



Louise Y. (Columbro) Caruso

February 1, 1939 - September 14, 2011

Mrs. Louise Y. (Columbro) Caruso, age 72, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. At the time of her passing, she was surrounded by the love and devotion of her family.

Louise was born in Utica on February 1, 1939, the daughter of the late Dominick and Cecelia (Andrisani) Columbro. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy Class of 1957.

Louise began her career with the New York Telephone Company as an administrative assistant. Concurrently, she modeled in local venues for various fashion stores. It was on February 13, 1965 that she married Dr. Mario A. Caruso with whom she shared 26 years prior to his passing on May 9, 1991; their marriage rested upon the enduring love they held for each other and their mutual values and goals that were beneficial to family life. Louise's legacy as the loving matriarch of her family will live on in the hearts of her dear ones. She guided her children in their social and ethical decisions, always encouraging them to embrace the virtues of love, hard work, and respect for humanity, values that have proven to be lifelong thoughts in their minds. In turn, her children admired her ability to live a selfless life as she watched over them with such tender and meaningful ways. When Louise was blessed with the arrival of grandchildren she was revitalized and animated by those new loves. Among her many attributes, she was generous of heart and graced with a bright smile that lit up a room. She was a fabulous cook and prepared

plentiful meals, welcoming all to her table. She was also lively and light on the dance floor. One of her favorite hobbies was crafting ceramics many of which she bestowed to family and friends. She was also a meticulous gardener carefully tending to her flowers and vegetable plants. Summers at First Lake in Old Forge were memorable for her and a time to bring everyone together in a beautiful and warm environment. Louise served as a Eucharistic Minister at Blessed Sacrament Church and was a current parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Louise is survived by her children, Lucille A. and John Rodriguez of Victor, NY, Dr. Paul M. and Stacey Caruso of Whitesboro, Michelle L. and Thomas Koehler of Clinton and Richard A. and Richelle Caruso of New Jersey. Also in her heart Louise held the memory of her infant daughter who passed away in 1966. She also leaves her adored grandchildren, Andrew M.; Paul M., Jr., Benjamin J., Joshua A.; Nicholas T. and Brandon M., Celia J. and Domenic M.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many cousins, and in-laws, Sylvia and Joseph Guarini, Harold and Rita Caruso, and Bernice Caruso. Louise was also blessed with many wonderful and long lasting friendships. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Henry Caruso, Mary and Joseph Gentile, and Philip J. Caruso.

The family expresses gratitude to Louise's aides from Guardian Angels who assisted her in maintaining her well-being, independence, and dignity; also Dr. John Rubin, Dr. John McCormack, and the Emergency Room staff at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, and Hospitalist Dr. Affaf Munir and the caregivers of the Intensive Care Unit.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to the Parkinson Unit at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. or the Dr. Mario A. and Louise Y. Caruso Memorial Scholarship Fund at Utica College; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Louise's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mary of

Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 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

SEP **17**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Service

SEP 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Louise Y. (Columbro) Caruso*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lucille, John, Michele, Tom, Paul, Stacy, Richard, Richelle and Families:*

I was very blessed to have your Mom as a friend. She was such a loyal and fun loving woman always putting everyone else first. I am so sorry I didn't get to spend more time with her. She was a trusted confidante who was always there to give you a truthful opinion. She loved all her children's friends as her own and I might add they felt the same about her.

You were all her greatest treasures in life. God Bless each and everyone of you for being the wonderful children and grandchildren you were. She will be missed and remembered always.

Our Love and Prayers,

Fred and Jeanne Castronovo

Jeanne Castronovo - September 17, 2011 at 04:55 PM

GF

“ Lucille, Paul, Michelle & Richard -

I just want you all to know that your mom was a "Sweetheart" in my life! I Loved growing up in high school with Lucille as my "Best Friend" and your mom acting like a second mom to me!

She was such an amazing women, with such a warm heart! She loved to COOK it up for us girls! Loved to laugh with us and I will never forget her words of "WISDOM" that she would always share.

She will be very missed, but I know she is with her "Mario" and smiling down on her Beautiful Family!

Much Love Is Sent Your Way - Gina Castronovo- Flihan & Family

Gina Castronovo - Flihan - September 17, 2011 at 11:20 AM

PC

“ *My mother was the most amazing woman I've ever known. She was loving, caring compassionate and above all selfless. She always sacrificed herself for the happiness of her family. She taught me, nurtured me, protected me and supported me. Everything I am today I owe to her and my Dad. She will be missed but never forgotten. Every time I think of her I will see that beautiful smile and know that she is still guiding me and protecting me as I go through life.*

I Love You Mom!

Paul

Paul Caruso - September 16, 2011 at 07:22 AM

SB

“ i had the pleasure of knowing louise the last 3 to 4 years as she resided at preswick glen retirement home. what a wonderful lady, soft spoken with a big heart. she will be missed. r.i.p

sal barbero

sal barbero - September 15, 2011 at 10:18 PM

LC

“ Linda Case lit a candle in memory of Louise Y. (Columbro) Caruso



Linda Case - September 15, 2011 at 08:52 PM

LC

Even though we didnt really know her well, she was always very kind and spoke to us at family functions. Rest in peace. God Bless. Stacey & Paul please remember if you need any thing please call us. Love Linda & fred Case

Linda Case - September 15, 2011 at 08:57 PM

CC

“ I recall many conversations with your Mom. They always reflected profound love for her family and home. She truly embraced life with a wonderful spirit that shall certainly go on. With deepest sympathy, Sincerely, Carolyn M. Conte

Carolyn M. Conte - September 15, 2011 at 04:58 PM