



## Mrs. Frances L. (Pedone) Pandolf

January 9, 1927 - February 25, 2022

UTICA – Mrs. Frances L. “Frannie” (Pedone) Pandolf, age 95, peacefully passed and was reunited with her husband Phil on Friday, February 25, 2022, with those she loved most held in her heart.

Frances was born on January 9, 1927, to the late Julio and Gaetana (Mutalo) Pedone. She and her children also knew the love of her stepmother, Francesca (Zammiello) Pedone. Frannie was raised and educated locally in Utica Schools.

On November 4, 1950, Frannie was blessed to marry the love of her life, Philip M. Pandolf. Theirs was a beautiful union of 71 years. She had entrusted her heart to Philip, the man who was her perfect match. Those blessed to witness their love fondly remember how she would acknowledge him as “the King of her Kingdom.” Frances had missed Philip dearly since his passing on June 15, 2021. Their children have peace knowing that these two soulmates finally are together again, and consider this a blessing.

Frannie’s career began at General Electric Company on Bleecker Street, where she was an Assembler. After that, her path shifted as she accepted employment in the Housekeeping Department at St. Joseph Nursing Home. Although she was positioned in the Housekeeping Department, Frannie also gave her heart to the residents and was many times an advocate for their needs.

To Frances, no one who entered her home was considered a stranger. She had a heart full of unconditional love and compassion, which she poured out

on others through her cooking and hospitality. As a hostess, Frannie was unmatched! Often, she would send guests home with “to-goes.” Her kitchen was her domain, her home was her castle, and Frances loved life and people. She was truly a benefactress to many, using her best skills to shower her spirit on others.

As a mom, she was extremely nurturing and gave a fine example to her children of how to live a wonderful life. Frances lived simply, leaving behind her children as the legacy of which she was most proud. She always wanted her loved ones to be healthy and well. Her children admired her countless virtues, her charisma, her protective nature, her ability to stand her ground, and they enjoyed her fun side! The magical two-family home on Mohawk Street saw more action and recollections than can possibly be recounted. Frances also enjoyed visiting the Casino, finding it an enjoyable pastime and an opportunity to dine out. Additionally, she loved shopping at Wegmans to find the best foods to prepare in her dishes, which were genuine delights. Whether she was out on a jaunt or in the home, Frannie was well put-together in both attire and mindset – everything had to match, and God forgive her if she wasn’t wearing her “rouge”!

Frances, with her magnetic personality, exhibited an accepting heart for others. She was one in a million, and those who love her know it would be hard to find a woman like her again.

She had an inspiring spirituality, she prayed often and loved the Lord, with whom she had a deep connection. This relationship brought her comfort, and her children consider themselves blessed to have witnessed this quality in their mom. When Frannie and Phil were well and able, they loved to attend Mass, and found it renewing. She was a parishioner at St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Frances is survived by her devoted and caring sons and daughters-in-law, Philip J. and Kahway “Kay” Pandolf; and David A. and Christine “Chrissy” Pandolf. Frances leaves behind beloved grandchildren, Kari and Thomas Moloney, and Patrick and Gabrielle Crimmins; as well as her great-

grandchildren, Aidan Moloney, and Brett Crimmins. Frances will be held in the hearts of her sister, Donna (Pedone) Merhib (and her late husband Frank); as well as her brother, John Pedone (and his late wife Mary). Frances was preceded by her sister, Philomena Pedone; and her brother and sister-in-law, John G. "Jack" and Lucy Pedone. Frances will be fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great-nephews, Lisa Reich and her children, Taylor and Brianna Reich; Renee and Andy Trojnar, and their sons John, and Drew; Francine and Al Young, and their son Brandon; Donna Marie and David Sprague; Michael Merhib and Tatiana, and his children Anastasia, and Nicholas; and Rosemary Tarnowski and JC Pantola. Additionally, Frances will be missed by her cousins, Danny and Carmelita Vanno, Anna Rose Sanzone, Russell Spina, Michele Seakan, RoseAnn Sanzone, Michael Sanzone, and Loretta Spina. Frances leaves behind her lifelong friend Diane Furgol, and a dear and trusted person in her life, Pam Nigro. She also spent many great times with Ken and Ling Szeto, and their family, Nasana Szeto, Waiyee (who was her goddaughter) and husband Joe Kennedy, and their daughter, Kiana Kennedy. Frances was predeceased by her niece, Antoinette "Toni" Carbone; her nephew, Frankie Merhib; and she always held in her heart the memories she shared with her in-laws, Philip and Rosie (Spina) Pandolf – the couple with whom Frances and her husband Phil had shared that special home on Mohawk Street, whom she loved dearly and held a great closeness. Frances held in her heart the memories of Richard and Maryrose Azzarito, with whom she shared many laughs and unforgettable times.

Frannie was blessed to be cared for by a compassionate group of nurses and aides at Clark North, to whom the family wishes to express their gratitude. It was an experience for her to get to know the entire staff at MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, from the administration and caregivers to the fellow residents, and to all the others who are too many to mention. Frannie was beloved by all and referred to as "Grandma." Her family will be forever grateful for all that was included in her incredible care – it was an

embracing experience.

The family honored and commemorated Frances's life at a private time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, online at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate) - Frannie was always so mindful of the children and of this patron saint. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frances's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life on Friday, March 4, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay Street. There will be a Receiving Line for those who are in attendance, and others may view the service livestream at [www.youtube.com/c/stmaryofmountcarmelblessedsacrament](http://www.youtube.com/c/stmaryofmountcarmelblessedsacrament). Interment will take place at St. Agnes Cemetery in the Spring.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ My condolences and prayers Dave for you and the family. I'm so sorry to hear about your mother, she is in the hands of our Lord now and reunited with your father. I cannot make it up to Utica but know I'll have you all and your mother in thoughts and prayers. May she RIP.

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**Bob Ollerenshaw** - March 04, 2022 at 08:24 AM

BR

“ So sorry too hear about frannie , i was a longtime neighbor of the PEDONE on Catherine Street , sincerly Bob Rosato of Deerfieldbeach fl

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**Bob Rosato** - March 02, 2022 at 09:12 PM

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“ I love you forever Fran.. my sweet special lady I could never forget you ever looking after you for years and still being able to come see you on your worst days dropping by to see you. You appreciating me for all the things I've done but more importantly me thanking you for being an amazing soul & an amazing person in my life. I'm going to miss you so much I'm sure the afterlife is a beautiful place I hope you and Phil are having a ball! Love always your other daughter D!

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**Desiree Moore (Dee)** - March 02, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ Prayers and sympathy to the Pandolf family. Such comfort to know that she is reunited with her husband Phil. May their legacy live on in all that knew them. They were gracious and welcoming people to all they met. It was an honor to know them both. Johann and Rock Garramone

Johann Garramone - March 02, 2022 at 12:02 PM

DS

“ She always laughed when I'd call her 'short stuff'. No one ever left her house hungry and she always had a smile. We will miss her greatly, but are grateful knowing she is where she would want to be holding hands with her beloved Philip

donnamarie sprague - March 02, 2022 at 10:52 AM

TF

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Our family is keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.



Tim and Jeanette Gotch and family - March 01, 2022 at 04:22 PM

DM

“ Donna Pedone Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Frances L. (Pedone) Pandolf



Donna Pedone Merhib - March 01, 2022 at 04:12 PM

DM

“ My sister, my friend , my confidant for 70 years. How will I be able to do this without you. You hated when I told you I loved you because you said you always knew I did. Lol. I would say it every time and I will continue to say it everyday until I draw my last breathe Rest In Peace my beautiful sister until we meet again. Imagine all the gossip I will have for you. I love you Franny, you took a piece of my heart with you. ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️☐

Donna Pedone Merhib - March 01, 2022 at 04:11 PM

SD

“ Steve Degeorge sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Frances L. (Pedone) Pandolf



Steve Degeorge - March 01, 2022 at 11:50 AM

KC

“ Phil, so sorry for your loss and I'll be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Kim Curtis - March 01, 2022 at 07:43 AM

SD

Phil , Kay and David- My sincere sympathy for the loss of a great lady. May she rest in peace as she is re-united with her beloved husband, Phil.

Steve Degeorge - March 01, 2022 at 11:48 AM