



Mrs. Marian A. (Mahana) Karam

June 13, 1934 - April 19, 2022

UTICA - Mrs. Marian A. (Mahana) Karam, age 87, passed peacefully into heaven on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 with her loving and devoted daughter at her side.

Marian was born in Utica on June 13, 1934 to the late Abdoo and Emily (Sfeir) Mahana. On June 13, 1959 Marian married Ernest T. "Nini" Karam in St. Louis Gonzaga Church, Utica. They truly loved and respected each other and placed the needs of their family above all else. Nini passed away on September 13, 2008; Marian always held him in the depth of her heart.

Marian first worked at Mele Manufacturing, followed by employment at the iconic Boston Store. When their daughter, Darlene, was born she dedicated her life to being an amazing stay-at-home mother. She felt honored to lovingly care for her beloved parents, her brothers Eddie and Michael, as well as her cherished mother-in-law. Marian then worked for the Utica City School District as a Bus Monitor for special needs children.

She enjoyed traveling and taking cruises with Nini. Marian treasured the memorable and relaxing times enjoyed with her daughter, Darlene, during their winters in Naples, Florida.

Marian lived a life full of love for every person she met. She had a kind heart and was always a welcoming, warm, and gentle soul to all the lives she touched. To know her was to love her. When Marian started dialysis, she gracefully accepted the hard work that came with it and never complained. While there, she made many dear friends and close bonds that became so

meaningful and rewarding to both her and Darlene.

A lifelong member of St. Louis Gonzaga Church, Marian had a special devotion to St. Anthony and the Blessed Mother. She was a member of the St. Mary's Guild.

Marian is survived by her beloved daughter, Darlene A. Karam, who tenderly cared for her mom. They shared many memorable times that brightened both of their lives, while making the best of light-hearted opportunities along their journey. She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, George and Janet Mahana; her sister-in-law, Ava Karam; many cousins, nieces and nephews, especially great-niece Kylee Martin who knew the love of Marian and Nini in a very special way, always telling her "You will be our baby doll forever."

Marian was preceded by her brothers, Edward N. Mahana and Michael N. Mahana; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tady G. and Ouida (Duon) Karam; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Wade J. Karam, Lillian and Anthony Sfeir, Sr. (who was also her uncle), Galeb J. and Eugenia Karam, and Fred J. and Agnes Karam.

Darlene would like to thank Father Boutros El Hachem for his prayers and guidance; and her close friends for their unending support and affection, especially Marianne Juliano who adored Marian and doted on her needs and desires. She also acknowledges and appreciates the compassionate care provided by her mom's health care professionals.

Visitation will be held Saturday morning, April 30, 2022 from 9:15 to 10:15 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger Street, Utica. Marian's funeral service will commence immediately following at the church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Boutros El Hachem. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Marian's memory may be made to St. Louis Gonzaga Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at [https:// www.stjude.org](https://www.stjude.org). Envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Funeral Service

APR 30. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

JK

“ *Darlene & Family,*

We are so, so very sorry. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

JP & Christina Kidwell

JP Kidwell - April 27, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marian A. (Mahana) Karam.*



April 27, 2022 at 04:08 PM

KP

“ *Darlene, We are so very sorry to read of your mother's passing. She was a great lady and was so very fortunate to have such a loving daughter! We hope the concern of friends and family and the wonderful memories you have will comfort you at this sad time.*
Sincerely, John and Kathy Pugh

Kathy Pugh - April 27, 2022 at 12:02 PM

RN

“ *Darlene..my sincerest condolences to you on your mother's passing. I'll never forget the family reunions and what wonderful times we all had together..*
love to you,
Richard Nicholas

Richard Nicholas - April 25, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marian A. (Mahana) Karam.*



April 25, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *Darlene & Family...*

I am so sorry to hear of Mom's passing, The times in the past that I spent with your family were wonderful....I do miss that. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this most difficult time. Remember she will always be by your side. Much Love...

Karen Gentile

Karen Gentile - April 25, 2022 at 10:57 AM



“ *Loved my cousin Marion. Such a caring and sweet woman. May her soul Rest In Peace, and Perpetual Light Shine Upon her. My condolences to you cousin Darlene. I pray your moment of grief focuses on all those special moments you shared with your Mom. May God Bless you cousin. Love, Jimmy Nicholas*

James Nicholas - April 24, 2022 at 03:25 PM



“ *Darlene, My deepest sympathy to you and your family, my prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*With Condolences,
Donna Magaro Dye*

donna magaro dye - April 24, 2022 at 07:40 AM

PR

*It is very hard to write this, "Dar". My heart is heavy because I know your pain. You made wonderful memories with your mom, memories that will last forever, memories that will cause you pain but eventually give you strength and laughter. Your mother took care of all those she loved. Her parents, brothers, her beloved husband and cousins. I remember how close she was to Aunt Lillian's children and grandchildren.
Marian was kindest, most loving woman. She is with Christ now, happy beyond belief.*

Patti Rusczyk - April 24, 2022 at 09:41 AM

DA

My condolences. I thought your mom was just the sweetest woman. I loved when we got to visit her when we travelled to Syracuse/Utica area.

Danielle - April 24, 2022 at 03:12 PM

DE

Dear Darlene, I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Marion's passing. I have such great memories of her and I am thankful that you were able to visit us a few years ago. May your mother's soul rest in peace and may she be reunited with your lovely dad and my grandparents in heaven!

Denise Araiche

denise - April 24, 2022 at 06:07 PM

RM

Dear Darlene, We Are So Very Sorry For Your Loss. Your Mother Was A Beautiful, Kind, Sweet Women. You Are In Our Thoughts And Prayers.

*The Morrisseys
Pat, Rosemary & Family*

Rosemary Morrissey - April 25, 2022 at 09:06 AM

IP

Dear Darlene,

Inserra connie and patricia - April 28, 2022 at 09:59 AM

IP

We are so sorry for your loss! Your mother was the kindest and sweetest person and we enjoyed her so much at Maria's and Bob's when she came for the children's birthdays. We will miss her so much!

Inserra connie and patricia - April 28, 2022 at 10:27 AM

IP

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Connie and Patricia

Inserra connie and patricia - April 28, 2022 at 10:33 AM