



## Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege

July 12, 2021

UTICA- Our dear mother, Jeanette Farewege, passed on July 12, 2021 in Florida at the age of 90, and now rests in the care of the Lord.

Born January 1931 in her family home in Sheepshead Bay, NY, Jeanette was the daughter of Elias and Nellie (Manash) Raya, immigrants from Lebanon and Syria; she was the youngest of six children. She often regaled us of fond memories from her childhood, recalling her times at St Mark Catholic Academy, James Madison High School (Brooklyn), and Hairdressing School (NYC). In the early 50's, Jeanette moved to Utica along with her parents, where she was introduced to and wooed by her husband of 40 years, Peter A. Farewege Sr., who entered into eternal rest in 1994.

Jeanette was proudest of her three children – Rosie (Rose and husband Larry Pawlinga), Lulu (Louise and husband Michael Fultz) and Peter (Peter Jr and wife Hana), and fought her illness valiantly with all by her side. She also had special relationships with her grandchildren and great grandchildren and hated being away from them while convalescing in Florida. Her grandchildren: Laine, who created special memories for her “Sito” (Laine and Shawn Hajdasz Sr.); Stephen, who was a tried-and-true support for his “Sito” (Stephen Sr. and Samantha Pawlinga); and Peter Farewege III, who brought his “Sito” proud and precious moments through his love and accomplishments. She was lucky to be a great-grandmother to Shawn Jr., and Stephen Jr., and loved every minute of their time together.

Jeanette was not only predeceased by her parents and husband – but also

her three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Elizabeth Raya, Frederick and Mabel Raya, and James and Mary Raya; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and John Robbart, and Frieda and John Karrat; and in-laws, Mary and Edward Chanatry, Catherine Farewege, Gladys Farewege and Blaine Fitzpatrick, John and Phyllis Farewege, and Fred Farewege. She is survived by many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

Jeanette has always been remembered and highly respected as a hard worker with a bubbly personality and a willing ear. Those in the Utica area will remember her as a welcoming smile at many local restaurants and stores. Jeanette was a parishioner of St Basil's Melkite Catholic Church, and many years ago was a proud member of their Woman's Club. Her Celebration of Life will commence at St. Basil's Church, 901 Sherman Drive on Wednesday morning, July 21st at 10:30. All are welcome as the Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Father Saba Shofany in Jeanette's memory followed by committal prayers at Calvary Cemetery.

Remembrances honoring Jeanette may be made through Liturgy offerings or donations to St. Basil's Melkite Catholic Church; envelopes will be available in the vestibule of the church.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Basils Melkite Catholic Church with a receiving line  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 21, 2021 at 08:08 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Andy Makowski** - July 20, 2021 at 03:27 PM

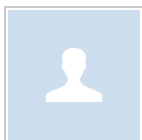


“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 19, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 19, 2021 at 04:39 PM

LR

“ *Rose, Louise and Peter,  
So sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. She was a very dynamic lady. I hope you find comfort in your fond memories. Lisa DeFuria-Rocci*

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**Lisa Rocci** - July 19, 2021 at 07:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 18, 2021 at 09:10 PM

MS

“ *I remember your Mom when I would go visit Rose who was a good childhood friend of mine. Sadly we lost touch but I so remember your Mom and your family and all the great memories on Taylor Ave. We lived on Brinckerhoff (the Emma family).  
Mary Ann Emma Swanson*

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**Mary Ann Swanson** - July 18, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 18, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 17, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Louise, Rose and Peter, Jr.*

*All our many prayers and rosaries for you and your beloved mother Jeanette.*



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**Janice L. and Samuel L. Russo, Jr.** - July 16, 2021 at 06:52 PM



“ *Rose, Larry and family. We are so saddened to hear of your mother's passing. I have so many wonderful memories of her as we were all growing up on Taylor Ave. Jeanette always looked so beautiful and was so sweet to all of us. Our prayers go out to you and your family during this very sad time. Roseann, Joe and John.*

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**Roseann Nachtigal** - July 16, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Andy and Bruce purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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**Andy and Bruce** - July 15, 2021 at 06:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 15, 2021 at 01:58 PM



“ *I have many fond memories of your mom when I lived in her apartment on Taylor Ave. She was a sweet lady and my wife and I would frequently see her at BJ's. Always a pleasure to talk to. Our deepest condolences to all of her family.*

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**Buddy and Mary Maunz** - July 15, 2021 at 12:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 14, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jeanette A. (Raya) Farewege.*



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July 13, 2021 at 10:52 PM

MZ

“*Rose and Larry and family, So very to hear of your loss, Th several times I met her, She as a gracious lady. Again we're deeply sorry for your loss. Tom and Maxine Zarski*

Maxine Zarski - July 13, 2021 at 06:39 PM

JC

“*Rose, Louise, Peter and Family, I will always remember Aunt Jeanette's happy demeanor. She taught us all the value of life and work ethic and you always felt so uplifted in her presence. God Be With You all and May She Rest In Peace.*

*Love, John, Patti, John & Peter*

John Chanatry - July 13, 2021 at 06:03 PM

LF

“*Rose, Louise, Peter and your families, I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a beautiful person in every which way. I'll never forget our great times on Taylor Ave in the 1970s. Hold on to your memories and each other. All my love*



Lynette Franco - July 13, 2021 at 03:10 PM

CH

*The Handy Family, Charles Joseph, Jr, Mary Lou, Charlie III, Matthew, Mary Ellen, Destiny and Sadie send our deepest condolences for my dear cousin Jeannette. She will be dearly missed. May her memory be eternal. †*

chuck Handy - July 13, 2021 at 09:06 PM

CL

*Rose, Larry and family. So very sorry to hear about your Mom. I remember her from years ago and she always had a smile . she was a beautiful woman, so special and she will be missed by many. Carol Lynn*

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**Catol lynn** - July 14, 2021 at 12:45 AM