



## Frances M. (Lupino) Grabski

November 19, 1919 - September 29, 2012

Mrs. Frances M. (Lupino) Grabski, age 92, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on November 19, 1919, Frances was the daughter of the late Anthony and Maria (Condo) Lupino. She was raised and educated locally. On July 7, 1945, she wed John Grabski with whom she shared 34 years prior to his passing on January 12, 1980; the couple was blessed with a marriage filled with love, respect, and many fond memories.

During her working life, Frances was employed by Savage Arms, Chicago Pneumatic, and the General Electric Company where she worked on the line and as a Radio Tester. Frances was a benevolent woman whose first concern was the well-being of her family. She absolutely adored her grandchildren and was there for all their school activities and concerts. She was generous with her time and brought love to those who knew her. She also had a sunny and spirited sense of humor and was vigilant in remembering everyone's birthday. She was well-prepared for the family tradition of gathering for Sunday dinner, complete with her famous homemade anise toast cookies, and her light and fluffy sponge cakes for all the birthdays she loved to celebrate. She also enjoyed solving crossword puzzles and crocheting. She lovingly created beautiful blankets for every baby that was born into the family. Frances was

eclectic in her musical repertoire, but her greatest appreciation and pride was derived from watching and listening to the musical talents of her family and grandchildren who are prominent performers, professional instrumentalists, and members of the iconic “La Banda Rossa” (Red Band) and the much-acclaimed contemporary band, Holidaye, entertaining audiences with a wide range of dancing and listening music. Frances was devoted to her Catholic creed and was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. She spent countless years in the Altar-Rosary Society of St. Anthony’s taking care of the altar and ceremonial cloths and vestments. She served the church by conducting the rosary for members of the church and attending daily Mass. She was a loyal friend to all, including the many ladies she would assist with everyday chores and errands, driving them to doctor’s appointments, and shopping for them. She relished her many trips with the ladies of St. Anthony’s and was there inspiring them to recite the rosary while on the road. She was honored to be often called upon to say special prayers for loved ones and friends.

Frances is survived by her son, John F. Grabski; her daughters and son-in-law, Marie Elefante, and Elaine and Al Galime, all of Utica; her grandchildren, David and Anjana Elefante, Marc and Cheri Elefante, Michael and Jody Galime, Richard and Mary Galime, and Julia Galime; and her great-grandchildren, Arianna Elefante, Armand Elefante, Victoria Elefante, Grace Elefante, and Lena Galime. In addition, she leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister in law Alice Zyskowski of Utica, special friends the Ray and Grace Durso family, caretaker Liz, and Deacon Billy and her many dear friends from St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. She was pre-deceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose M. and Michael D. Calenzo, and Carmella and James Famolaro; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Augustine and Anna Lupino, Fred and Harriet Lupino, and John and Frances Lupino; and her in-laws Chester, Edward, Stanley, and Walter Grabski, Helen Spagnuolo, Stella Janicki, and Mary F. Grabski.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the 3rd and 4th Floors of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center; friends and staff at Sitrin Daycare who will deeply miss Frances. Their professionalism and support will not be forgotten.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be considered to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Frances' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT 3. 9:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

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OCT 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

AP

“ Dear Frances, Friends and Family: You were a beautiful lady whom I have very fond memories of. You shared a lot with my family and I love you for that. Our families are always like one. You will be truly missed and in my thoughts every time I go to Grandpa and Grandma's house next door. I will treasure the memories of your smile, your laugh, your big heart and the taste and smell of your infamous pizza! You lived an endearing life from the stories I am told of you and my Grandpa growing up. I love you for who you are and all that you were! My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends during this difficult time. xoxo

Amy Pastorella

Amy Pastorella - October 02, 2012 at 03:35 PM

PY

“ Patrick Young lit a candle in memory of Frances M. (Lupino) Grabski



Patrick Young - October 02, 2012 at 11:10 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Sonny Calabrese - October 01, 2012 at 02:52 PM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Frances M. (Lupino) Grabski*



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**Don Marino** - September 30, 2012 at 07:54 PM

MS

“ *My husband and I wanted to send our condolences to you all! You all are a huge part of my family even though we are not blood related. I have always thought of Frances as my 3rd grandmother - always waving and seeing her from my grandparent's house next door. Frances was always smiling. I adore my time I spent with her at Sitrin doing her exercises, making sure she was doing okay! And I cannot forget her pizza as to which I still don't know how she made it so good! Every time my dad's birthday rolled around she always remembered and made a lot for all of us to eat. Frances, we love you and will miss you greatly.*

*Love, Marianne and John Sodaro (Cissy's daughter)*

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**Marianne (Pastorella) and John Sodaro** - September 30, 2012 at 07:18 PM

SA

“ *My sincere condolences to the Grabski and Lapino families.....I know how much she will be missed by all, as she was the family Rock.*

*I'll always remember her answering the phone when I called and being so pleasant and friendly.....remember also her "great Popcorn" .....what a treat !*

*Mrs. Grabski always sent me a nice Christmas card, folks like this are always remembered by all*

*John I am truly sorry, let me know if I can do anything to help.....  
Sal Aversa*

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**Sal Aversa** - September 30, 2012 at 06:33 AM

SC

*Dear Elaine, Al & Family,*

*We are sorry for your great loss. She was such a sweet lady, and we always enjoyed being in her company. We will always remember the delicious tomato pie she would make for parties and gatherings. She was a remarkable woman who God decided to take home with him. May she rest in peace. Amen.*

*Love Cousins,  
Sonny & Mary Calabrese*

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**Sonny Calabrese** - October 01, 2012 at 02:52 PM

AT

“ 4 files added to the album *Happy Times*



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**Andy Talarico** - September 29, 2012 at 05:51 PM