



## Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco

December 7, 1956 - October 24, 2015

Mrs. Maria P. (Elacqua) Colacicco, age 58, was reunited with those who have gone before her, as she passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Marlborough Health Care Center with her devoted family by her side. Her passing occurred after a courageous battle with a Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM), a form of brain cancer.

Born in Utica on December 7, 1956, Maria was the daughter of the late James F. and Mary (Chiarello) Elacqua. She graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in 1974 and subsequently attended M.V.C.C. where she received an Associate degree in Sociology. On June 7, 1980 she married Patrick J. "Pat" Colacicco with whom she shared 35 years in a very social and fun-filled loving, and compatible relationship. When Maria became ill, Pat did all he could to be the best advocate for his beloved wife.

As they began their married life, they relocated to Connecticut where Maria embarked upon a 20-year career at HSBC Bank in the Equator Division, a position she truly loved and valued because it introduced her to so many wonderful co-workers. Maria also worked in her profession as a licensed Realtor for 10 years with Century 21 and the William Raveis Real Estate Company. She was the recipient of numerous awards for customer service and quality which was a reflection of the personal touch she brought to real estate sales. Maria served as president of the Eastern Central Board of Realtors in Connecticut and was a member of the Colchester Business and Industry Association.

Maria loved life and worked so hard to please others, an endeavor that endeared her to everyone. She was a kind-hearted person who sported a warm smile, a keen mind, and an irresistible laugh that will be heard forever by those who loved her. Maria embraced the guiding principles of honesty, integrity, and passion in all her pursuits. As a mom, she catered to her children with an open heart, always ready to listen and make things right! She adored them and supported their life choices, never criticizing their ideas and intentions. She was grateful that God graced her life with two terrific children and a partner who was her best friend. A connoisseur of Italian cooking, her recipes and ingredients were a true reflection of her mom's old-world cooking style and the meals she presented were savored by family and friends. Maria enjoyed hobbies, especially arts and crafts. She was a collector of Precious Moments figurines and Christmas artifacts and heirlooms that tastefully decked her home during the holidays. She tended to her floral gardens and outdoor plants with pride, and along with her husband, she maintained and beautified their home and yard which was a gathering place for neighbors and friends. She supported the activities of her children when they were in school and was a member of the Bacon Academy Friends of Football booster club and showing her social flare, she gathered the neighbors of Apple Lane and established a Social Club that created lasting memories for all. She was a communicant of St. John Fisher Parish in Marlborough, Connecticut. May we all learn that Maria lived every day as a gift and did it with purpose and passion.

Maria passed after spending a well lived life on this earth because of the relationships she shared with her husband, Pat; her daughter and son-in-law, Danielle M. and Matthew "Matt" Organek of Portland CT; and her son, Paul A. Colacicco of Chapel Hill, North Carolina. She also leaves her aunts and uncles, Anthony Elacqua, Congetta Elacqua, Augustine DeCarlis and Claude Rauhaiser, and Joanne and Joseph Barbero; and several generations of cousins. Maria was blessed with the love of a second family; her father-in-law, Erminio Colacicco; in-laws, Dominick P. and Carole Colacicco of Cicero,

Nancy A. and Matthew Stellato of Los Angeles, CA, Patricia "Tricia" and David Caruso of Utica; her nieces and nephews, Nicholas and Sarah Colacicco, Ashley and David Cocquyt, twins Alex Stellato, and Geena Stellato; great-nephews Dominick and Robert; and aunt Tillie (Vizzacaro) Ruben. She will be greeted by her mother-in-law, Nancy Colacicco, who preceded her in death in March of 2015. She was also blessed with many longtime and loyal friends with special mention of Lorraine Legnani, Nancy Jacobs, and the ladies of Apple Lane, Betty, Marie, Laura, Jocelyn, and Gen. She will be missed by her terrier, Bella, who was always by her side awaiting a treat. She was predeceased by her aunts and uncles.

The family extends sincere thanks to Maria's physicians, Dr. Inam Kureshi, Dr. Alexandra Flowers, Dr. Michael Lawlor, Dr. Mandeep Kumar, Dr. Patrick Troy, and Dr. Meghan Train for their outstanding personal concern for Maria and their professional advice; the nurses and aides of the 8th, 9th and 11th floors at Hartford Hospital for their compassionate care; the Nursing staff, Emeka, Patty, Britani, Alicia, Leslie, Chris, Jessica, Jesse, Sunhee, Karen and aides, Maxine, Laurie, Kathy, Samantha, Rachel, Jessie, Yannie, Erika and Rose of the Marlborough Health Care Center who were so wonderful and comforting to her loved ones; they were like extended family in their devotion and constant care for Maria; and special friends, Anita, Jen, Tracy, and Lance for their frequent visits that lifted Maria's spirits.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, 932 South St., Utica, NY, corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of memorial donations may be made to the Helen & Harry Gray Cancer Center, Hartford Hospital, Attn: Fund Development, 80 Seymour Street, Hartford, CT 06102 or on-line at <http://giving.harthosp.org>.; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Maria's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 10:30 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 privately in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 10:30 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

FA

“ Pat, Danielle and Paul

*My wife and I are very sorry to hear of Maria's passing. Like many others, I have such fond memories of your beautiful wife and mom. I'll always remember her for befriending a "nerd" in the choir when many of the other popular girls wouldn't. She was as beautiful inside as out. You're in our prayers.*

*Frank and Wanda Arcuri  
Fayetteville, NY*

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**Frank Arcuri** - November 18, 2015 at 07:48 PM

JT

“ Pat, Danielle, and Paul

*John and I are deeply saddened to learn of Maria's passing. Our hearts go out to you during this time of sorrow. Maria was truly a beautiful person leaving a lasting memory of friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

*John and Jacqueline Tarascio  
Chapel Hill, NC*

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**Jacqueline Tarascio** - November 09, 2015 at 08:37 PM

KM

“ Karen MacDonald purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



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**Karen MacDonald** - November 02, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ *Pat, Danielle & Paul,*

*We are deeply saddened by the news of Maria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. She will be missed by all.*

*Our Deepest Sympathy,*

*Bob, Denise, Nichoas & Michael Delisle  
Colchester, CT*

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**Denise Delisle** - October 31, 2015 at 03:25 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 30, 2015 at 08:32 PM



“ *To the Colacicco Family, My heartfelt condolences for the Passing of Maria..She grew up with alot of us in East Utica,attending Proctor High and had many a friend..My fondest memories were being in the Senior Choir with her and she loved it like us all..I am so sorry for your lost of this sweet young lady..May her memories be enternal.*

*Tom Guidera  
Sylvan Beach,NY*

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**tom guidera** - October 30, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 30, 2015 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 30, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 30, 2015 at 08:54 AM



“ *Pat and Family,  
We are so sorry for the passing of Maria. Such a sweet and loving person. She will always be with you. You are in our thoughts and prayers .Rest in peace Maria.  
Love,  
Dan and Kathy Traglia*

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**kathy traglia** - October 29, 2015 at 10:28 PM

SF

“ *Pat and family,  
Sorry to hear Maria has passed, the memorize I have of her go back  
to high school. She was a great lady and will be missed greatly.*  
*Sam Foresti*

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**Sam Foresti** - October 29, 2015 at 09:28 PM

EL

“ *Pat and family,  
So sorry to hear of the passing of Maria. She was a beautiful person  
who always seemed to have a smile on her face during our high  
school years. My condolences go out to you and your family. My  
prayers are with Maria and all of you.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Ed Lasek*

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**Ed Lasek** - October 29, 2015 at 08:49 PM

ME

“ *Dear Pat, Danielle and Paul we are thinking  
about all of you during this time of sadness.  
Maria is an amazing person because she will  
live forever in hearts of people she touched and  
loved in her life. We are sending you our  
prayers - love Magda, Ed and little Eddie.*



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**Magda Edward and Eddie** - October 29, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of  
Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 29, 2015 at 04:46 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 29, 2015 at 04:11 PM



“ *In Comfort and Peace* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 29, 2015 at 04:07 PM



“ *Red & White Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 29, 2015 at 04:00 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 29, 2015 at 03:47 PM

EM

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with your family Pat, at this moment of loss of a true love. She was very much loved by the people she has touched. She will always be special in our heart. Maria rest in the lord until the day will see you again.

Emeka (her nurse at MHCC) - October 29, 2015 at 12:59 PM



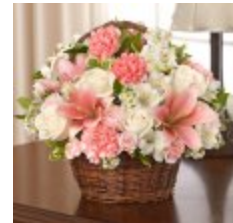
“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 29, 2015 at 11:24 AM

CF

“ CENTURY 21 CT Realty Associates Friends purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



CENTURY 21 CT Realty Associates Friends - October 29, 2015 at 11:24 AM

DR

“ Danielle and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sadness. She sounded like a wonderful person and I wish I could have met her.

Love you guys  
Auntie Di and Uncle Ron



Diane Raffele - October 29, 2015 at 10:34 AM

LE

“ *Maria,*

*You are dearly missed! Know that you are loved and appreciated and thought of often.*

*~Leslie*

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**Leslie** - October 29, 2015 at 08:26 AM

JL

“ *Patrick,*

*My deepest sympathy to you on the passing for Maria*



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**John Lilli** - October 29, 2015 at 08:25 AM

SW

“ *We are deeply saddened by the news of Maria's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sandra Ciccone Wagner*

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**Sandra Wagner** - October 28, 2015 at 04:51 PM

VL

“ *Vishal Tulsian & Hung Law purchased the Lavender & White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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**Vishal Tulsian & Hung Law** - October 28, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 28, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Pat, Chich and family. I am truly sorry to hear about Maria's passing. We go back a long way from our high school days and she will be truly missed. Heaven has surely gained another angel. She was a remarkable woman. May she rest in peace and take comfort knowing that she is no longer suffering. Her memory will always be cherished in our hearts.*

*Mary Ann Peck*

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**Mary Ann Peck** - October 28, 2015 at 12:59 PM



“ *The eVA Team purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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**The eVA Team** - October 28, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 28, 2015 at 10:53 AM

CV

“ *Cousin Johnny Valenti purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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**Cousin Johnny Valenti** - October 27, 2015 at 08:45 PM

JV

“ *To my cousins Pat, Paul and Danielle; Please accept my deepest and sincere condolences for the loss of Maria. It saddens me to receive such tragic news when I am such a long distance away, out of the USA and cannot be there to be with you to see Maria off to her journey to join Aunt Mary and Uncle Jimmy. It is times like this when we should all think back in time, look at her picture and remember her unique laugh and never ending smile. God Bless you and your family for maintaining your courage, support and strength during Maria's struggle to survive. Rest In Peace.*

*Cousin,  
John Valenti*

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**John C. Valenti** - October 27, 2015 at 07:33 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.*



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October 27, 2015 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ Pat and Family, Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache. But those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family. Maria was a beautiful soul and she touched the hearts of many. She will be greatly missed. May the memories be your comfort that will live in your heart forever. My dearest Cousin/Godmother, May you rest in peace. Love Always, Cousin Christine Barbero Davern.

Debbie Barbero - October 27, 2015 at 06:11 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maria P. Colacicco.



October 27, 2015 at 03:50 PM

RL

“ Like a sunny, warm autumn day, Maria's kind, warm and gentle spirit reflected in her beautiful smile. Pat, Danielle and Paul may the fond and happy memories you cherish with Maria somehow bring you peace at this most difficult time. She will forever be in our hearts. Love to you all and our most sincere sympathy.



Cousins, Frank and Rosalyn Leone and Family

Rosalyn Leone - October 27, 2015 at 12:40 PM

JB

“ Our heartfelt condolences to Pat, Danielle, Paul and the whole Colacicco family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time. Maria is such a beautiful person inside and out. We will treasure her smile, love and friendship and she will be missed by many people she touched all these years. Heaven just gained a beautiful angel named Maria!!!! Eternal rest grant unto her oh lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace, amen.



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**jocelyn brion** - October 27, 2015 at 12:32 PM

AJ

“ Maria's bright smile, quick wit, warm heart, and infectious laugh are what I remember most working with your lovely wife and devoted mom at Equator. She will be missed. My deepest sympathy, Anne Janangelo



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**Anne Janangelo** - October 27, 2015 at 08:56 AM

FB

“ Pat, Danielle and Paul I send my sincere sympathy to you for the loss of my beautiful cousin Maria, she was a wonderful person, mother, wife. You will be missed Maria, rest in peace and give highs and kisses to your mom and dad in heaven for me. Love your cousin Frankie Barbero



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**Frank Barbero** - October 27, 2015 at 08:13 AM

SB

“ to Pat, Danielle, and Paul I want to give my condolences to my cousin maria. she was a beautiful person, with a huge heart and a beautiful smile. I remember the old times of parties { new yrs eve} at the houses and just a few yrs ago when she came to visit my parents during the holidays. my thoughts and prayers go out to you and she will be missed deeply. maria, you are in god's care now may you rest in peace. love you.

sal barbero - October 26, 2015 at 07:53 PM

PE

“ I will always remember the wonderful times at Dom and Chichs house, parties and holidays alike. Pat and I always joking and teasing each other, and Maria always agreeing with me. All was in good fun, but beneath it was a true love for the entire family. I have always felt blessed for having come to know the entire Colaccco family. I choose to remember that Maria, and those times. However, the sorrow for Pat and the children keeps creeping in. My thoughts and prayers are with you Pat. The loss of someone like Maria, is beyond understanding. My love to all of you. Peppe



Peppe - October 26, 2015 at 07:09 PM

DB

“ Pat, Danielle, and Paul, There are times along life's journey that can test the spirit deeply. Through this is certainly one of those times, may you never stop believing that your faith, your inner strength, and the power of God's love will carry you through. God gained another Angel. Until we meet again. Love Always, Cousin Debbie Barbero.

Debbie Barbero - October 26, 2015 at 06:47 PM

DB

“ *Pat, Danielle, and Paul, We are thinking of you during this difficult time. Wishing you, Peace to bring comfort, courage during your journey through grief, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. May the strength of Faith, May the joy of hope, and may the warmth of love bring you peace in your time of sorrow. Love Always, Uncle Joe and Aunt Joanne Barbero*

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**Debbie Barbero** - October 26, 2015 at 06:41 PM