



## Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace

October 8, 1952 - June 2, 2020

CAPE CORAL, FL/UTICA - Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace, age 67, went home to the Lord and was reunited with her beloved husband Nicky when she passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 with her loving daughters by her side. Born in Utica on October 8, 1952, Linda was the daughter of the late Pasquale “Patsy” and Lucy (Scilinguo) Caputo. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1970. On March 4, 1984 she married Dominick P. “Nicky” DeGrace. Not only did they share a memorable marriage, but they also made a loving, harmonious home for her three daughters. Nicky was a wonderful husband to Linda and a great step-dad and mentor to the girls during their years together. He passed away on May 27, 1998.

Linda worked as a Medical Records Clerk at Slocum-Dickson and later at Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center as a Telephone Operator whose voice and soothing attitude brought comfort to patients. For 20 years, she also worked at the former Graziano/Regal Restaurant as a well-known waitress who was highly regarded for her hospitality. She then was employed as a cashier at Walgreens in New Hartford, transferring to a Walgreens in Fort Myers, Florida when she relocated there.

A woman of character, Linda was dignified and self-reliant. She was an inspiring mom to her children, and she was wise enough to be their best friend and confidant. They were bound by an unbreakable bond of love and fun, ... never a dull moment! Being a mother and Nana was her greatest gift, and each day revolved around their activities and needs. She would do absolutely

anything to accommodate them, and in turn, they admired, loved, and adored her so much.

Linda's smile was warm, welcoming, unique, and memorable. Her exuberance was irresistible, a trait that led to friendships that lasted a lifetime. She and Nicky traveled to Atlantic City and Las Vegas, not only for the excitement, but also for the experience and the restaurants. She was also a savvy bargain shopper. Linda was a slot-machine queen and prior to relocating to Florida, she made many donations to Turning Stone, along with Helen, her friend and partner in their endeavor to win. She was a Dunkin Donut's Coffee fanatic, ... extra cream and two Equals please! Linda was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. She encouraged her family to know the Lord and trust in Him, and in her final days, she found peace, after her difficult struggle. Her children and family know that life will never be the same without her, but she leaves them countless memories of inspiration, advice, and wisdom. She made everything seem so easy! She had an enthusiasm for life, and she lived it well. She honored the holidays and special days in the lives of each of her girls and grandchildren, and she continued that tradition up until her very last day.

Linda is survived by her pearls and devoted daughters, Rhonda Fabbio, Shelly Fabbio-Kane and her husband Dan Kane, and Toni Alana (DeGrace) Mueller and her husband Keith Mueller; her grandchildren, who she adored and with whom she shared individual relationships, Samantha Fabbio and Michael Kasprzyk, Amanda Alfred, Brandon Kane, Jordan Kane; Bella Mueller, and Amber Rock. She also leaves her siblings, Rose Almond, Joseph R. Caputo and James Hanosh, and Lucy and Jack Rumbutis; and her nieces, nephews, great-nieces great-nephews, cousins, and her best friend, Vita Graniero who was an "aunt" to the girls and remained close to her heart to the very end. She was predeceased by her step-siblings, Margaret and John R. Costanza, and Pasquale A. Caputo; and niece, Natalie Almond.

The family is grateful to Dr. Robert Esper, her trusted physician Oncologist, for his compassion and concern.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Linda's life privately and funeral services will be held with immediate family only.

Please take a moment to connect with Linda's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ *Salvatore Rocuzzo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace*



Salvatore Rocuzzo - December 12, 2020 at 05:27 AM

SR

*I am deeply saddened by the loss that you and your family have encountered. My condolences. May God put Linda in a special place where she will be watching her family and, the people who loved and cherished her!*

Salvatore Rocuzzo - December 12, 2020 at 05:31 AM

FP

“ *My condolences to the loss of your mother to you and your family you will be in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 Francine Papa*

Francine papa - June 11, 2020 at 10:50 AM

LR

*Thank you*

Lucy Rumbutis - June 15, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LR

*Thank you so much*

Lucy Rumbutis - June 15, 2020 at 09:27 PM

ML

“ *Lucy... My deepest sympathies to you and your family for the loss of your sister. My thoughts and love and prayers are with you. Mary Ann Ladd*

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**Mary Ann Ladd** - June 10, 2020 at 08:48 PM

LR

*Thank you I appreciate your kindness*

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**Lucy Rumbutis** - June 15, 2020 at 09:27 PM

DA

“ *Deepest Condolences and Prayers sent to everyone. Sorry. Don Almond.*

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**Donald Almond** - June 10, 2020 at 07:51 PM

LR

*Thank you Donald very much*

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**Lucy Rumbutis** - June 15, 2020 at 09:28 PM

LR

*Thank you Donald very much*

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**Lucy Rumbutis** - June 15, 2020 at 09:30 PM

SH

“ *I have known linda all my life...her smile could light up a room !!! Such a wonderful woman who I will miss seeing her smiling posts each day...my heart goes out to u all!!! She was one special woman one who I will never forget!!!*

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**sarah hensel** - June 10, 2020 at 02:19 PM

SS

“ Linda was my coworker at Slocum Dickson, but I will always remember her as a wonderful friend. Along with Linda, we loved her beautiful daughters too.

*I send my deepest condolences and I pray that her family will find strength and comfort, knowing that God has promised to be near. ("Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matt. 5:4)*

*Sandra de Souza  
Huntsville, AL*

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**Sandra de Souza** - June 09, 2020 at 10:44 PM

SN

“ Suzanne Bowley, Jack & Lucy's neighbor.. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace.



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**Suzanne Bowley, Jack & Lucy's neighbor..** - June 09, 2020 at 04:17 PM

KD

“ What a beautiful tribute to her ❤️ Kathleen & Terry Delozier - she loved you all and always keep her close to you in your ❤️'s

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**Kathleen Delozier** - June 09, 2020 at 12:58 PM

DB

“ My mom and I send our heart felt condolences. Our thoughts are with all the family.

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**Donna Bouse** - June 09, 2020 at 07:49 AM

DW

“ Linda always had a smile on her face. She was a beautiful woman and very caring.

Diane Williams - June 08, 2020 at 10:19 PM

TK

“ Linda always had a way to make me smile. Working with her in the Doctor's office when I was the new nurse in the office she made me feel welcome and she always had some kind of treat to share with me or any of her co-workers. I will miss her she was a shining star here on earth. And I know her light will forever shine on the ones she loved. May God hold on to linda's family at this difficult time. Xx

Tracey Koss - June 08, 2020 at 07:50 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace.



June 08, 2020 at 05:15 PM

KA

“ This woman lived a life full of love. I can not recall a time ever hearing her say anything off color about anyone. Her love and devotion to not only her daughters and grandchildren, but her friends and extended family leave behind a legacy and something for us all to aspire to emulate. Farewell sweet Aunt Linda. In my heart of hearts I know you are reunited in love with Nicky and raising the roof with my Mom.



Kim and Andy Artessa - June 08, 2020 at 04:19 PM

JC

“ On June 2, 2020 our Heavenly Father looked down from heaven and saw Linda's suffering and heard the prayers of her family and friends for Him to show her mercy and end her suffering, In His infinite mercy he dispatched his angels to her bedside in Florida and lifted her soul and presented it to Him. He said come Linda into my Heavenly Kingdom where you will enjoy everlasting peace.

*She was greeted by her husband Nicky, and our mother and father and all our family and friends that have gone before her. I mourn the loss of my baby sister and a deep emptiness fills my heart. I mourn the loss of not being able to see, talk, hug and kiss her,*

*I take consolation in knowing that we will be together again when our Heavenly Father calls me to His Kingdom.*

*Rest my dear sister for you have earned your place in God's Kingdom. Say hello to Mommy and Daddy for me.*

*With all my Love your big brother,  
Joey*

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**Joseph R Caputo** - June 08, 2020 at 03:41 PM

LR

*Joey that was so beautifully expressed to our baby sister, & Nicky, & mom & dad, they are all in eternal happiness together ! As a family I. Heaven !*

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**Lucy Rumbutis** - June 15, 2020 at 09:39 PM

DF

“ my heart goes out to all of you ... i have known Linda since 1974 , before Toni was born,i used to babysit you girls, love your mom always have,she is with Nicky now , that is what she wanted, and Carmie and Joey and her mom she is ok ... find peace you guys I cant say it gets any easier, it doesnt, but she is always with you feel blessed to have had the relationship with your mom that you did , not all of us have ever experienced that Love. god bless all of you .... the Fresina Family..... Doreen

Doreen Fresina - June 08, 2020 at 03:28 PM

UR

“ Utica Provider Relations purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace.



Utica Provider Relations - June 08, 2020 at 02:48 PM

MG

“ A great person inside and out ,a good listener and someone you could talk to God knows she heard some of my confessions. She will be missed dearly ,God speed ciao for now until we meet again.

mark graziano - June 08, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JF

“ Joe Hall and Jeff Trout, Fort Myers, Fl purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace.



Joe Hall and Jeff Trout, Fort Myers, Fl - June 08, 2020 at 12:01 PM

MM

“ *Marguerite Mannas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace*



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**Marguerite Mannas** - June 08, 2020 at 11:18 AM

MM

*In Memory of a very special lady that I have only known for a very short time. I will always remember her love of my cookies. May the memories that she has left, help her friends and family come to peace with her passing. May she rest in peace.*

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**Marguerite Mannas** - June 08, 2020 at 11:21 AM

TF

“ *The Sardinha Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Linda A. (Caputo) DeGrace.*



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**The Sardinha Family** - June 08, 2020 at 09:04 AM

LS

“ *Sending prayers to my cousins and family during this difficult time and the days to come. My beautiful Aunt Linda had a smile that could light up the world .Fly high with the angels and smile down on all of us rip my beautiful Aunt. Lucy Spina*

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**Lucy Spina** - June 07, 2020 at 10:28 PM

LR

*Thank lu*

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**Lucy Rumbutis** - June 15, 2020 at 09:42 PM