



Mrs. Kathleen L. (Strycharz) Cuccaro

February 22, 1936 - December 13, 2024

UTICA – Mrs. Kathleen L. (Strycharz) Cuccaro, age 88, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 13, 2024, with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on February 22, 1936, Kathleen was the daughter of the late Mary C. (Fondario) Narbone and Stanley Strycharz. She was a proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

Kathleen first met Carl F. Cuccaro at Tony's Sweet Shop, and it was love at first sight. They were wed on June 13, 1959, and shared over 65 years of marriage. The cornerstone of their life was their mutual love, respect, and support for each other and their family, as well as the traditional values they shared.

Kathleen was employed with the General Electric Co. early in her career. After starting a family, she devoted herself to raising her children. Later, she returned to work at Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., before accepting a position as a Medical Claims Approver with UFCW Local One, from which she retired.

Kathleen's family was everything to her, and they were the center of her life. She was an extremely devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was

fiercely loyal, and a natural protector of her children, and especially her grandchildren. Her welcoming smile, sharp sense of humor, and quick wit made her a beloved presence to all who knew her.

Kathleen enjoyed 60 years at the family camp in the Adirondacks, at White Lake, a second home where she and all her family created countless memories. Later in life, she and Carl discovered a passion for traveling. From trans-Atlantic flights, cruising to various destinations, and taking road trips crossing state lines, their main goal was spending quality time with family.

A faithful Catholic, Kathleen was a parishioner of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus.

Kathleen is survived by her husband, Carl; children and their spouses, Carleen and Fiorentino "Tino" Poccia, Pasquale "Pat" and Mary Cuccaro, Carlo and Kim Cuccaro, and Kelly and Matthew Fuligni; grandchildren, Emily and Gary McConnell; Juliana and Garret Rittenhouse, Thomas Cuccaro, and Carlo Cuccaro; Olivia Cuccaro, Andrew Cuccaro, and Caroline Cuccaro; and was eagerly anticipating the birth of her first great-granddaughter. She held close to her heart the memory of her sister and brother-in-law who preceded her, Frances J. and Jack R. Rightmier. She is additionally survived by her cherished in-laws, Carole Aulbach, and Ronald A. and Sheila Cuccaro; and many nieces, nephews, and their families. Kathleen was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Pasquale and Rose (Pepe) Cuccaro; and beloved sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Marie J. and Mario L. Rocci, Sr., and Theresa A. and Ronald L. "Ron" Smith.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Kathleen's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. There will be an opportunity to greet the

family at the conclusion of Mass. Those who were unable to attend the service may view it online at <https://www.youtube.com/live/upT4XMh0YUY?si=FXox-T7CmEdA9AZ8>. Please consider memorial contributions in Kathleen's honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org/donate-online/>; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 18. 1:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *My sincere condolences to Carl and the Cuccaro family...many fond memories of our Lansing Street neighbors...*



Don Marino - December 20, 2024 at 09:14 PM

DR

“ *Hello from Ohio.*

To Uncle Carl, and cousins Pat, Carleen, Carlo and Kelly, Marie and I offer our deepest of sympathies. I have fond memories of your Mom from Lansing Street to White Lake. Good memories live on, I know that first hand, You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God watch over you.

Love, David and Marie Rocci

David Rocci - December 19, 2024 at 10:54 AM

CD

“ Carl, Pat, Carlo, Carleen, and Kelly,
Although we are a bi coastal family distance does not separate our hearts. I am so grateful for the memories I have with you all and with Kathy (my Godmother) from our recent visit.
We want to express our sincere sympathy and condolences to all of you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers through the season and into the new year
Love Celeste (Fondario) and David Dunlap
Mary Fondario
LauraJean (Fondario) and Mitch Martino
Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Celeste Dunlap - December 18, 2024 at 02:56 PM

KM

“ Mr Cuccaro, Carleen, Pat, Carlo and Kelly..I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing, I have so many fond memories of her in your house on Lansing Street and our days at Mount Carmel. Your mom was the sweetest person. Please know that all of you will be in my prayers during this difficult time. May eternal rest be granted to her, and perpetual light always shine on her. My love to all of you.

Kelly Mercurio - December 18, 2024 at 01:34 PM

JJ

“ For the last few days, I've been trying to find the right words to bring some comfort to all of you in the face of such a profound loss. When I press rewind or scroll back to the chapters of my life, your mom was my very first story, February 17, 1967, the very origin of my existence. Kelly and I were trying to force ourselves into this world. Our mothers were enduring the grueling pains of labor, breaking into laughter between contractions, my mother pacing back and forth, smoking a cigarette.

The early days of our lives at Mt. Carmel and playing outside your house on Lansing Street bring back so many wonderful memories. I remember the sounds of music coming from your home, the smells of dinner at supper time, and the voices of your family watching TV when the sun came down.

Your mom was beautiful. The love she shared with your father was palpable. The family they created and the example they set for you—for all of us who were there to witness, are among the most remarkable I experienced growing up.

I know how devastated you must feel, and I don't know what to say to help ease your pain. I am truly sorry for your loss. Johnny Piazza

John Piazza Jr - December 18, 2024 at 05:54 AM

MS

“ Very sorry to hear of your loss, a lot of Lansing st and Mt.Carmel memories. May God our father rest your soul and bless your family.
Mark Suppa

Mark Suppa - December 17, 2024 at 08:22 PM

KG

“ Carl and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Kathy's passing. I had the privilege of working with Kathy at UFCW. For a short time we sat in a small office we both shared . Then we moved to be in the middle of the room and she sat next to me. She was a hard working, dedicated, dependable woman. We became fast friends and my son and I were invited to their beautiful second home at White Lake. We had a wonderful time thanks to their hospitality. I am so very sorry for your loss. There is never a good time but especially the holiday season is difficult. Cherish the memories, She loved her family and always spoke about each one. She will always be in your hearts. Rest in peace Kathy. You will be missed. Love and prayers, Karen Gilot

Karen Gilot - December 17, 2024 at 12:18 PM

JN

“ Carl, Ron and Sheila please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.
May she rest in peace..

John Scala NC - December 17, 2024 at 07:02 AM

GO

“ To the Cuccaro family
So sorry to see that Mrs, Cuccaro has passed, know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. and may she rest in peace.

Gary Ollerenshaw

Gary T Ollerenshaw - December 16, 2024 at 07:59 PM



SG

“ Carl my condolences on the loss of your of your great love Kathy. I have memories of her at the pharmacy and of course you Carl all thru Conkling then Proctor. May Kathy Soul Rest in Peace. Amen.

Sandy Garro - December 16, 2024 at 01:16 PM

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“ I remember Kathy as a lady who made me laugh. At her old camp while we were enjoying the beach she was back at camp cooking up a meal. Kathy thanks for your great laugh and sense of humor. Angela. (George Gorgon s daughter).

Angela Matuella (Gorgon\$ - December 15, 2024 at 09:32 AM