



Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek

January 24, 1930 - July 17, 2021

NEW HARTFORD - Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek, age 91, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021 in the comfort and dignity of her home. Born in Utica on January 24, 1930, Josephine was the daughter of the late Dominick and Nancy (Paniccia) LaParne. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. On June 4, 1949 she wed Edward J. Gacek with whom she shared 26 years in a marriage blessed with three children. Edward passed away in 1975.

During her working life, Josephine was employed by W.T. Grants Department Store as a sales associate and promoted to Office Manager. She left the workforce for a few years to raise her family and eventually accepted a position at F.W. Woolworth Company on Genesee Street where she began a career as section Manager until the store closed in 1990. She was proud of her energetic, consistent work ethic that garnered her promotions in every job she held. A dedicated mother and matriarch, she had a compassionate heart and was a friend in deed, often helping those in need. She derived gratification in preparing meals for her family or running errands. Her grandchildren warmed her heart and she loved spending time with them and sharing special occasions. She was accomplished in crocheting, bestowing many beautiful handcrafted articles to loved ones. Josephine often ended a conversation with "I love you", and a moment of happiness became a lasting impression and legacy of her life. Josephine practiced her Catholic faith as a communicant of St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church in Chadwicks.

Josephine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law with whom she shared a home for many years, Nancy and Greg Wrate; sons and daughters-in-law, David and Sharon Gacek, and Richard and Cindy Gacek; grandchildren, Edward and Shima Gacek, Matthew and Eleonora Gacek, Colin and Diana Gacek, Rachel and Kyle DeMetro, Amanda Wrate, Jessica Wrate and fiancé Jacob Yonker, and Kayla Wrate; and great-grandchildren, Abigail, and Owen Gacek, Lucas, and Charlotte Gacek, and Nilu, and Phoebe Gacek. She also leaves many cousins; special aunt, Grace Pugliese; and sister-in-law, Stella LaParne and her sons and their wives, Ben and Kim LaParne, Dominick and Kathy LaParne. She was predeceased by her brother, Benny "Midge" LaParne.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Bhisham Garg, Josephine's longtime physician and confidant; and the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care who assisted Nancy in caring for her mother in her last days.

Visitation will be held Saturday morning, July 24, 2021 from 10:00-11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Josephine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at St. Patrick-St. Anthony Church in Chadwicks where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery where Josephine will be laid to rest beside her husband, at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express an act of kindness in Josephine's memory may make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org or the Improvement Fund for St. Patrick - St. Anthony Church online at <https://stpatricksstanthonys.org/edonations>. Envelopes will also be available at the service.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUL 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Patrick & St. Anthony Church
3364 Oneida St.
Chadwicks, NY 13319

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard, Cindy and Family. Josephine was a beautiful and loving person. I will always remember her with the sweetest smile. She used to live near me, and always would ask me to visit her any time I wanted. She will be sorely missed. Rich, you and Nancy were very lucky to have her for a Mom. I will not only be praying for both of you, but also her entire family. Such a loss...Joyce Cerrullo*

Joyce Cerullo - July 23, 2021 at 07:50 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek.*



July 22, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek.*



July 22, 2021 at 07:27 AM

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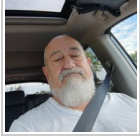
“ So enjoyed meeting Josephine at our salon and becoming good friends! She and Davina would greet me every Thursday with coffee and goodies before they got hair done and I felt sad when we left Chadwicks because of such wonderful friendships visits that were such a part of Alices! Rest in Peace Josie and Thank you for your kindness!

Connie Griffin - July 21, 2021 at 06:45 AM

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“ *Josephine*
Was one of the sweetest woman i ever knew always being so kind to anyone she came in contact with. She lived on Seymour ave and My husband & I lived on Neilson street. I use to walk to her house with our dayghter Karen in a stroller and have coffee with her later on when my daughter was going to make her first communion she let me birriw her daughter Nancys white dress Later in life our paths crossed again as we visited her aunt and my husbands Aunt Grace Pugliese. At the nursing home she was akways bringing treats to Aunt Grace. This was quite an accomplishment for her because she did not learn to drive a car for a long time after her husband had passed i think she was in her 70's then. A very strong loving and compassionate woman. Her Children have much to be proud of. She definitely will be missed. Rest in peace Cousin Hosephine.

Ellen Gaetano - July 20, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ I have always considered my cousin Josie as my other mother. As a kid, I spent many a summer at Sylvan Beach with my cousin and her family. I first began calling her Titter, a term my cousin Benny used as a kid because he couldn't say sister. Well, the term stayed with me and she was Titter to me for the rest of my life! From when they lived on Lansing Street to Elizabeth Street to Seymour Ave, we were so close I thought they were part of my own family. Even my own son spent many hours at her house where he even learned how to ride a bike. So many memories of a woman who shared whatever she had with everyone. She helped to shape my life and taught me the importance of family and friends. Everyone that knew her enriched their life because of it. Love you Titter!!

Rick Gigliotti - July 20, 2021 at 07:44 AM

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“ Cousin Josie was the sweetest person. Always bringing something yummy to my grandmother Grace and coming to visit the nursing home when I was there to say hi. When my daughter was born she came to meet her when I was visiting gram and brought a baby doll and one of her handmade blankets. Ery kind hearted. Will miss getting to visit with her.

Tanya - July 19, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek.



July 19, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine A. (LaParne) Gacek.



July 19, 2021 at 10:01 AM