



## Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione

April 9, 1933 - November 4, 2012

Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, November 4, 2012 in the comfort of her home with her devoted family by her side.

Born in East Orange, New Jersey on April 9, 1933, Joann was the daughter of the late Rynier D. and Agnes (Clune) Wortendyke. After receiving her primary education in East Orange, she relocated to the Schenectady area where she fulfilled her high school education. She furthered her studies by attending college in East Orange. At one time, she was wed to Fred T. Yezzi. She was blessed with a second union when she married Alphonse "Al" Sgaglione on May 14, 1970. As a wife, she was Al's soul mate, and the feeling was reciprocal. They loved each other wholeheartedly and shared a special bond. Joann was employed by the Utica City Water Board, and she also worked for the County Summer Youth Program. She relished her role at the summer program because she loved working with children. She went beyond her call of duty, always trying to provide for them in a beneficial way. As a mom, she was protective of her children and grandchildren, and her ultimate concern was always for the well-being of the family. In a larger light, Joann was very giving and caring, and always available to lend assistance to those in need. Joann was proud of and vibrantly celebrated her Irish heritage. She was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Joann is survived by her husband, Al; her daughter, Tia L. Yezzi of Boston; her son, John A. Sgaglione of Utica; her step-daughters, Lucille Trivisonno of

NJ and her son Joseph, Marie and Martin “Marty” Cohen of White Plains and their children David, Jessica, and Rebecca, Judy Sgaglione of CT and her son Jacob, and Carol Sgaglione, of NY; and her grandchildren, Marissa, Taylor, and Vincent and his mother, Jacqueline Vatalaro. She also leaves her sister Mary “Midge” Barnes of Schenectady; her brother and sister-in-law, John and Daphne Wortendyke of FL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brother-in-law Michael Sgaglione of Long Island; and her beloved dog Metty. She was predeceased by her brothers Rynier Wortendyke, Nicholas Wortendyke, and Allan Debevose.

The family is grateful to the 5th Floor staff and the ICU personnel at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center for their care and compassion; and Hospice & Palliative Care for the love and professionalism they extended to Joann.

The family will honor Joann’s life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. The Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. is providing the guidance in lighting the path as the Sgaglione family commemorates Joann’s life.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione*



**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ *Adri Wortendyke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione*



**Adri Wortendyke** - May 16, 2013 at 12:33 PM

MJ

“ *Mary Annese, I Love You Joann..... lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione*



**Mary Annese, I Love you Joann.....** - November 09, 2012 at 06:50 AM

TF

“ Taylor Fortunato lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione



Taylor Fortunato - November 08, 2012 at 04:13 PM

SW

“ Stephen W. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione.



Stephen W. - November 08, 2012 at 08:56 AM



“ Tia Yezzi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione



Tia Yezzi - November 07, 2012 at 09:14 PM

MA

“ Dearest Al, John, Tia and Vincent, Words cannot express the loss of such a beautiful and loving person. She captured our hearts just about 10 years ago. We met her through the late Sister Prudentia and we will forever be thankful for that meeting, as we have loved and cherished her since. We will truly miss her smile and gentle spirit. Her phone conversations, our visits to her home which were always pleasant. Especially being able to visit with her wonderful family. We will always remember the special dinners we shared and the gifts we exchanged. Yes, our Joann was a remarkable woman with an outstanding heart of gold and we will miss her everyday. God was so good to have given this very special friendship to us. Joann will forever be apart of our lives as she will for so many others. We would like to share the prayer we said together at the end of each phone call before we hung up, Jesus we love you, Jesus we trust you and Jesus we thank you. So now we know Joann is on her way to her Eternal Home to meet her JESUS. May she rest in the arms of His Angels, til we all meet again. With so much Love and Respect,  
Frank and Mary Annese, Venice, Fl

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**Mary Annese** - November 07, 2012 at 07:28 PM

MM

“ Michelle Franco Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joann E. (Wortendyke) Sgaglione



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**michelle franco mancuso** - November 07, 2012 at 07:30 AM

MM

Very sorry for such a huge loss. Such a beautiful, strong and giving person; Joanne your suffering is over - rest in peace.  
Michelle Franco Mancuso & family

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**michelle franco mancuso** - November 07, 2012 at 07:34 AM



“ to john and family, i am very sorry for your loss. john (cappy} capraro

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November 06, 2012 at 06:52 AM

GS

*To Al John Vincent & Family Your Loss is our Loss too. What a Great & Generous person Joann was & still will be in Her Heavenly Home. She was a gracious Lady & co-worker. Always enjoyed her presence, her beauty & style. We had many laughs, tears & memories we shared together both at work & at our favorite outings for dinner with the Girls from the Water Board. Our heartfelt sorrow & sympathy to all of you whom Joann thought so much. Al JohnVincent & Daughter, our prayers are with you & Joann. May she always be in all our hearts forver. Love & Prayers George & Francine Spinelli*

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**George & Francine Spinelli** - November 06, 2012 at 11:39 PM

CF

*To Al and John and the Sgaglione family, We are deeply saddened by your loss. Joann was a super special lady, that we had the pleasure of knowing. I always enjoyed seeing her smiling face when she came in Daniele's for lunch. She loved the food that Jeff had created, some, especially for her. She will be deeply missed.  
Carolyn Faccioli & John Gorea*

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**Carolyn Faccioli** - November 07, 2012 at 07:55 PM

DH

*Aunt Joann was a wonder and generous aunt and a beautiful person. She was so kind to everyone and loved wholeheartedly. Al, Tia, and John, my prayers and thoughts are with you. We will all miss her. Love and peace to you all.  
Deirdre Hebert-Sidney & daughters*

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**Deirdre (Wortendyke) Hebert-Sidney** - November 08, 2012 at 10:43 AM