



## Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi

June 3, 1933 - November 15, 2023

UTICA – Mrs. Marie Concetta “Mema” (Ferrese) Grimaldi, age 90, peacefully passed into the arms of her loving Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. At the time of her passing she was in the company of her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and sisters, and in the hearts of her entire family.

Born in Utica on June 3, 1933, Marie was the daughter of the late Frank and Rose M. (Thomas) Ferrese. She was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School/Class of 1951.

Marie married the love of her life, Fred J. Grimaldi, Jr. on August 23, 1952. They centered their love around one another and their family. She gave her heart and soul to her marriage and honored their vows. Marie and Fred shared over 60 years together prior to his passing October 1, 2012, and she missed him to her very last day.

Marie began her career in the field of law. At an early age, she began working at the Law Firm of Leon Marketos and Arnold Capecelatro. She then took time away from the office and devoted several years to raising her children. Her return to work came with well-earned respect and advancement. The highlight of her career was her position with the Clerks of the United States Bankruptcy Court, achieving the title of Judicial Assistant to the Honorable Leon Marketos

and Honorable Stephen Gerling. Marie retired in 1994, after 25 years of dedicated service.

Marie was a mother who taught her sons how to grow in love and respect. As boys, they never realized how much their parents silently sacrificed to give them the best they could. Her actions showed that her family came first, and they emulated her example. Marie taught that the decisions they made should be their best choices. Her family always knew they could come to her with any problem, and she would help them anyway she could find the right path.

Marie's family surrounded her throughout her entire life and together they had many great adventures. She was full of joy and optimism in her life always. Music played a key part, whether simply being played in her home or listening to the beat of a band.

She always looked forward to her Saturday night going to church with Frank and David and after mass meeting at Dave and Lori's house, then calling Fred and Rich to see where to go for Saturday traditional dinner before heading to the casino.

Before her own family, she grew up with three sisters and a brother. She was their rock, a great listener who always gave honest advice. When she began her own family, she brought her core values with her and lived by them proudly. Marie was truly one in a million. She loved the traditions of hospitality. Friends and family were always welcome in her home and food was invariably in abundance.

Marie's grandchildren were cherished gifts from God. Mema entertained their every wishes. She loved to sing and dance with them. At Christmas time they would sing Christmas Carols together, a memorable part of their family celebration. She drew such joy from them. Their Mema listened, and the

conversations were so easy, and once again she gave the best advice to them as well. Mema was proud to be a grandmother and when her great-grandchildren came along, her happiness increased with each new arrival. Each child was a precious gift to her. Marie's life was enriched by her unique relationship with them and how they could feel how much she loved them.

Sundays were reserved and sacred time to spend with her four boys and their loves and whenever the grandchildren or great-grandchildren could attend, all knew that the event began at 12:00! All were welcomed to the open door of her hospitality of her Italian feast, (especially Frank's chicken).

The Christmas season at Marie and Fred's home was magical. The table just seemed to grow in length, and she couldn't have been happier. She was the Santa to the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and nothing pleased her more to see them open the gifts she had so carefully selected.

Marie was respected in the most genuine way by all she knew. Her boys were appreciative and felt honored and blessed by all who would ask "How's your mom."

Marie was an avid bowler and skilled enough in the sport to become a league and tournament participant; she once rolled an impressive 299 game. Marie loved baseball and was an avid New York Yankees Fan. Marie and Fred, in their retirement years, purchased their Cocoa Beach home and enjoyed Florida winters for 14 years, enjoying golf and the numerous friends they made who became like family. Marie and Fred always found time to be at their children's and grandchildren's activities.

From a young girl, she was taught to love the Lord and follow His ways. Marie continued throughout her life to be a devout and prayerful woman and she

found peace at attending Mass. She never refused an opportunity to learn more about the life of Jesus. She had realized that the Lord sustained her in her times of need and for that she was extremely grateful. Her home parish was that of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Whenever asked of her greatest achievements, she always spoke of the blessings she received from her four sons, daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Surviving are her sons and their loves, Fred J., III and Jill Grimaldi, David F. and Lori Grimaldi, Richard J. Sr. and Rosanne Grimaldi, and Frank T. Grimaldi, Sr. She will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren, Amanda N. and Cady Marosek, Corinda and Glenn Cox, Joie A. Grimaldi; Ashley and Tim McAleer, Alyssa Grimaldi; Richard J., Jr. and Ashley Grimaldi, Michael and Heather Grimaldi; Frank T., Jr. and Erica Grimaldi, Francesca and Adam Ryan, and Matthew Grimaldi and their mother Karen Seaver. She will be remembered by her great-grandchildren, Everett G. and Thatcher G. Bouthillier; Hudson, Kennedy, and Emmett Cox; McKenzie, and Joseph McAleer; Marco, and Isabella Grimaldi; Conor, and Maxwell Grimaldi; Ava R. Grimaldi; and twins Aubrey, and Parker Ryan. Marie leaves her memory to her sisters and in-laws, Jeanne and Thomas Zdanowicz, and Kathleen and Budd Osborn, and her sister-in-law, Donna Ferrese. She was preceded by her sister and brother-in-law, Rosemarie and Frank Percacciante; and her brother, Thomas Ferrese. She meant the world to her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her in-laws, Dennis and Carolyn Grimaldi, and JoAnne Grimaldi and the late Carmen R. Grimaldi. She was preceded by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Theresa and Dominick A. Viti, Jr., and Robert and Joanne Grimaldi. Because Marie was such a wonderful woman, she had the love and respect of so many friends, too numerous to mention. She was additionally preceded in death by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Fred J., Sr. and Angeline (Pugliese) Grimaldi; and

cousins and dear friends, Al and Dixie Grimaldi.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Nicholas Qandah, neurosurgeon, and Dr. Juleen Qandah, emergency care physician, at Wynn Hospital. During this unexpected episode, the staff and associates of the ER were all kind, considerate and outstanding in their care of Marie and her family. A special note of appreciation to Father Tom Servatius for the prayers of anointing the sick and his friendship through this very difficult time.

Marie was the source of her family's traditions and the center of their lives. She will be forever missed everyday of their lives.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Marie's honor may be made for Autism to the Kelberman Center online at [www.kelberman.org/donate](http://www.kelberman.org/donate); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marie's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery alongside her beloved husband.

The Lord Bless You and Keep You, Marie, Ma, Mema.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **21**. 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](mailto:eannacefh@roadrunner.com)

# Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Please accept our sincere sympathy during this difficult time!*

Emil Paparella - November 30, 2023 at 02:45 PM

JR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, and so honored and blessed to have known Marie. She was a beautiful and faithful soul who very obviously cherished her family. My prayers are with you through this difficult time, though I know Marie is overflowing with love and joy as she watches over all of you from her rightful place in heaven.*

Jill Restifo - November 27, 2023 at 01:25 PM

PA

“ *Sincerely sorry for your loss. May happy memories comfort you at this difficult time. Frank Papale St Peter's church and Margaret Voce Papale JFK.*

Papale - November 24, 2023 at 07:30 PM

PC

“ *I am heartbroken over the loss of my friend, Marie. I want to remember her when we would get together, Marie, Me, and Pat Spatuzzi to play the game "Aggravation". She would say: This is my house, if I don't win, no dessert and I will tell my boys! We both would say "please don't tell your boys!" We will miss you, Marie. Rest In Peace. Pat Callari*

Patricia Callari - November 22, 2023 at 02:40 PM

MV

“ Your mother was a fine woman. We always saw your cars at her house every single Sunday getting together for good food. She was a very nice neighbor and we wished we could have gotten together more often.

Our deepest sympathy to the entire Grimaldi family.

Sincerely,

Dominic (Butch) and Marie Viti

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**Marie Viti** - November 22, 2023 at 11:55 AM

MK

“ Freddy, Dave, Rich & Frankie ... I am so so sorry to learn this evening of the loss of your mom ... My condolences to you all ... God now has your mom in heaven but you will always have her in your heart ... I so remember your mom at every sporting event along side your dad cheering you all on while we all were growing up in North Utica ... Such a grand, kind and loving lady always with a kind word for all ... She will be missed ... I will light a candle for her here in Rhode Island ... God bless ...

Mike Koperda



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**Mike Koperda** - November 22, 2023 at 07:50 AM

RT

“ Fred and family. Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. My deepest condolences to the entire family. May she Rest In Peace.

Rocco Tebsherany

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**Rocco Tebsherany** - November 22, 2023 at 05:33 AM

BC

“*Freddie, Frankie, David and Richard, I have fond memories growing up in our quaint little neighborhood in North Utica. Going to your home and and hanging out with your family was just like being at home. Marie was one of the most gracious person I’ve ever met. She touched many people in a positive way, and we are better because of her. Peace and love to you and your families.*

*Bob Cucinotta*

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**Bob Cucinotta** - November 21, 2023 at 08:22 PM

DV

“*Dean Viti lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi*



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**Dean Viti** - November 21, 2023 at 06:12 PM

MK

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*Mike Koperda  
Mike Koperda  
Friend  
November 21, 2023*

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**Mike Koperda** - November 21, 2023 at 07:37 PM

FD

*I am so sorry to hear that Marie passed away. I remember her coming to all of the baseball games that David and Richie played on the Colt team that I coached. I am sure she is resting with her husband Fred. They were a perfect couple. My thoughts and prayers are with her four son.*

*Frank Domanico Tucson Az.*

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**Frank Domanico** - November 24, 2023 at 01:57 PM

DV

“ Fred, David, Rich, and Frank and the Grimaldi family,

*Our very deepest sympathy to the entire Grimaldi family at this most difficult time.*

*Your mom was special to me and to many others. She always had a ready smile and quick with a kind word. God Bless you all. Aunt Marie well be missed.*

*Love,*

*Dean & Susan Viti and family.*

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**Dean Viti** - November 21, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



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November 21, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JR

“ John and Jackie Romano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.

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**John and Jackie Romano** - November 21, 2023 at 02:13 PM

SK

“ Aunt Marie, I will always carry the wonderful memories of you in my heart. You were always there for me, whether it be a phone call or sitting at your kitchen table holding my hand and comforting me, you always had the right words to for me and I always left your home feeling better, I will carry you always in my heart now and forever... May you rest in peace , Love Susan

Susan Klein - November 21, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



November 21, 2023 at 05:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



November 20, 2023 at 06:16 PM

JR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



James Rivecca - November 20, 2023 at 02:20 PM

JR

“ My first memory of my cousin Marie was when we lived at 505 Nichols St.in Utica with Uncle Frank Zizzi Rose Marie, Jeanne and Tommy living upstairs and me, my dad and mom, grandma and grandpa Ferrese living on the first floor 2 flats. Marie was a nurturer from her early childhood. last time we were together was this October at Ryan and Jenna Watson's wedding. We sat at the same table with Marie, Kathy and Bud. She was still as beautiful, vibrant and loving as I remembered her from years past! Miss her. Condolences to her family who were so fortunate to have her guide them as a great example to follow in their lives. God Bless. Love, Jim and Anne Rivecca

James Rivecca - November 20, 2023 at 02:15 PM

LE

“ Love, Frank, Jeff, Rebecca, and Ella purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



Love, Frank, Jeff, Rebecca, and Ella - November 20, 2023 at 01:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



November 20, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 20, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 20, 2023 at 10:38 AM



“ *Dave and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Mike and Lorraine Yozzo.*

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**mike yozzo** - November 20, 2023 at 08:51 AM



“ *Wurth MSM - Northern Safety & Industrial planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*

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**Wurth MSM - Northern Safety & Industrial** - November 20, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 20, 2023 at 08:11 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 20, 2023 at 06:41 AM



“ *To the Grimaldi family,  
Marie was a Proctor High School friend, class of 1951. She was a great person. Always unassuming, quiet, yet attuned to what was going on.  
She would always greet you with that great smile. The world has lost another good person, and heaven has gained much more.  
God Bless ,  
Richard DeFazio*

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**Richard DeFazio** - November 19, 2023 at 08:21 PM

ML

“ I am so sorry to hear this, I had the pleasure of knowing Mrs. Grimaldi may whole childhood , just a great woman! Fred , Dave , Rich and Frank my condolences to you all! My you keep all your memory’s in your hearts! God Bless you all! Prayers for all of you and your children!

Mary lourdes - November 19, 2023 at 07:01 PM

RT

“ Roberta Taubman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.

Roberta Taubman - November 19, 2023 at 04:55 PM

RT

“ Roberta Taubman purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.



Roberta Taubman - November 19, 2023 at 04:55 PM

SM

“ Frank and Family, our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mom. You were always there for her and your Dad. Take comfort knowing they are now together and watching over you and your family.

steve and phyllis madrak - November 19, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 19, 2023 at 01:05 PM



“ *Robert P. Grimaldi II & Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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**Robert P. Grimaldi II & Family** - November 19, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Robert P. Grimaldi II & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*

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**Robert P. Grimaldi II & Family** - November 19, 2023 at 12:23 PM



“ *Marie touched many hearts including ours and although it's hard to imagine the world without her it's easy to imagine Heaven rejoicing because she is there! We will never forget the twinkle in her eyes and smile on her lips when we complimented her on the dedication and love shown by her sons for her. Our caring thoughts are with her adoring family at this difficult time. Michael & Angela Jean Pikul*

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**Michael & Angela Jean Pikul** - November 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 19, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Debbie Barbero and the Barbero Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*

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**Debbie Barbero and the Barbero Family** - November 19, 2023 at 11:52 AM



“ *Debbie Barbero and the Barbero Family purchased the Cheer Snack Gift Basket for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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**Debbie Barbero and the Barbero Family** - November 19, 2023 at 11:52 AM

DB

“ To the entire Grimaldi Family,

*Where do I start. Marie will always have a special place in my heart. When I would come home for a visit, I would always call her and tell her I was in town. I always made it a point to go visit. We always had wonderful conversations.*

*When my parents passed away, she reached out to me and I went and visited her, we laughed, we cried.*

*Marie was the sweetest woman, very soft spoken, and always had a smile on her face when she seen me.*

*Marie, you are now with your hubby Fred, and I am so glad that I had the chance to visit you and Fred ever time I came home.*

*I will miss you, and pray for you every day. It will be sad when I come home and ride by your home. You will forever me in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Love Always,  
Debbie Barbero*

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**Debbie Barbero** - November 19, 2023 at 11:46 AM

JY

“ Joe Yourno lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi



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**Joe Yourno** - November 19, 2023 at 05:35 AM

JY

*My deepest condolences to all of Mrs Grimaldis family, and Kathy and Budd*

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**Joe Yourno** - November 19, 2023 at 05:42 AM



“ *To Rich,Fred,Frank,David & all the Family,  
My heartfelt condolences to all of you,,I met this wonderful and joyous woman thru her son Richie. From the first time we met she made me feel like part of her family. She was the consummate Italian mother who made us all feel welcome and fed us every time we visited her ,,Especially in their Florida home. Her and Fred were a match made in heaven and now they are together again in heaven.. Enjoy eternity together. All Richie's golfing buddies who visited them in Florida remember the funny times we had with them.. "THE TALKING PARROTT,, & GET OUT OF THE WAY"" A truly wonderful couple that will never be forgotten by me...*

*Rest in Peace.*

*Your friend*

*Tony Domanico*

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**Tony Domanico** - November 19, 2023 at 12:25 AM

KN

“ *Kathy Nakayama planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*

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**Kathy Nakayama** - November 18, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 18, 2023 at 09:00 PM



“ *To Rich and rest of the Grimaldi family so sorry for your loss what a wonderful woman she was , everytime I drove by her house when she was sitting on porch reading a book I would keep and she would wave glad she was my neighbor and will be missed may she rest in peace.*

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**Sal barbero** - November 18, 2023 at 06:22 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Concetta "Mema" (Ferrese) Grimaldi.*



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November 18, 2023 at 05:26 PM