best exemplified the truest qualities of a nurse. She was a proud member of the Faxon Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association.

On September 28, 1957, Fran was united in marriage to Rudolph T. De Tore. They shared a loving relationship for 55 years until his passing on November 28, 2012.

Fran loved the profession of nursing. It was her true calling, second only to being a wonderful mother. She was a practicing Registered Nurse for 50 years and was a well-respected medical professional. She worked in Utica hospitals since becoming an R.N. at the age of 19 and was much loved by the patients she served and by her many nurse colleagues. She concluded her long nursing career as a weekend nursing supervisor at the Masonic Care Community.

Fran loved the fall of the year and all of its beautiful colors. She loved

preparing meals for her family and took great pride in having all of them by her side.

A beautiful and loving mother, Fran is survived by her five loving and devoted children: MaryCarmel De Tore, Janice and Bill Catalano, Thomas De Tore and partner Jim McGuire, Laurie and Dr. William F. Cox, MD and Evelyn and Jim Schiavetta. She is also survived by her beloved grandson, Lance Joseph Cox, the light of her life.

Fran is also survived by her sister-in-law, Alice Spina, her niece, Jennifer Spina, and her nephews, Tony, Richard and Nicky Spina and their spouses. Fran also leaves her cousins and many friends especially her dear and long-time friend, Mrs. Florie Scarchilli. Fran was predeceased by her beloved brothers, Joseph M. Spina and Nick A. Spina and her infant sister.

The De Tore family would like to acknowledge its gratitude to the staff of the Siegenthaler Center in New Hartford. Fran's strong faith and religion guided her through life. Another angel has entered into heaven.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Fran's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark P. Kaminski. Interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

## Visitation

OCT **26**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
[eannacefh@roadrunner.com](mailto:eannacefh@roadrunner.com)

# Tribute Wall

LC

“ Happy 100th Birthday Mom, in heaven. Love you, miss you and think of you every day. In my heart forever. Love, Laurie ❤️

Laurie Cox - January 07 at 08:48 PM

ES

“ Happy Birthday Mom! Wish you were here so we can celebrate your 100th! Thinking of you, especially on your special day. Miss you more than words can say. Love you more each day. Always in our hearts.

evelyn schiavetta - January 07 at 08:30 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Schiavetta lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore



Evelyn Schiavetta - March 13, 2018 at 09:44 AM

ES

Mom - Missing you more every day. Love, your kids

Evelyn Schiavetta - March 13, 2018 at 09:45 AM

LC

“ Laurie, Bill And Lance Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore



Laurie, Bill and Lance Cox - October 28, 2016 at 08:18 AM

LC

“ Laurie, Bill And Lance Cox lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore



Laurie, Bill and Lance Cox - October 28, 2016 at 08:15 AM

LC

Mom, we love and miss you, you were the light of our lives. Thank you for everything, and for being such a wonderful mother and grandmother. Love, Laurie, Bill and Lance

Laurie, Bill and Lance Cox - October 28, 2016 at 08:17 AM

LC

Mom, Bill, Lance and I love and miss you very much. Thank you for everything. Love, Laur, Bill and Lance

Laurie, Bill and Lance Cox - October 28, 2016 at 08:20 AM

JT

“ *My husband and I made the sad trip back home on Monday; it was a typical sad day- cloudy and some light rain. As we drove further north, specks of sunshine started burning through the cloud cover and suddenly the beauty of an autumn landscape in Upstate New York saved the day. And we felt mom's presence as she truly loved the autumn season and its magnificent panorama of color.*



*I'll choose to remember this beauty instead of the clouds in much the same way that I choose to remember my good fortune in having such an amazing Mom instead of the sadness of today. I choose to cherish my blessings today. I choose love instead of anger or fear.*

*My husband lost his mother 31 years ago. He is an only child and he and his mother were extremely close. He had trouble even speaking the word "mom". Calling someone else Mom was probably the furthest thing from his mind. You know the rest of the story. Bill considers himself the luckiest guy in the world for having the 2 most incredible Mom's anyone could have.*

*Our mom was full of compassion for the unfortunate, full of hospitality for those who were weary, full of kindness for those who were struggling and full of God's love for all.*

*Mom, we will miss you so much.*

*Janice and Bill*

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**Janice De Tore-Catalano** - October 25, 2016 at 07:32 PM

VC

“ *What a wonderful lady, full of life and always enjoyable to see. May all of her children and Lance have memories to share of her for always! Vernon Colditz*

Vernon Colditz - October 25, 2016 at 02:53 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.*



October 25, 2016 at 09:45 AM

TA

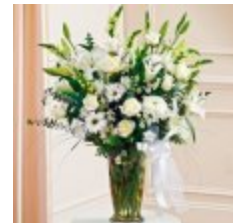
“ *Tabatha Armstorng lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore*



Tabatha Armstorng - October 25, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MT

“ *Maureen and Russ Topping purchased the White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.*



Maureen and Russ Topping - October 24, 2016 at 10:44 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 07:03 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 05:47 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 04:21 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 03:07 PM



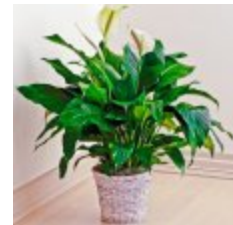
“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 02:46 PM



“ Maria and Vince Martinucci purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



**Maria and Vince Martinucci** - October 24, 2016 at 02:17 PM



“ Your friends at the Chamber purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



**Your friends at the Chamber** - October 24, 2016 at 12:11 PM



“ Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Frances C. "Fran" (Spina) De Tore.



October 24, 2016 at 10:05 AM

AP

“ Dear Carm; Jan and Bill; Tom and Jim; Laurie, Bill, and Lance; Evie and Jim: This photo is how I will always remember your mom and her distinct laugh and zest for life. She was indeed a wonderful mom to all of you and you are a testament to your parents' upbringing. They were warm, humorous, and kind. No one wants to belong to this club of having parents who have passed on, but I hope that you carry on the traditions in your family that were passed down to you. In that way you'll keep her (and him) alive in your hearts forever. Thinking of you during this time of profound loss. With love and friendship...Anita



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**Anita Pariseau** - October 23, 2016 at 12:13 PM