



Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski

October 29, 1949 - October 2, 2016

Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski, age 66, passed away in the comfort of her home on Sunday, October 2, 2016, with her loved ones by her side. It was through her courage that her family could maintain a smile on their faces, because they were so proud of her.

Born in Utica on October 29, 1949, Marianne was the daughter of John “Captain John” and Mafalda “Mitzi” (DePastina) DePerno. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1967 and went on to graduate from Utica College of Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Studies, as well as her Masters Degree in Education. This was all accomplished while she was working and raising her family. On August 4, 1973 she married Joseph A. Jakubowski with whom she has shared 43 years. But their relationship was blessed from their first date 49 years ago when Joe fell in love with her. It was true love for each of them and the spark has never dimmed. As a couple, they integrated their independence, family life, and support for each other and their children. Raising their family was the most important thing on their minds, and love was the most important thing in their hearts. They knew they would always be there for each other.

Marianne was hired as a Social Studies teacher in the Utica City School District in 1971 at her alma mater, T. R. Proctor High School. During her 35 year tenure, she became the Social Studies Department Chair. She was passionate in teaching her students and she took the time to care about and reach each of them. She was a motherly image and she understood and

mentored many of them through the challenges of their lives. She also taught night school for those who needed to attend. She was unassuming, humble, and was graced with an unforgettable smile upon her face. She took a genuine interest in a person's life and became an endeared friend. She was never forgotten throughout the years.

Marianne was blessed to have parents whose values and hard work ethic molded her into the precious person she became. She continued to embrace people with grace and sincerity which afforded her so many true friends throughout her life. Her father had a vision for a business venture and he loved Sylvan Beach, and so... Captain John's Restaurant on Main Street sprung to life. Marianne's responsibilities were vast and her prowess for work was put to the test as she stepped into a new vocation as waitress and bartender. Her summers were spent working at the beach; she loved the operation and her co-workers who were extended family. In the autumn, she returned to teaching. Marianne was kind-hearted, passionate, loving, caring, and generous, always putting others before herself. Joe was involved with her in all her endeavors —every moment of every day.

During what little spare time she had, she enjoyed romance novels, movies, and vacationing with family. At get-togethers, Marianne made things happen. She cooked and baked with the kids, along with her mom, and these were special moments. Her theory was that if you enjoyed something, just do it, because life is too short. Autumn was her favorite season and she adorned her home with decorations denoting not only fall, but the upcoming holidays as well. Her grandchildren called her "MiMi" and what she felt for them was a different kind of indescribable love, and she spoiled each of them individually. Marianne and Joe took care of each other and still found precious time to care for her parents. She never had them far from her heart and mind, even as she managed her own medical struggles. It seems amazing that all of these tasks that were important to this family got done, with incredible ease and teamwork. Marianne was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. She was a true believer and had a close connection to those who went before

her. Sunday Mass and the Sacraments were important when raising her children.

Although the years of her life were not as long as we would have wished, she was adventurous, spontaneous, and she captured the moment. Marianne was a dreamer... and most of her dreams came true.

Marianne is survived by her husband, Joe; her daughter and son-in-law, Sheri A. and Fidele P. Fanelli; her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Katie Jakubowski; her parents, John and Mafalda; her precious granddaughters, Zoe Lynn, and Kenzie Marie Jakubowski; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Elaine DePerno-Brown and her husband Andy, Dorthea Casey and Mark Casey, and Joni DePerno-Zahas and her husband Scott. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Dr. Kristy and Dr. Greg McBride; Tara and Mike Skidd, Dr. Justin and Lauren Casey; Scot Zahas; her great-nieces and great-nephews, Brantley McBride, and Alessandra Casey; many cousins, and in-laws, Dolores Werczynski, and Leon and Doreen Jakubowski. She was fortunate to have had so many wonderful and loyal friends and co-workers. She was predeceased by many members of the DePerno family; and her in-laws, Michael and Stephanie "Sadie" Jakubowski.

The family is grateful to the amazing team of physicians, nurses, and staff at the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for their professional expertise and compassion.

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 in Marianne's memory to the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center online at <https://www.mskcc.org>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Marianne's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Just thinking of you!!! Well... I'm always thinking of you! I miss you and love you Mom. I was watching our wedding video and could not remember what we were talking about during our dance? How I wish you could whisper it to me...* ”



Joe Jakubowski - November 17, 2021 at 09:31 PM

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“ *Marianne and I taught together and became fast friends. We shared love of family, dinners out with our peers on a regular basis, sharing family experiences and stories as well as supporting one another when needed. I knew were to find her in the summer and as a result spent time at the beach checking in with her and visiting briefly as she worked. Marianne was the best of the best, never an unkind word, she was amazingly compassionate, patient, happy, fun loving, intelligent and modest. I'm sad that the world has lost such an important and valued lady that gave so much to so many!* ”

Pat Tedesco

Pat Tedesco - October 07, 2016 at 04:08 PM

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where to find her

Pat Tedesco - October 07, 2016 at 04:09 PM

AB

“ *What a wonderful tribute to a beautiful lady. I worked with Marianne a long time and she was the ultimate professional. She was a joy to be around because she always maintained a positive attitude and that was contagious to everyone around her. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. She always shared wonderful stories about her family and she had such pride in her children. My deepest condolences to the DePerno and Jakubowski families. We will remember Marianne in our prayers.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy,
Angela and Jim Brooks*

Angela Brooks - October 07, 2016 at 02:34 PM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski*



Don Marino - October 07, 2016 at 12:24 PM

FR

“ *Mrs. Jakubowski was one of my social studies teachers at Proctor High School in the late 1990s. Several years later, I had the chance to work with her at Proctor High School when I began my career as a social studies teacher. She was a great teacher to many students over the years. My sincerest condolences to her family. God bless.*

Frank Robertello

Frank Robertello - October 06, 2016 at 09:33 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski.*



October 06, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ *I absolutely loved Mrs. Jakubowski! In 1984 she was my 11th grade Social Studies teacher. Who knew Soc. Studies could be so interesting. My sincere condolences to her family.*

Pauline Fraccola-Ruggiero

Pauline Ruggiero - October 06, 2016 at 09:37 AM



“ *I believe that not only Marianne's family suffered a great loss with her passing but the Village of Sylvan Beach did as well. My wife and I first met Marianne at Captain John's and it was like she had known us her whole life. I'm pretty sure she made everyone feel like that. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Greg and Diane Horan

Greg Horan - October 06, 2016 at 09:17 AM



“ *Cathy Vita-Duffy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski*



Cathy Vita-Duffy - October 06, 2016 at 05:19 AM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski.*



October 05, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marianne (DePerno) Jakubowski.*



October 05, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *I had Mrs. Jakubowski for a teacher at Proctor. She was a great lady and a great teacher. May she rest in peace.*

Francine Sansone - October 05, 2016 at 09:35 AM



“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO THE DEPERNO AND JAKUBOWSKI FAMILIES. LOVE TO DORTHEA AND HER SIBLINGS FOR THEIR LOSS OF A BEAUTIFUL SISTER. MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL.
CAROLYN FACCIOLI & JOHN GOREA*

CAROLYN FACCIOLI - October 04, 2016 at 05:30 PM