



Mrs. Gayle Elaine (Frey) Taurisano

October 9, 1939 - March 20, 2025

NEW HARTFORD – Mrs. Gayle Elaine (Frey) Taurisano, age 85, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the comfort and dignity of her home. At the time of her passing, her loving family was by her side.

Born in Utica on October 9, 1939, Gayle was the daughter of the late William M. and Arlene T. (Richards) Frey. A graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1957, she later received her nursing license from St. Elizabeth School of Nursing.

Gayle was wed to Michael P. Taurisano on February 10, 1959. Their relationship began as high school sweethearts at the age of 14 and spanned 71 years, including 66 years of marriage.

She began her career in private duty nursing care, while raising five children. She then built her own business from the ground up at a time when female entrepreneurs were very rare. Beginning as a nursing registry that developed into a New York State Licensed Homecare Agency, Oxford Home Care Services has been the premier home healthcare agency in Oneida County for over 40 years. Upon her retirement at age 75, her eldest daughters, Laine and Tami, took over and maintained the standard that Gayle set.

Gayle was a true visionary, passing her work ethic and creativity on to her

children and grandchildren, who are all extremely proud of her entrepreneurial legacy.

Gayle's life revolved around the love and needs of her family, and her generosity was second to none. She was dignified, private, and reserved, and always displayed impeccable taste, style, and subtle wit. She was fondly known as "Mema" by her grandchildren and their friends.

Being of the Catholic faith, she was devoted to the Blessed Mother, praying the rosary twice each day. Christmas was especially important to her and her Christmas Eve celebrations have left a profound impact on the entire family.

Gayle is survived by her husband, Michael; children and their spouses, Laine and Sam Berardino, Tami and Michael Pfisterer, Michael V. Taurisano, Kristin Boutin and Köll Cherizard, and Dayle and Thomas Turczyn; grandchildren, Lindsay Berardino and Paul Kawam, Liane and Steven Zalewski; Alix and Chris Hulihan, Maximillian Pfisterer, Augustus Pfisterer; Zachary Boutin, Lucas and Mariah Boutin, Gavan Boutin; and Sydney and Sean Miklas; and seven great-grandchildren, Rohm Zalewski, Ellie Zalewski, Shea Zalewski; Sophie Hulihan; Magnolia Boutin, Violet Boutin; and Maeve Miklas. She will also be missed by her sister-in-law, Rose Frey (the late Michael Frey); former son-in-law, Michael Boutin; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Terry and Barbara Taurisano, and Phil and Kitty Taurisano; and lifelong friends, Gloria and Al Barbato, and JoAnn McKelvey (the late James McKelvey). She was predeceased by her beloved brother, Michael Frey; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Alfred and Philomena (Daniels) Taurisano; brother-in-law, Alfred "AL T" Taurisano; and sister-in-law, Denise Taurisano.

Gayle was cared for in her home by her devoted husband and daughters.

Additionally, the family would like to extend their gratitude to Gayle's longtime physician, Dr. Bhisham Garg for his care and compassion; her home health aides, Estela, Jill, and Georgia; and Hospice & Palliative Care.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Gayle's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an opportunity to pay respects to the family at the conclusion of Mass. Those who are unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://www.youtube.com/@eannacefuneralhome804/streams>. Inurnment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at a later date.

Please omit floral offerings.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 29. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Dear Mike and family
We are so very sorry to hear of Gayle’s passing.
You are all in our thoughts during this difficult time.*

The Chambrones Rosemary, Joe Jr and Michael

Rosemary Brown - April 04, 2025 at 05:38 PM

GM

“ *Mike and family, I belatedly saw this and extend my condolences to you and your family. I still laugh about the time I appeared in my USAF/CAP uniform to drop off some leather work and Gayle thought I was the recruiter who had been apparently talking to your son and threw a fit. we all had a good laugh about that. Doc*

Gerald Marketos - March 31, 2025 at 03:13 PM

ER

“ *So sorry to hear of Gayles passing. I worked for her since 1985 and she made sure all clients received superb care. My condolences to family 🙏.*

Elizabeth Race - March 30, 2025 at 02:06 PM

WM

“ Laine/Sam + Family,
Please accept this note of condolence at this critical time.
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed + Very dear.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Lorraine + Wester Miga

Wester Miga - March 30, 2025 at 01:52 PM

DT

“ Mike and family very sorry about the passing of Gayle she will be truly missed.

David & Joanne Taurisano - March 29, 2025 at 03:31 PM

BS

“ Sincere Sympathy to all of Gayle's Family, so sorry for your loss. She will be missed by many. May you all have peace and comfort during this sad time. Barbara and Charles Sears , Canton GA

Barbara Sears - March 27, 2025 at 04:46 PM

SF

“ My heartfelt condolences to your family. Gayle was a wonderful cousin to my mom and so kind and generous to me as a kid growing up. The thing that I remember most is Gayle's wonderful sense of humor. All these years later, I can still hear her laugh. Love, Scott Frey

Scott Frey - March 26, 2025 at 11:42 AM

FS

“ Mike, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Frank Simonelli - March 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM

JJ

“ Mike
Beckie and I are crushed to hear the sad news. Our hearts go out to you my friend, and the extremely loving family that surrounds you in your time of loss and grief. Love you Buddy- Your military Brother in Alabama

jim - March 24, 2025 at 07:20 PM

NP

“ Mike and Family,
Knowing Mike and Gayle for over 30 years, they were a great couple to associate with, many parties with members of UPD, laughter so funny it brought tears and our cheeks would Hurt. Gayle would always be concerned with our families, and in the time of need she would call us and be by our side. Gayle was a great conversationalist, and when she spoke to u her attentiveness was all on you, Gayle will be missed by All that came into her life, Rest In Peace Gayle.

Nick & Mary Parrotta - March 24, 2025 at 05:07 PM

NF

Nick & Mary Parrotta, Naples Florida

Nick & Mary Parrotta/ Naples Florida - March 24, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Mike & Family,
Prayers and thoughts for you . Steve & Beth Graham*

Stephen Graham - March 23, 2025 at 11:52 PM