



Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio

September 25, 1942 - January 2, 2024

N. UTICA – Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio, age 81, was blessed to be called home to the Lord and be reunited with the love of her life, Anthony, when she passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Marilyn was born in Utica on September 25, 1942 to the late Joseph Cavallaro and Congetta (Tursi) Cavallaro. She attended St. Agnes Grammar School and T.R. Proctor High School and was a graduate of Rome Free Academy.

Marilyn married Anthony J. DeFazio on September 28, 1963. She was a devoted wife and constant companion to Anthony. They were an inseparable couple, admired by many. They were each other's best friend and affectionately known to be by each other's sides always. 60 years were shared together prior to Anthony's passing on November 25, 2023.

Marilyn's joy was her home and the love within. She was a warm and nurturing mom, and cherished her 5 grandchildren. She always desired that those she loved knew how much she loved them. They were a very close family of heartfelt values, traditions and memories that will be embraced for years to come.

Marilyn's passion was creating a warm and beautiful home for her family. Prior to becoming a wife and mom, she accepted a role at the Rome Air Base out of

High School. Once her children grew up this allowed her to enter a new phase of her life and she accepted a position with Dr. Albert Altongy, a local orthodontist. She was the office manager, where she worked until the doctor retired.

Marilyn and Anthony were blessed with many friendships. They made their home of 55 years and established deeply rooted relationships. They were lifetime natives of Central NY which allowed for many lifelong and loving bonds. Marilyn loved to be in the company of friends therefore her home was always warm, open and welcoming.

A successful marriage and the blessing of two precious children made her life complete. The little things made Marilyn happy and proud. Holidays were extra special to Marilyn and brought with them her outstanding home cooked meals and delicious desserts. Nothing made her happier than being with her treasured family during the holidays.

Marilyn and Anthony were deeply connected to their faith. They were long standing members of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus.

Marilyn is survived by her children and their loves, Lisa M. and Frank J. Nanna and Anthony S. and Cynthia Pensiero-DeFazio. The memory of their Nonnie will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren, Francesca M. Nanna, and Christian A. Nanna; twins Riya N. and Anthony J. DeFazio; and Arianna R. Pensiero. She will be remembered by her step-sister and her husband, Linda-Jo and Albert Barrio, as well as their family; a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins; and her in-laws, Marie Sirianni and her late husband, Louis Sirianni; Roseanne and Charles Coupe, and Richard DeFazio and his late wife, Jacqueline. Marilyn was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Samuel "Sam" and Teresa (LoPiccolo) DeFazio; aunt, Gloria Tursi; uncle, Martin Tursi; and in-laws, Phillip and Loretta DeFazio

and Samuel DeFazio.

The family wishes to thank the physicians and staff of MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center in Charlotte, NC for their exceptional care of Marilyn.

Visitation for both Marilyn and Anthony will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing, memorial contributions in Marilyn name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Central NY online at www.alz.org/centralnewyork; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marilyn and Anthony's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **24**. 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

Funeral Service

JAN **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Oh Marilyn you were by far the most beautiful person I've ever met inside and out... your personality and fun conversations will stick with me forever. We will truly miss you and Tony at the diner every week 😞

Jenalle Killino - March 31, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CD

“ To the family of Tony and Marilyn:

Your parents were wonderful cousins to my family. Also, we adored Aunt Connie, your grandmother. My mother Lillian was the youngest child of the Franco (Frank) family. My family lives in Rome and we would always look forward to family weddings and parties when we would get to see Tony and Marilyn. Also, your dad and the Fanelli 5 played at my wedding reception 42 years ago. Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers.
Cindy St.Thomas DelPiano

Cindy DelPiano - January 24, 2024 at 09:04 PM

TF

“ The Grimaldi, McKay & Fortier Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.

The Grimaldi, McKay & Fortier Families - January 23, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*



January 23, 2024 at 08:04 PM



“ *Marilyn and Tony were our Locust Drive neighbors for ten years. We all built our houses at the same time and developed tight friendships. We were all one big family. Watched out for each other. We reconnected a few years ago on Facebook. Our deepest sympathies to their children and grandchildren.*

Sal and Lois DeTraglia - January 23, 2024 at 04:35 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*



January 23, 2024 at 09:53 AM



“ *Lisa and family,
My heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mom. RIP.
Tony Ciccarelli*

Tony Ciccarelli - January 22, 2024 at 11:57 AM

NB

Marilyn & Tony were friends of ours for over 65 years - a beautiful, living couple. We will miss dearly miss them. 🙏🙏

Nancy & Nick Bartolotti - January 23, 2024 at 02:38 PM

TN

“ *Tom and Lora Norton purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*



Tom and Lora Norton - January 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM

TN

“ *Tom and Lora Norton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*

Tom and Lora Norton - January 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Jean Convertino and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*

Dan & Jean Convertino and family - January 19, 2024 at 03:01 PM

DF

“ *Dan & Jean Convertino and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mrs. Marilyn (Cavallaro) DeFazio.*



Dan & Jean Convertino and family - January 19, 2024 at 03:01 PM

SD

“ I was deeply saddened by the passing of Marilyn. I had been away for the holidays. I was close friends with "Fuzzy", and Marilyn, as we were good friends both personally and musically and she was always talked about in many conversations on gigs, and over coffee as well. It is rare to find real and true love, and devotion in these times, but "Fuzzy" and Marilyn had that and both of them are still sharing that bond. My condolences to the family, and I have lost another good friend, and sadly we of that era of morals, and devotion and love for one another is slowly ebbing away. God bless, and again my condolences.

Sonny Dee - January 17, 2024 at 03:02 PM

RP

“ Lisa and family,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your mom.
May God bless all of you at this difficult time.

Rick Polera

Rick Polera - January 09, 2024 at 07:06 PM

KZ

so sorry to hear about mon and dad new them along time may they rest in peace god bless

kamil zogby - January 19, 2024 at 11:40 AM

MB

Gone too soon!

M Janet Benzo-Paparella - January 21, 2024 at 03:36 PM