



## Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello

August 24, 1932 - June 20, 2022

MARCY – Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello, age 89, passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022 peacefully to be with the Lord; she passed in the dignity of her home which gave her family comfort.

Born in Utica on August 24, 1932, to the late Daniel J. and Mary Thelma (Boppel) Shields, Joyce was a graduate of Utica Free Academy.

On May 31, 1954, she married her love, Frank J. Robertello. The couple was blessed to share 57 years together before Frank's passing on July 30, 2011. During World War II, Joyce worked with New York Central Railroad. However, she spent most of her days taking care of her family and their needs—she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and eventually great grandmother. Additionally, Joyce devoted time to her admirable gift and passion: letter writing. Prompted by her caring spirit, she dedicated her energy to these letters in which she acknowledged peoples' many accomplishments and special days. Everyone looked forward to opening her letters—especially her grandkids!

“Grandma” had a special talent for turning a regular day into an exquisite adventure. Together with her grandchildren, Joyce enjoyed simple pursuits of fun, which led to endless smiles and cherished memories. Moreover, she loved to prioritize quality time with them. A favorite place for Joyce and Frank to take their grandchildren was their lake home on Kayuta Lake. There they made the best memories! It was their personal paradise, and everyone was welcome.

An intuitive woman, Joyce had an innate ability to read people—she just knew how to make others feel welcomed and loved. She was truly gifted.

Joyce believed in the Catholic Creed, and saw faith as a must in her life, including attending Saturday Mass. She was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Julie and her husband John Rundle, whom she loved as a son; as well as her sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Judith Robertello, Daniel J. and Diane Robertello, and Joyce held close the memory of her son William V. "Bill" Robertello, who passed away on February 6, 2019 who is survived by his wife Gina Robertello. Joyce will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren, Sarah Joyce Rundle and fiancé Michael Campbell, Stacy L. Rundle, Frank D. Robertello Jr., Carl A. and Amanda Robertello, Michael R. and Natalie Robertello, Daniel J. Jr. and Jeannine Robertello, Justin L. and Francesca Robertello, Amanda M. and Robert Girard, Matthew D. Robertello UFD and Kristi Robertello, William V. Robertello Jr., and Ariana N. Robertello and boyfriend Michael Senus. Joyce was blessed with many great-grandchildren, Peyton; Graham, Giada, Gennaro, Nathan, and Jacob, and anxiously awaiting the birth of her 7th. Also left to mourn her passing is her sister, Mary Thelma Fairbrother; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and in-laws, William and Patricia Robertello. Joyce was predeceased by her sister and brothers-in-law, Julia S. and Peter C. Brown, Jr., and Donald T. Fairbrother; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominick and Josephine (Campola) Robertello, her in-laws, Dominick and Joyce Robertello; and her great-niece, Nicole Robertello. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Joyce's lifetime doctor, Dr. El Khoury, Kerry Ruia NP and staff; and to Dr. Nassif, Michelle, Moe and staff. The family also wishes to express their thanks to the staff at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare, especially in the ICU and IMCU, Jolene, Ken, Marissa, Dakota, and Emina; to the staff on the sixth floor, Katie, Danielle and to Samantha Prendergast NP. Finally, additional thanks are given to those who made it possible for Joyce to stay home: her loving niece Mary Beth Dowling,

Dena DeMartin, Mandy Aiken, Yasmin Batista, Donna Dearmond, Cindy Westhall; and the caring staff from Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022 from 4-6 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial donations may be made to EB Research (Epidermolysis Bullosa) online at [www.ebresearch.org](http://www.ebresearch.org) in honor of Joyce's great-grandson, Graham Robertello. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joyce's Mass of Christian Burial which will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at Historic Old St. John's Church, 240 Bleecker St. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Sincerely sorry for your loss. From Margaret and Frank Papale, St. Peter's Church

Margaret and Frank - June 30, 2022 at 04:53 PM

BB

“ Joyce was one of the nicest people I ever knew. She and your Dad were an inspirational couple that everyone looked up to and loved. I especially remember the get togethers with "Aunt Cath", as they all called my Grandma Ford. So sorry for your loss, but God now has a precious angel in heaven.-- Bill and Nannette Britt

Bill Britt - June 28, 2022 at 08:26 AM

FA

“ Frank, Melissa & Allison Acquaviva lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello



Frank, Melissa & Allison Acquaviva - June 27, 2022 at 09:13 AM

FA

“ Julie, John & Sarah: Sending our sincere condolences to you on the passing of your mom and grandma. I remember your mom from our girl's school days and she was always very sweet. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Frank, Melissa & Allison

Frank, Melissa & Allison Acquaviva - June 27, 2022 at 09:10 AM

GM

“ *Our condolences to Dan and the entire Robertello family.  
Gerald Marketos and Mary Wakulik*

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**Gerald Marketos** - June 26, 2022 at 11:11 AM

EA

“ *Dear Julie, Frank, Dan and Family*

*I am so sorry to learn of your mom's passing. She was such a lovely woman, one of the wonderful mothers who cared for all of us in the Neilson St. neighborhood. We were lucky to have grown up with such loving parents and role models.*

*Please accept my sincere condolences. May she rest in peace, and may you find comfort knowing that she is reunited with your dad, Bill, her parents and other loved ones.*

*God Bless.  
Emily Simpson Arbes*

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**Emily Simpson Arbes** - June 25, 2022 at 01:32 AM

RM

“ *To the Robertello Family, we fondly remember your mom Joyce, and dad Frank, as our good friends and neighbors from our time together on Neilson St. She was a ray of sunshine, and a lovely person, good as gold right to the core! Sending you and your entire family our deepest condolences, and sincere sympathy.*

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**Roger (Joe) and Valarie McCabe** - June 24, 2022 at 12:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello.*



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June 23, 2022 at 08:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello.*



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June 23, 2022 at 07:40 AM



“ *Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello*



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**Sharon Campola** - June 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM

SC

“ Julie and family, so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I have so many fond memories of mom and dad and all of her beautiful children. I remember how she would visit your dad in St Joe's Nursing Home every day, my mom was there and so looked forward to see them both. Your dad's smile lit up a room. She was so faithful visiting every day he was there. Hold on to your memories of her, they help. May she rest in peace with your daddy and your brother ...

*much love from our family to yours*

*Sharon L. Campola  
and family*

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**Sharon Campola** - June 22, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Joyce (Shields) Robertello.



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June 22, 2022 at 11:33 AM