



Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud

February 10, 1932 - July 8, 2019

MARCY - The family and friends of Jamal (Asmar) Massoud, age 87, are in mourning, following her peaceful passing in her sleep on July 8, 2019, in the comfort of her home, with her loving family by her side.

Jamal was born in the country of Lebanon on Feb. 10, 1932, to the late Badwi and Zakia Asmar. She was married to George T. Massoud on September 6, 1956; they shared in a harmonious and devoted marriage. The family immigrated to the United States in 1970. Her beloved George passed away on August 27, 2005.

Jamal retired from Abelove's Linen. She enjoyed cooking and passed on her culinary skills to her daughters, Kamleh, Leila, and Jamel, who utilized those skills to open Massoud's Café, located on Bank Place, in 2001. She will be remembered by many at Massoud's Café, where she helped to roll grape leaves and greet customers, many of whom became her friends. Jamal was gregarious, and always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone—even strangers. She delighted in sunshine, warm weather, flowers and the beautiful outdoors!

Jamal lived on Seymour Avenue for most of her life, where she reveled in growing a beautiful garden, full of multiple varieties of flowers and the most delicious herbs! Jamal was proud of her family, and enjoyed spending time with them—whether it was camping, gardening, cooking, playing Basra, or just visiting and enjoying coffee and sweets.

For the past 10 years, Jamal resided with and was lovingly cared for by her

youngest daughter and son-in-law, Jamel and Anthony Sheehan, and their daughters, Olivia and Amira.

Jamal is survived by her children and their spouses: Tansa "Tony" Massoud and Erica Shames, George and Christine Massoud, John Massoud, Kamleh and Eric Kennerknecht, Leila and Robert Duxbury, Jouana and Chris Huston, and Jamel and Anthony Sheehan. Jamal also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Jamal is also survived by three brothers, Elias, Antoun, and Surleiman; and two sisters, Awatif and Juliette. She was preceded by a brother Jamil.

The family thanks the staff of St. Luke's Home Dialysis Center for their five years of devoted care for Jamal and for their friendship, as well as Dr. Charles Eldredge and Dr. Ahmad Mian, for their endless support and medical expertise.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will take place at 6:45 at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service, which will be held on Saturday morning at 10:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be offered. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

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“ *Jamal, Cam & families, we are deeply sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with your family. May she rest in peace.*

Scott, Susan, Mike and Robert Bartkowiak

Bartkowiak Family - July 12, 2019 at 06:47 PM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 12, 2019 at 10:12 AM

MM

“ *Aunt Jamal was a very special and beloved part of our family's life. Many memories of her smile and ad ice on cooking and raising children will forever be with me. My heart goes out to all of her children and grandchildren. May the peace and strength of the Almighty be with all. With lots of love, Mary E Massoud. Brewster NY*

Mary E Massoud - July 11, 2019 at 09:51 PM

LM

“ *Love, Aunt Mary purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



Love, Aunt Mary - July 11, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 11, 2019 at 07:55 PM



“ *Massoud Family,*

Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved, mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and cousin, Jamal.

We have added you and your family to our daily prayer list. And, when we attend mass on Sunday, we will add you and your family to our parish book of prayers.

Having experienced the passing of my mom, I can appreciate and empathize with your sense of pain and loss. It's very difficult to say good-bye to our moms regardless of age/health because they are so very special having brought us into the world and having nurtured our families throughout our lives with a special love that only a mother can provide.

May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect, comfort and console you and your family as you endure this very difficult, trying and sad time in your lives.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of loss and sorrow.

Rob & Veronica Sherman

Robert Sherman - July 11, 2019 at 11:45 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 11, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 11, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 11, 2019 at 04:43 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 10, 2019 at 09:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 10, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 10, 2019 at 05:54 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jamal (Asmar) Massoud.*



July 10, 2019 at 12:32 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to the entire family. May she RIP for all eternity.*



Michelle Gulla - July 10, 2019 at 09:30 AM

EP

“ To the Massoud family: Please accept our heartfelt sympathies on the loss of your mom. She was a wonderful woman and always had a beautiful smile. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Erin and Tony Papaleo

Erin and Tony Papaleo - July 09, 2019 at 10:50 PM

BD

*Leila and Bob,
So sorry for your loss.
Betty Duxbury*

Betty Duxbury - July 10, 2019 at 02:24 PM

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To the Massoud's, my prayers and love for my beautiful aunt I always enjoyed seeing at the Massoud Cafe when we would visit Utica.

I will keep you all in my prayers and for my aunt Jamil. She is now in peace with my uncle.

*Love,
Tony Massoud*

Anthony Massoud - July 10, 2019 at 09:25 PM

GI

*Kam,
My deepest condolences to you and your entire family. Your mom was as sweet as can be and I always enjoyed our conversations. I loved watching her and the joy in her face at all our special occasions she will be missed. Prayers to you all*

*Love
Gina Ionta*

Gina Ionta - July 11, 2019 at 10:05 AM