



Mrs. Marion (Jabour) Kempf

December 18, 1928 - November 7, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Marion (Jabour) Kempf, age 88, joined those who went before her when she passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Clark Mills, NY on December 18, 1928, Marion was the daughter of the late Naseem and Zaheya "Sadie" (Abdulla) Jabour. Raised and educated locally, she attended Utica Free Academy. On November 29, 1952 she married Oscar F. Kempf with whom she shared 54 years devoted to each other through 'thick and thin'. Oscar passed away on June 27, 2007.

Marion was employed for many years in the Utica City School District as a Teacher's Assistant and Monitor, a vocation she truly enjoyed. She loved the kids, and to the very last stages of her life, she smiled whenever she saw children and rejoiced that God graced her with her own. When she reflected upon her life, she believed that raising her children and seeing her family grow was a blessing from God. Being a mom was a great honor, but being a "Sitto" was the best. Her compassion for others was one of her most memorable qualities. When Marion hosted holidays at her home she was extremely hospitable, and her Lebanese delicacies, especially her Kibbie, were simply the best. She was an avid reader and also enjoyed audio books. The history of Utica was one of her favorite areas of interest. During her spare time, she enjoyed knitting, needlepoint, and solving puzzles.

She loved her parish, St. Louis Gonzaga Church and the Liturgy of the Maronite Rite that reflected her Arabic heritage. Marion was a member of the

St. Mary's Guild, St. Joseph's Society, and St. Moura Society. She was the recipient of the Massabki Award, the highest honor given to a lay person. She was a humble woman and was so touched by the presentation given by Father Bassam Saade.

Marion is survived by her children: a daughter, Annette F. Brown and fiancé Charles Martina; her son and daughter-in-law, Edmond and Karen Kempf; her grandchildren, Joseph Brown, David Brown, and Rachel Brown; Alison and Jason Beckwith, and Sarah Kempf; and her great-grandchildren, Noah, Cole, and Owen Beckwith. She also leaves her sister, Amelia Jabour; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, William Jabour, and Anthony and Marion Jabour.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the staff of Amherst Household at the Masonic Home. Also, the staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Beth and Nicole of the Allen Calder Wing for the wonderful care they provided to Marion and her family. Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will be offered at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations in Marion's honor may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association online at <https://www.alz.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Marion's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Aaron Sandbothe. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a beautiful soul.. Just was made aware of her passing. My longtime neighbor & forever family friend, Rest in Paradise Mrs. Kemp. - Liggins Family*

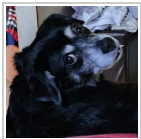


Vonnie Liggins - May 31, 2018 at 06:19 AM

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“ *My deepest sympathies. I have many memories of Marion from Roosevelt School. Dona Arcuri Dawes*

Dona Dawes - November 15, 2017 at 07:05 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Please take comfort in knowing that she is now in the arms of the Lord. We have you i our hearts and Prayers <3*

Love, Rik and Karen Froschauer

Karen Froschauer - November 11, 2017 at 12:09 PM



“ *She was such a radiant soul. She made you feel that running into you was the highlight of her day. It was a pleasure and honor to work with her.*

Mary Schiek, Utica City School District Librarian

Mary Schiek - November 11, 2017 at 10:51 AM

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“ *Very sorry for your loss. Your mother worked at Roosevelt School where i was a student. May she rest in peace.*



Francine Sansone - November 09, 2017 at 01:14 PM