



Mrs. Karen L. (Nocian) Nassar

June 8, 1942 - December 19, 2012

Mrs. Karen L. (Nocian) Nassar, age 70, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 in the comfort of her home with her family by her side.

Born in Schenectady on June 8, 1942, Karen was the daughter of the late Harry and Sophie (Skrocki) Nocian. She pursued her undergraduate education at Utica College where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and subsequently completed her post-graduate studies at Syracuse University where she was awarded a Master of Arts degree in English. On December 30, 1969 she married Dr. Eugene Paul Nassar with whom she shared nearly 43 years.

During the 1960's, Karen commenced her career as a 7th & 8th grade English teacher at John F. Hughes Elementary School. But it was Karen's abiding passion of caring for seniors that yielded her the ensuing, gratifying position of Director of the North Utica Senior Center that she held for several years. Preeminent among all of Karen's life work was her mission of providing maternal guidance, love, and support for her children of whom she was so proud. During her spare time, she loved to tend her vegetable and floral gardens. Karen was deeply spiritual and very dedicated to her parish, Historic Old St. John's Church, where she enjoyed teaching religious education classes and was a member of the non-survivors group.

Karen is survived by her husband, Gene; her daughters, Anne Nassar of Utica, and Laura Nassar of Tacoma, WA; her son, Paul Nassar of Utica; and

her adored and cherished granddaughters, Miriam, and Samantha. Also left to mourn Karen's passing is her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Leonard Malewicz of Burnt Hills, NY; two aunts, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her sister-in-law, Angela Nassar and her children. She was also blessed with many wonderful friendships formed throughout her life. She was predeceased by her sister, Vivian.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations made be made to the Historic Old St. John's Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Karen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 11:30 from the funeral home and at 12:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

DEC **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)


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Service

DEC **22**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church
240 Bleecker Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6159
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall



Dave
Russo

“ I am sorry to have discovered this obituary in my search for Karen Nocian Nasser. I had hoped that she was still with us so I could contact her. Miss Nocian was the finest teacher I ever had. She was both my home room and English teacher at John F. Hughes School from 1967 to 1969. I would have loved for her to know that I became a successful attorney and a 5-times-published writer and poet. Karen--you were the best and the good we do lives on far past our own lives.

Always fondly remembered and loved.

Dave Russo

Long Beach, CA

Dave Russo - November 22, 2018 at 08:55 PM



FB

“ Dear Gene and family,
even after almost three weeks I find it hard to come to terms with Karen's being gone. My family and I owe you and her so much, beginning with your friendship and hospitality during the duress of my separation and divorce back in the 70s. You kept me sane and emotionally functional and willing to look to the future. Karen was like a mother to my Alex then. In more recent years, Jill and I enjoyed our conversations with Karen about faith and values, family and gardening. And what a storyteller she could be when she got started on her visits to Italy and Poland! We have lost a great and dear friend, a gentle and a wise one. The Good Lord had his reasons for calling her home so early, and we have to bow in acceptance of His will. May He now heal you and guide you.
In reverence and friendship,
Frank Bergmann and family

Frank Bergmann - January 07, 2013 at 11:13 AM

LY

“ Gene,

We are very sorry for your loss. 2012 is a sad year for many. Our prayers are with you and your family.

*Mike and Lorraine (DiPerna) Yozzo
Baldwinsville, NY*

Lorraine Yozzo - December 27, 2012 at 01:55 PM

MH

“ Gene, Ann, Laura & Paul,
*Our heartfelt sympathies on Karen's passing go out to you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely,
Mike and Charlene Hiffa*

Mike and Charlene Hiffa - December 21, 2012 at 07:09 PM

MB

“ *Karen and I enjoyed many fun times at Duanesburg High School. I truly meant to contact her, as I live only 15 miles away. But, sadly, I did not. My thoughts and prayers are with those she left behind.*

*Marion Bruins
Class of '60*

Marion Bruins - December 21, 2012 at 02:38 PM

EC

“ *Uncle Gene, Ann, Laura and Paul,*

I am very sorry to hear of Aunt Karen's passing.

Let the sweet memories of her heal your soul.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Elizabeth (Keller) Close

Elizabeth Close - December 21, 2012 at 07:35 AM



“ *Dear Gene, Ann, Laura and Paul,*
My heartfelt sympathies are with you and I
pray that God's comfort and peace be with
you during this difficult time. You are in my
thoughts and prayers
God Bless you. Sandra Moses



Sandra Moses - December 20, 2012 at 10:35 PM

CW

“ *Mr Nassar and family, We are so sorry to hear of Karen's passing.*
We have such fond memories of her from Lansing Street. You were
both such good friends to our parents. God Bless All of you. The
Creo Family

Camy Creo Williams - December 20, 2012 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ *Sandra S. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Karen L. (Nocian) Nassar.*



Sandra S. - December 20, 2012 at 03:38 PM

MS

“ *My favorite memories of your mom are when we'd all sit on the couch in your dining room and have "girl talk." She was so much fun and had such a wonderful laugh. I loved how she would light up like a school girl as she shared stories with us and passed on her wisdom and abundant love.*



Meg

Meg Stebbins - December 20, 2012 at 02:28 PM

DM

Gene and family, I am very sorry to hear of Karen's passing. My thoughts are with you from another Lansing St neighbor...

Don Marino - December 20, 2012 at 09:49 PM

RC

Gene, we don't have the words to describe the loss to you and your family. Our prayers are with you. We mourn with you.

Bob and Dick Chancia

Richard L. Chancia - December 20, 2012 at 10:02 PM