



Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley

September 27, 1930 - February 25, 2024

NEW HARTFORD – Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley, age 93, passed away on Sunday, February 25, 2024, with her loving family by her side.

Isabel was born on September 27, 1930, and raised in the Capron section of Utica, a daughter of the late Abraham and Mary (Boulos) Saba. She was educated in local schools and graduated as an honor student from Utica Free Academy. She was married in St. Louis Gonzaga Church to James J. Nackley, a loving union of 43 years until his passing. They raised 7 children and were blessed with 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Isabel was a devoted mother and “lyna” to her family. She loved entertaining family and friends at their home and enjoyed making all the traditional Lebanese cuisine for them. Isabel took up the game of tennis as a young grandmother and was an avid player, outrunning her younger teammates on the court. Isabel’s favorite expression was “I am blessed” and she was indeed.

Isabel is survived by her children and their spouses, Mary (Dominick) DeAngelo, Gail Uebelhoer, Sandra (Mark) Barr, Elizabeth (Susan Russell) Nackley, Susan (Mark) Mojave, and Dr. James (Dr. Anna) Nackley; daughter-in-law, Victoria Nackley Battin; her sister, Edwina (Martin) Young; and two sisters-in-law, Rose Saba, and Susan (Nackley) Moran. Isabel is also survived by her cherished grandchildren, Kristen, Jennifer, Kevin, Michael, Mary

Terese, Elizabeth, Mark, Luke, Meredith, Jocelyn, Phillip, Alexandra, Jacqueline, Evan, Madison, Isabel, Elise, and James; and great-grandchildren, Ella, Mia, Michael, Dominick, Maximilian, Kara, Julie, Taylor, Leila, Marissa, Grace, Thomas, Katherine, Alice, Beatrice, Evelyn, and June.

Isabel was predeceased by her son, Michael Nackley (2011); son-in-law, Bernard Uebelhoer (2015); and siblings, Sadie, Vicky, Joe, Rahja, Fannie, Mary, Kate, and Bea.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Isabel's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger St., where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Boutros El Hachem. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89737377517>. Inurnment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of floral offerings, please consider donations in Isabel's honor to either of the following:

The James J. Nackley Memorial Scholarship fund at MVCC online at <https://www.mvcc.edu/foundation/donate.php> or by mail to MVCC, Payne Hall, Room 220, 1101 Sherman Dr., Utica, NY 13501.

The Michael J. Nackley '78 Memorial Scholarship Fund at Utica University online at <https://www.utica.edu/advance/donate.cfm> or by mail to Utica University, Moses G. Hubbard Hall, 1600 Burrstone Rd., Utica, NY 13502.

The Bernie and Gail Uebelhoer Fund for Film and Cinematic Arts at Munson online at <https://www.munson.art/donation/step2> or by mail to Munson, 310 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502.

Envelopes for the above donations will also be available at the service.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church with a receiving line to follow
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

KK

“ I remember how Wonderfully warm and Generously Loving, Understanding and Happy she was . The first time I was invited to dinner by , we had Fdoit that she handmade- Delicious !!! God Bless You, Mrs. Mackey, and your Loving Family , especially Sandy.❤️
Katherine Klein Kane

Katherine Kane - April 08, 2024 at 12:46 PM

SK

“ I so enjoyed playing tennis with Isabel at Paragon Athletic Club. She remains an inspiration to me for the way she played (into her 80s, I think).

Shirley Knop - March 14, 2024 at 04:16 PM

LG

“ I first met Isabel at the Brookside Athletic Club, and I was drawn to her smile right from the start. I soon filled in when one of her tennis team members didn't show up. We had such a fun time. I then became friends with her daughter Sue, and we remained friends, or should I say extended family. Isabel will be missed by so many. Until we meet again. God Speed, Isabel.

Lillian Gunderman - March 09, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ I have to remain anonymous so I don't get in trouble after saying this but lyna made the best grape leaves and fried kibbeh, second to none (sorry, Mom).

M - March 08, 2024 at 01:43 PM

BB

“ So sorry for you loss Mary and family. May the Lord be with you at this difficult time.- Bill Britt

bill britt - March 07, 2024 at 05:47 PM

FF

“ From Flowers, Simpson, & Vasquez families purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



From Flowers, Simpson, & Vasquez families - March 07, 2024 at 10:19 AM

SF

“ SMITH and RADCLIFFE FAMILY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



SMITH and RADCLIFFE FAMILY - March 06, 2024 at 03:43 PM

SE

“ I met Isabel on the tennis court when I was brand new to the sport. I was terrible and I couldn't serve to save my soul. Her laughter & encouragement carried me through until I could improve. She taught me to laugh at myself and love others the way they are. She said we never know whose life we may change just by encouraging them. I will never forget her.

Shirley Eadline - March 06, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



March 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ The Family of Eric Coligado planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

The Family of Eric Coligado - March 06, 2024 at 10:41 AM



“ Denise H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Denise H. - March 05, 2024 at 09:18 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



March 03, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LC

“ Love and Prayers, Rafael & Allison Chan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Love and Prayers, Rafael & Allison Chan - March 03, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LF

“ Love the Chan family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



Love the Chan family - March 03, 2024 at 05:29 PM

LF

“ Love the Chan family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Love the Chan family - March 03, 2024 at 05:29 PM

SN

“ Dear Nackley Family:

I am so very sorry to learn of Isabel's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

From the time I first met Beth in kindergarten, through the summers at Camp Nazareth, the Brownie & Girl Scout adventures, and the many dinners at Chez Nackley, Isabel always welcomed me into the family. At the Nackley home, I tasted my first grape leaves, tabbouleh, kibbeh and experienced the joyful art of string cheese. I learned to peel, chop, dice and navigate the lazy susan under Isabel's watchful eye. I loved those times and I always wanted to be a Nackley, but my blonde hair and green eyes gave me away. Thank you Isabel, for always making me feel like one of your own, and for sharing your wisdom with me throughout the years. I miss you. Love, Sherri

Sherri Naughton - March 02, 2024 at 03:53 PM

SN

“ Sherri N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Sherri N. - March 02, 2024 at 03:04 PM

TM

“ The Jesuit Sophomore Moms purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



The Jesuit Sophomore Moms - March 01, 2024 at 01:14 PM

MF

“ Such a lovely smile full of joy! Enjoyed meeting Mrs. Nackley many times over the years beginning at Jim and Anna’s wedding. Delighted in her family 🙏🎉👍❤️ most recently post covid when she came to Texas again 😊
So blessed 🙏❤️😊
Maria Fawcett



Maria Aquino Fawcett - February 29, 2024 at 08:44 PM

CS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris Shahoud - February 29, 2024 at 04:50 PM

CP

“ Chris P. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Chris P. - February 29, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



February 28, 2024 at 07:27 PM

TG

“ The Great Grands planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

The Great Grands - February 28, 2024 at 07:27 PM

KP

“ Kathleen Parisi purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.



Kathleen Parisi - February 28, 2024 at 06:50 PM

KP

“ Kathleen Parisi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Isabel Margaret (Saba) Nackley.

Kathleen Parisi - February 28, 2024 at 06:50 PM