



Josephine A. Dacquino

November 11, 1930 - May 10, 2026

UTICA - Josephine A. Dacquino, age 95, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 10, 2026, with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 11, 1930, Josephine was the daughter of the late John and Angeline (Fanelli) Altieri. She was a graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School, Class of 1948, and later went on to receive an associate degree from Mohawk Valley Community College.

She was united in marriage to her husband, Thomas Dacquino, and they shared nearly 40 happy years together. They were blessed with a daughter, Diana, and a son, Joseph. Josephine served as the bookkeeper for her husband's business, Utica Hydra Matic Service.

Summers were spent water skiing, swimming, and entertaining family and friends at their camp on Lake Moraine. In the winters, Jo loved baking daily and spending weekends snow skiing and ice skating with Diana and Joey.

Josephine was active in fundraising efforts for St. Agnes Church. She served as PTA president at Albany School and was also a Girl Scout leader. She eventually became president of the Foothills Girl Scout Council.

Josephine volunteered at H&R Block and also tutored adults in reading.

Josephine was predeceased by her husband, Tom; son, Joe; and brother and sister-in-law, John and Perry Altieri.

Surviving are her daughter, Diana; nieces and nephews, Cathy and Joe Ducato, Patty and Mike Dispirito; and nephew, David. Diana is forever grateful for the love, support, and compassionate care her cousins extended to Josephine over the years, especially during the times when she was unable to be physically present. Also surviving are her niece, Jacki Mancuso Thibault and her husband Billy; and goddaughter, Sandra Theobald and her husband Jim.

Josephine was an avid reader and enjoyed playing bridge. In her earlier years, she participated in synchronized swimming, ice skating, yoga, and earned a green belt in karate. She also enjoyed playing tennis, water skiing, and snow skiing.

After the loss of her husband, she embraced life once again by joining the Tyrolean Ski Club, where she met her lifelong friend, Joe Grimaldi. Together, they skied out West every winter, including trips to the Swiss Alps. During the summers, they enjoyed boating aboard Joe's Richardson boat, traveling through the Erie Canal locks, Oneida Lake, and attending the 2000 Fourth of July celebration in New York Harbor.

Jo and Joe, as they were known, also traveled to all of the U.S. National Parks.

Josephine's love of reading and movies during her childhood inspired her to become a world traveler.

She traveled to six continents, with Antarctica being the only one she did not

visit. Among her many adventures, she climbed the Great Wall of China, cruised along the Nile River and Amazon River, and visited the Taj Mahal and Machu Picchu. She also enjoyed game drives in South Africa with her daughter, Diana. Her travels also took her to Russia, much of Europe, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Australia.

Every Thanksgiving was spent in New York City with Diana, attending three to four Broadway musicals, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and of course, enjoying the restaurants.

Christmases were spent in Miami and on cruises with her daughter.

Josephine was a wonderful mother, aunt, and friend to many, especially Joe Grimaldi. She lived a long, productive, and beautiful life and will be deeply missed.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all of the caregivers with Marie's Caregivers, especially Musu, Emily, Leyda, Liz, Lisa, Julie, Bobbi Jo, Cathy, and with a special thank you to Deb.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Josephine's chapel service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, May 18th, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery, 2407 Oneida St., Utica. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Josephine's honor may be made to the American Cancer Society online at <https://www.cancer.org/donate> or the Alzheimer's Association online at <https://www.alz.org/centralnewyork>; envelopes will also be available at the service.

This obituary was lovingly written by Josephine's daughter.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Chapel Service and Prayers of Committal

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *To Dacquino Family
My sincere condolences.
I first met Jo & Tom in a winter bowling league at PIN O RAMA in
the 70;s
Two great and fun loving people. I also brought all my business to
Tom at his shop and in the summer played golf with him Judge, Matt
Oginowski & Judge
Anthony Garramone. Jo was such a delight to be around and
always smiling. A great family to know. May she rest in peace with
Tom And son Joe.
Tony Domanico
Tucson AZ..*

Tony Domanico - May 14 at 10:14 AM



“ *Tom Dacquino here remembering Josephine and I skied a few runs
at the Parkway Ski Area and as usual she looked great with an
awesome ski outfit...Thank You Josephine for such a good memory.*

THOMAS DACQUINO - May 12 at 08:35 PM