



Mrs. Isabella (Cucci) Shanley

November 12, 1937 - December 18, 2021

NEW HARTFORD – Mrs. Isabella (Cucci) Shanley, age 84, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021, with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 12, 1937 to the late Vincenzo “Vincent” and Palma (Pinto) Cucci, Isabella was raised and educated locally. She went on to graduate T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1955.

Isabella began her professional life by accepting a position with Mele Manufacturing Co., which she held for many years. Sometime later, Isabella made the transition to a position as a Customer Service Representative at Bradlees, where she remained until the department store’s closure in 2001. Isabella met and then married the love of her life, James A. “Jimmy” Shanley, on September 15, 1962. The couple shared 54 blessed years together prior to his passing on January 7, 2017. A woman devoted to her family, Isabella was a loving and committed wife, sister, and aunt. She both loved and prioritized her family, and her generous heart inspired her constant giving to family members and friends. Isabella especially enjoyed sharing holiday traditions with family – predominantly those surrounding Christmas. A great cook, Isabella would festively adorn the holiday table with classic and delectable Italian specialties.

For fun, Isabella delighted in spending time with fellow classmates from her school years, and particularly enjoyed her sorority sisters from Sigma Chi Alpha. Whenever the group gathered together, which they did regularly, Isabella loved the entertaining times they shared. She also enjoyed traveling

with her husband on their numerous Autumn trips to the coast of Maine, which was memorably stunning in September.

Isabella professed the Catholic Creed, and appreciated attending Mass each week.

Isabella is survived by her brother, Peter V. Cucci; as well as her sister, Marianne Pecheone and predeceased by her late husband Carmen C. Pecheone, Sr. Isabella was predeceased by her brother, Anthony P. "Tony" Cucci, and leaves behind her sister-in-law, Joanne Cucci. Isabella will be fondly remembered by her many nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Carmen Jr. and Lee Pecheone, and Mariangela Pecheone; great-nieces and great-nephews, with special acknowledgement of John Carlo Pecheone, whom she adored like a grandson; and many cousins. Isabella will be missed by her in-laws, Arlene and Grant Bouck, Donna and Vincent Alexander, Julian and Irene Shanley, and JoAnn Cattadoris Cucci. She will be held in the heart of her faithful, life-long and devoted friend, Rosemarie Giannotti. Isabella was predeceased by her beloved niece, Joanne Pecheone; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, James A. and Jennie (Poszko) Shanley; and her dear friend, Jeanie Ventura Elliott, whom she greatly cherished.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff of the Aspen Unit at Sitrin Health Care for their compassionate care of Isabella.

In keeping with Isabella's wishes, the family will honor her life privately. In lieu of flowers, if you wish to honor the memory of Isabella, please consider making a donation in her name to the Make-A-Wish foundation, online at: <https://wish.org/donate>. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

ST

“ *My friend has the same name as this lady does I looked up my friends name and this came up her name is Isabella Shanley*

stella - March 30, 2022 at 04:55 PM

AJ

“ *I worked with Isabella at Mele's in the IBM department when I was in high school. She was a joy and a lady and generous in spirit. She is an unforgettable presence on earth and beyond.*

Amy Borababy Jabbour - December 26, 2021 at 10:38 AM

CM

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Isabella at the Aspen House while visiting my mother there. She was a good friend to my mom and such a lovely person. My deepest condolences.*

Christina Massoud - December 25, 2021 at 09:49 AM

JC

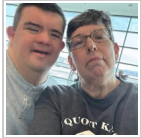
“ *I wish to send my condolences to Isabelle's family. We were school mates so very long ago. She was the type of person that is easy to keep in mind even though we have been so many miles apart. May she rest in eternal peace.*

Joseph (Joe) Caramato - December 23, 2021 at 07:04 AM

TC

“ I have so many memories of Isabelle I don't know where to start. She and my sister Rose Marie were inseperable and I was the tag along. But she tolerated me. Her family was always warm and welcoming...and she like her mom was a great cook. I'll always remember her smile and the love that she shared with Jim and her family. I pray that she is having a wonderful family reunion in heaven with all who passed before her and with Jesus there to welcome her.

Theresa Carbone - December 22, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ Rest In Peace, Aunt Isabelle... Sadly, it had been too long since we've seen each other. You were always in my thoughts, and your memory will remain in my heart until we meet again. It gives me comfort knowing that you are now reunited with Uncle Jimmy!
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Dawn Korzec Carpenter - December 22, 2021 at 08:58 AM

DK

“ I fondly remember visiting Isabelle & family on Kossuth Ave with my mom as a young child. I was always treated like a little princess & will always remember their kindness & generosity towards me & my mom. RIP Isabelle. Sincerely Darlene Karam

Darlene Karam - December 21, 2021 at 09:43 PM