



## June T. Abounader

May 23, 1936 - January 8, 2025

UTICA – Ms. June T. Abounader, age 88, peacefully entered into rest and was reunited with her loved ones who had gone before her when she passed away on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Born in Utica on May 23, 1936, June was the daughter of the late Shaheen and Alice (Moshaty) Abounader. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1954. She furthered her education through classes offered by the American Bankers Association at the Utica School of Commerce.

Prior to her retirement, June was employed for over 40 years with the former Oneida National Bank where she forged many lifelong friendships. During her time there, she gained such a rapport with her customers that they would often ask for her by name. June was honored to assist customers of various walks of life including those whose primary language was not English.

Known for her sweet and kind demeanor, June possessed a vibrant personality which drew people to her. Everyone enjoyed being around her and she was quite well loved too! She would often check in on those she cared for most, making sure no one ever went without anything they may need. June held close relationships with all her sisters, and they were the best of friends. She even talked to Juliann daily right up until the very end. Due to their closeness in age, she and her sisters Donna, and Juliann enjoyed memorable

trips to New York City, Montreal, and Lake George together. There was truly nothing bad anyone could say about June. She was the best daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, friend, and neighbor one could ever ask for.

In her earlier years, June participated in cross-country skiing and golfing. She was not the type of person to remain idle, and much preferred to be in the company of family and friends. She relished being a part of the America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk and volunteering for the Boilermaker Road Race. She was also a proud member of the St. Theresa and St. Joseph Societies.

June was a faithful member of St. Louis Gonzaga Church. She began singing in the church choir in her teenage years and went on to assist with the collections with her sisters, Norma, and Donna, for nearly 20 years. June held a close relationship with Father Boutros El Hachem with whom she enjoyed having a cup of tea and sharing conversation in their native tongue.

June is survived by her beloved sister and brother-in-law, Juliann and Joseph Ferris. She cherished in her heart the memory of her siblings and their spouses who preceded her, Agnes and Michael Fondario, Norma and Louis Chanatry, and Donna Stamboly. She leaves behind her brother-in-law, Ronald Stamboly, Sr.; nieces and nephews, Michael Fondario, Jr., Christine Dobrzanski, Ronald, Jr. and Melissa Stamboly, Andrea and John Lamberton, Joseph A. Ferris III, Jennifer and Stanley, and Christopher and Ann Ferris; many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; special friends, Phil and Pat Talento; and her neighbors from Gibson Road who all looked out for one another, for which she was so thankful.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the Katherine Luther Residential Health Care and Rehabilitation Center and Daughters for Hire, especially Tracy, for their tender care and compassion.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend June's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, January 20, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger St., where her Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be offered by Father Boutros El Hachem. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in June's honor may be made to St. Louis Gonzaga Church online at [www.saintlouisgonzaga.org/giving](http://www.saintlouisgonzaga.org/giving) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at [www.stjude.org/donate](http://www.stjude.org/donate); envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-6019

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ Love, Ron, Melissa, Samantha and Sydney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of June T. Abounader.

Love, Ron, Melissa, Samantha and Sydney - January 17, 2025 at 07:24 PM

LS

“ Love, Ron, Melissa, Samantha and Sydney purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of June T. Abounader.



Love, Ron, Melissa, Samantha and Sydney - January 17, 2025 at 07:24 PM

GS

“ We are sorry sorry to hear of June's passing. We worked together for many years at Oneida National /Norstar Bank. She was a special lady and touched many lives. Our deepest sympathy to her family.

Gail & Mark Staib

Gail Staib - January 17, 2025 at 04:59 PM

JD

“ To my Mom (Anna Abounader Cafarelli) Junie was like a kid sister. June and Aunt Alice (June's Mom) came nearly every Sunday for years to visit and share a meal with my Sitto Mary, Aunt Alices's sister-in-law. They were very close, as were June's sisters, especially with my Mom. After June's Father (Shaheen) died my Giddo stepped in as a surrogate father for his younger brother. The families were as one.

June was always a loving and caring support for her mom and sisters. An avid walker, June would often stop to visit my Mom, especially in Mom's last years.

Junie, now is your turn to rest. God be with you always.

Love, Joyce Cafarelli Duignan

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**Joyce Duignan** - January 17, 2025 at 12:50 PM

PZ

“ I remember June from high school..She was a kind loving person and always smiling..she was a good friend and will be missed..my condolences and prayers to the family..paul zito

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**paul zito** - January 17, 2025 at 11:42 AM

BO

“ Condolences to the family. We were customers of hers at ONB. Always loved talking to her. She was a special person.

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**Bonnie** - January 17, 2025 at 10:03 AM

PA

“ Patricia A. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of June T. Abounader.



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**Patricia A.** - January 16, 2025 at 01:21 PM

NM

“ My condolences to the family on June's passing. She was a gem of a person. Knowledgeable, kind and attentive. My Mom sought advice from June at ONB after the unexpected death of my Dad. My Mom immediately connected with June & my Mom spoke often of her . June helped my Mom a great deal. I had the pleasure of meeting June, also. I remember her warm smile ,laugh and how easy it was to talk with her. I have no doubt she helped thousands during her career. Thank you, June. Rest in Peace. Nancy Cox Marafioti



Nancy Cox Marafioti - January 14, 2025 at 10:09 PM

CM

“ Dear Family members of June, I worked with June at ONB from 1966-1969. It was a short time but June and I became great friends. She was like a big sister to me and I looked up to her for advice and knowledge of banking. We even made a few trips together...mainly Montreal. Many laughs with Tootsie, Earl, and Jack Jones during working hours. They were all great people. June was an inspiration and confidant, but most of all a good good friend. Thanks June for all the wonderful memories I will carry in my heart. RIP the sweetest “lady” on earth and now a true angel

Cheryl Mondl - January 13, 2025 at 09:27 PM

AM

☐ beautiful heart touching moment and truly a wonderful story to hear about thank you for this and your condolences 🌸❤️ we all appreciate you taking the time out of your day to share this with us

Anthony Marquez - January 13, 2025 at 10:00 PM

CJ

“ *Christina Jacob lit a candle in memory of  
June T. Abounader*



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**Christina jacob** - January 13, 2025 at 05:45 PM