



## Marion M. (Sykes) Srour-Sherwood

September 11, 1920 - October 23, 2009

Mrs. Marion M. (Sykes) Srour-Sherwood, age 89, formerly of Utica and more recently of Clinton, passed away on Friday, October 23, 2009 at the Katherine Luther Home Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center, Inc. with her loving family by her side.

Born in Horseheads, NY on September 11, 1920, Marion was the daughter of the late George and Agnes (Berbary) Sykes. She was raised and educated in the town of her birth. After relocating to Utica, she graduated from the Mohawk Beauty Culture School. She married Michael G. Srour and raised a family with him; he passed away on October 25, 1988. She was subsequently united in a marriage of several years with the late Murphy Sherwood.

Marion enjoyed a 30-year career as a successful and popular hairdresser, primarily serving her customers at Marion's Beauty Salon located on Scott St. She was a woman blessed with gracious hospitality and she cherished the company of her family and friends. Her home was open to all and she entertained with much generosity. The sparkle in her eye, her love of dancing, and other wonderful attributes led to a life well-lived. For many years she was an active member of several civic and community organizations, notably the Democratic Women's Club, the Syrian American Club, Hospice Care, the Moose Lodge, and New Hartford Elks Lodge.

Marion is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia A. and Joseph Karrat of Baldwinsville; a son and daughter-in-law, George M. and Sandra Srour of Sauquoit; her grandchildren, Pamella and Mark Johnson, Amy and

Frank Brown, Jennifer and David Prusinowski, Christopher Srour, and George and Christina Srour; and her great-grandchildren, Nicholas Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Ellyn Prusinowski, Lea Prusinowski, Andrew Prusinowski, Francesca Brown, and Cohen Srour. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, George and Connie Sykes; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and in-laws. She was predeceased by 2 sisters, Mabel Sykes, and Florence Julian; and a brother, Al Sykes.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions may be made to either the Alzheimers Association or to the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Marion's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ With Sincere Sympathy for the loss of your dearest mother. With joy she will now light her candle with OUR LORD, JESUS and enjoy ETERNAL HAPPINESS. With Love and Peace, Frank and Mary Annese###imported-begin###Frank and Mary Annese, Fort Mitchell, KY###imported-end##

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October 26, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ George, Sandy and family,###imported-begin###Frank and Mary Annese, Fort Mitchell, KY###imported-end##

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October 26, 2009 at 07:35 PM



“ George & Sandy and Family  
Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. We are sorry we can not be there for you, but please know we are thinking of you.  
Take comfort in knowing you now have a very special angel watching over all of you.  
Always with love###imported-begin###Frank & Donna Merhib###imported-end##

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October 26, 2009 at 10:34 AM



“ *Patty, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. My mom died 6/6/06 so I know what you are going through. I remember spending the night one time and your mom made us fried dough for breakfast. She was sweet and so attractive. My thoughts are with you.*  
*Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon Sollien Dunham##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2009 at 09:54 AM



“ *George,*  
*So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. My prayers are with you and your family. May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Debbie Barbero, Jacksonville Fl##imported-end##*

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October 26, 2009 at 07:29 AM



“ Before Alzheimer’s disease stole her from us, Grams had a social life that would rival someone half her age. She loved to go dancing, go out for coffee with friends, cook and entertain, and she loved to be in the midst of everything.

Grams was a very warm and welcoming person. She hugged & kissed everyone! She was well aware of the “7 degrees of separation” years before it became a popular concept – she’d always find a way for someone to end up being a distant cousin. It was undeniable just how proud she was of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she spoke of any of us we were the best looking, smartest, most talented and successful people around! She was our greatest fan!

Gram was an amazing cook, and she always made it look so effortless! I loved walking in the house when she was making sauce – it smelled heavenly and I would stand at the stove with a big hunk of Italian bread and just dunk and dunk – by the time dinner was ready I was usually too full to eat. But you never “didn’t eat” when you were at Gram’s house....that would be like committing a mortal sin!

I feel very fortunate to have lived so close to my grandmother for so many years while I was growing up. She was either upstairs in her flat or downstairs in her shop, and on Saturday afternoons I HAD to go upstairs and watch “Creature Feature” with her – she’d stuff me behind her on the couch, not because she thought I’d get scared, but because she would get spooked and didn’t want to watch alone! As I got to be a teenager, I’d complain about things like her always wanting to take so many pictures. Now I’m just grateful that she preserved those moments for me. I can’t tell you the number of nights I’ve sat for hours and just enjoyed looking through those photos.

So, in honor of my Grandmother, write down your memories, take lots of pictures and tell your kids stories about yourself and your family. Even if they’re not interested now, there will come a time when they truly appreciate it.

And think of Gram when you remember the good times you had with your friends and family, and you can still laugh at the funny things

*you did with them....and you can still remember who they are. In the years to come the sadness that we feel over what my grandmother had to endure these last 8 or 9 years will hopefully fade and we'll remember all the good times....how she could never finish a joke without laughing til she cried and she always messed up the punchline, how she could put a whole party together in 10 minutes, how she made a simple thing like jello seem like the best dessert in the world, and how every Christmas she bought Papa new socks (or "stockins", as she called them) because she really still loved him. And I, personally, will always remember how she never ran out of extra keys to our house, how she made cornstarch pudding seem like a delicacy, how much she enjoyed playing with Nick & Michelle and helping me put goodie bags together for their class parties, I'll remember going to the "Syrian bakery" first thing on Saturday morning for the big puffy bread right from the oven, the sound of her voice when she called me "sweetheart", and when I was little she'd always tell me I was "under her nose" – but not before she hugged & kissed me 50 times just that day. I Love You, Grams, and you'll always be safe in my heart.##imported-begin##Pamie##imported-end##*

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October 24, 2009 at 09:03 PM



“ George, Patty and All of Aunt Marions Family,

*Just want you all to know how sad we are that Aunt Marion is gone. She was a wonderful aunt and always treated me great, even though she insisted on calling me "Chubby". Unfortunately, the name is more appropriate now than ever before.....I will always remember her as a kind and caring person and a wonderful sister-in-law to my mother who always indicated the wonderful times the two of them had together.*

*I know you all will miss her, but I hope that the comfort of knowing that she was a good hearted and genuine person to all she met will bring you some solace.*

*I will be praying and thinking of you all, especially you George and Patty who have lost an important part of your being.*

*Love from your cousin,*

*Lou##imported-begin##Lou, Lisa & Anthony Sandouk##imported-end##*

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October 24, 2009 at 08:40 PM



“ George and Sandy,

*My most heartfelt sympathy on the passing of your mother (George). My prayers are with you.*

*Phyllis Brennan Cotton*

*Memphis, Tennessee##imported-begin##Phyllis Brennan Cotton##imported-end##*

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October 24, 2009 at 04:23 PM



“ *Dearest Family,*

*We are so sorry to hear about your loss.*

*I will always remember the sound of your Mom's laughter and her warm spirit.*

*I can still see her in my parents living room joking and laughing. I will always remember my "weekends " with you in Hamilton and blueberry pie at the diner.*

*I love you all very much. I know they are watching over us all and wishing you peace and comfort.*

*Rosie##imported-begin##Rosemary, Rick and Shannoon##imported-end##*

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October 24, 2009 at 03:42 PM