



Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera

July 24, 1946 - October 27, 2018

WHITESBORO - Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera, age 72, went home to those who have gone before her when she passed away on Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Born in Utica on July 24, 1946, Marilyn was the daughter of the late Alphonse and Roccatella "Roc" (Benedetto) Mango. She attended T.R. Proctor High School and was a graduate of the Mohawk Beauty Culture School where she received her NY State License as a Beautician and Cosmetologist. She enjoyed a career as a successful hairdresser for numerous salons in the area and a unique rapport with her clients. Many people will remember Marilyn from her position as Head Server at Valley View Country Club. Each wedding and other social events under her guidance and supervision were perfect in timing, presentation, and attention to detail. She was great at her chosen work and was blessed with hospitality. She was legendary, for sure. Vera, Mike, and Chuck Sadallah were considered family.

Marilyn was a classy woman, always well-appointed in her attire and appearance. She planned the proper way for things to be accomplished, and did just that. She also asked the same of her loved ones, and when she gave them specific instructions, they respected her advice. Marilyn was also generous and compassionate. She was mindful and always remembered the good occasions in people's lives and also supported others during sadness or a loss, virtues she learned from her mother. When her loved ones were happy, especially her children and grandchildren, she was happy. She never wanted

gifts, but she accepted graciously and humbly when she received one. She enjoyed the company and get togethers with longtime and precious friends and she especially enjoyed to dance, and the jitterbug was her favorite! She knew so many people and was a good conversationalist. Marilyn was a memorable soul and her personality was real.

She made things always be the best they could be; she was graced with a son who adored his mother and that filled the biggest part of her heart. When her grandson was born she was engaging and instrumental in his upbringing. Her granddaughter was the recipient of her advice and wisdom and she watched over her tenderly. The blessing of her daughter-in-law, Kim was that of an angel on earth and she loved her daughter, Teresa unconditionally. Traditions and Holidays were passed from Roccatella to Marilyn who hosted gracious celebrations with much elegance. In these more recent years, her children accepted the torch and have taken care of festivities in a traditional style. Marilyn valued her Catholic faith.

Marilyn is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Dino and Kimberly LaBarbera with whom she respectfully shared a home; her daughter and son-in-law, Teresa and Bill Murphy; grandchildren, Dean Abraham and Alex Feliciano, Bianca LaBarbera and Chris Isom, Anthony Abraham and Samantha Haas, and John and Brittany Woods; great-grandchildren, Londyn Abraham, and Aria Woods. She was preceded by her brother, Joseph F. Mango, and her sister Phyllis Sturgeon. She will be remembered by her brother-in-law, Richard "Dick" Sturgeon, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins including Barbara Federico. Marilyn had a multitude of friends throughout her life who have been her connection to the world, but at the final journey she was supported by Jodi Guarnieri, Lori Falange, Elizabeth Eaton, Dolores Centolella, and Terry Pugliese; her aunt, Kathleen Hobaica and Anna Rich.

The family is grateful to Dr. Scott Brehaut for his humanity, compassion, and medical expertise and Peter Storowicz from Sodexo.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marilyn's funeral

service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday, at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joe Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass.

Tribute Wall

KD

“ *Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera*



Karrie DiNigro - November 08, 2018 at 01:06 PM

KO

“ *Mar,*

May you Rest In Peace and forever laugh that beautiful laugh. You were a huge part of my life a chapter ago. Our days at Valley View will always hold near and to dear to my heart. Until we meet again my beautiful friend.....

Karrie DiNigro, Cleveland, Ohio - November 08, 2018 at 01:04 PM

 John Trapasso

“ *Marilyn was my teacher at Mohawk Beauty Culture School when I was 17. She was always patient and kind, and we became very good friends. I ran into her this past summer at Carmella's where her son Dino is the manager, I almost didn't go that night, but my cousin's talked me into meeting them there, it was meant that I go, because I hadn't seen her in many years. I'm so happy that I got to see her one last time. Rest in peace my friend. I will miss you.*
John Trapasso

John Trapasso - November 05, 2018 at 02:43 PM

CB

“ We always enjoy hearing stories of Cousin Marilyn from my Mommy Barbara Mango Federico and Papa Carmen Mango. We have fond memories spending time with Cousins Marilyn, Dino and Theresa with the LaBarbera and Mango families during our visits to Utica, New York. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless. Love and hugs, Christine and Vincent Boccabella

Christine M Boccabella - November 05, 2018 at 07:26 AM

GO

“ Gary T Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera



Gary T Ollerenshaw - November 04, 2018 at 08:25 PM

GO

“ Theresa and Dino so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. I will always remember the times we spent with her, Marilyn rest in peace

Gary T Ollerenshaw - November 04, 2018 at 07:33 PM

RL

“ So sorry for the loss of a great woman. Went to school with her and she was always person who made you feel good and was always honest with her views. Will always be remembered. rest in peace...
Ralph and Lorie Lupia

ralph lupia - November 04, 2018 at 10:04 AM

LT

“ *Marilyn was a special lady. I enjoyed our conversations, and her spunk. I will miss seeing her.
I wish that your family gains peace and healing.*
Lynne Toussaint

Lynne Toussaint - November 04, 2018 at 09:37 AM

RM

“ *Rosemary Morrissey lit a candle in memory of
Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera*



Rosemary Morrissey - November 04, 2018 at 05:41 AM

RM

Marilyn You Will Always Hold A Special Place in My Heart. You Were Such a Beautiful, Honest Person With The Most Beautiful Smile and Laugh! Although My Heart Is Broken We Have So Many Beautiful and Funny Memories and Stories With Gram, Teresa, Dino and Our Boy Toby To Make Us Smile and Laugh! You Will Be Missed But Remembered Always! I Love You All! Love, Rosemary

Rosemary Morrissey - November 04, 2018 at 06:05 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera.*



November 02, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera.*



November 01, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera.*



October 31, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *There are no words to express our sadness. We loved Marilyn very much. She will be greatly missed but always in our very fondest memories.*

Joe and Candace Gazzal

Joe and Candace Gazzal - October 31, 2018 at 02:17 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera.*



October 31, 2018 at 08:26 AM

EG

“ Marilyn was such a light in my life. I my family grew up down the street from Marilyn, and she continued to stay close to us all throughout the years. She always made me feel so loved, every time I saw her. I'll never forget looking forward to going to her house as a kid at Halloween, and seeing her during the holidays. When my grandmother and her good friend passed, she was so tremendously supportive. Marilyn will always have a very special place in my heart, and I wish nothing but love to all of her family during this time.

Erika Grassi - October 30, 2018 at 07:04 PM

AM

“ A.D. Maggiore lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera



A.D. Maggiore - October 30, 2018 at 06:43 PM

AH

“ I'm really gonna miss Marilyn she was so nice and respectful of the people she knew and loved.

Albert hill - October 30, 2018 at 04:49 PM

AH

“ Albert Hill lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera



Albert hill - October 30, 2018 at 03:51 PM

MB

“ I will really miss you mar,you were always good to me and was always there when there was a loss in my family, I will truly miss you. May you rest in peace

mary blackshear - October 30, 2018 at 03:41 PM

MB

“ MARIE A. BRIGANTINO lit a candle in memory of Marilyn A. (Mango) LaBarbera



MARIE A. BRIGANTINO - October 30, 2018 at 02:13 PM

AC

“ We are So Sorry for Your Loss, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Family! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andrew Convertino - October 30, 2018 at 01:27 PM

KS

“ I am going to miss her beautiful face coming into Carmellas and saying," Hey Kat,how are you. Is my son here?" Loved her sassyness!!!!

Kathy Smith - October 30, 2018 at 10:20 AM

RS

“ I met this wonderful friend many years ago in grade school. I will never forget how we got along instantly, being very silly little girls. I love you Mar and we will be together someday.
xoxo Rosemary Stedman (Roe)

Rosemary Stedman - October 30, 2018 at 07:24 AM

CC

“Marilyn was a wonder and amazing women!! My husband and I go back my many great years and great time we had with Marilyn. She was a friend, a great school mate, always smiling and ready to hey a good time and amazing mom!!💕 she will be greatly missed !! God bless the family she left behind 🙏🙏

Carol J Cragnolin - October 29, 2018 at 04:32 PM

CG

Rest in peace Marilyn. Remembering all of our many get together's at Sherry & Franks.Lots of laughs

Chris Graziano - October 29, 2018 at 07:48 PM

SG

RIP my friend and give Mom and Dad a hug. Remembering our many good times thru the yrs.

Sherry Gerace - October 29, 2018 at 09:34 PM

LL

Hoping you are peaceful Marilyn. Such a wonderful mom, and a great friend to all who had the pleasure of knowing and loving you. Our hearts are broken

Lorraine Lupia - October 30, 2018 at 07:18 AM



Rest in peace Marilyn, Love You

Joseph Surace - October 30, 2018 at 12:41 PM

MB

Marilyn.....I will always remember your friendship and wonderful smile.....RIPMarie (Albano) Brigantino

MARIE BRIGANTINO - October 30, 2018 at 01:07 PM

SG

God bless you Marilyn. Rest In Peace. My condolences to family.
Sandra (Sissy) George

Sandra R George - October 30, 2018 at 01:33 PM

RV

*My Deepest Sympathy to the
LaBarbera Family. God bless Marilyn and The Family with Peace.*

Rosemary Vasile - October 30, 2018 at 02:47 PM

PC

*Marilyn will always be remembered by us as a person with a good
heart and will always be missed , God Bless her soul and her Family.*
Patty and Peter Cerminaro

Patty Cerminaro - October 30, 2018 at 05:06 PM

CV

*The world has lost a beautiful soul. Always honest and caring. RIP my
friend. Civita Allard*

cvita - October 30, 2018 at 07:40 PM

DB

*Remember Marilyn at Proctor and from time to time years later would
run into each other. Always greeted you with a hug and smile and
catching up. Such a nice person that would make you laugh. Always
happy to have seen her. Rest in peace kind lady. Donna Meola*

donna brutto - October 31, 2018 at 09:54 AM

ME

*My deepest condolences to Marilyn's family. From grade school to high
school you were always my friend. Although life takes us down different
paths,our occasionally crossed. We would catch up and how you still
could make me laugh. Love you kid, rest in peace.*

Michael Elefante - November 01, 2018 at 08:21 AM

ES

*My sincere condolences to Marilyn's family. She was one of a kind.
Always with a smile and kind word. Rest in peace.*

Elissa Santalucia - November 05, 2018 at 01:00 PM