



## Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano

October 14, 1947 - October 23, 2023

UTICA - The family sadly announces the passing of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano, age 76, who passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023. She went home to the Lord with great faith, surrounded by the most important people who escorted her in her transition.

Born in Utica on October 14, 1947, Marlene was the daughter of the late Anthony and Emily (Casab) Hiffa. She attended Brandegee Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1965. She later attended the Mohawk School of Beauty Culture, passing the boards and becoming a NYS Licensed Beautician. Marlene then joined the Jo-Mar Beauty Salon, started by her sister, Joanne. It all began at the Albany Street location where she worked along with her mom, Emily, and sisters, Donna and Joanne; they were a unique and masterful group. They had such a great relationship, and they were affectionate and in harmony with one another. The Saga continued at several East Utica locations until the salon found its home on the corner of Eagle and Kossuth. She was passionate and meticulous about the hairdos she created, and a client never left her chair disappointed. On August 10, 1969, she married John T. Giuliano. For those of you who remember their first date, the humor, laughter, and true love started that very evening. For John, Marlene was his everything, and he needed nothing more than her loyalty. Marlene was a wonderful mom, housewife, and fabulous cook. She learned her Italian cuisine from her mother-in-law which made John so proud. In later years, all they did was take care of one another; day in and

day out, they honored the commitment they made to each other on the day of their marriage.

Marlene had a heart of gold and was selfless. She always provided a welcoming and safe home. Without fail, Marlene was the one anyone could go to; she fixed everything, and she encouraged you. She and John worked endlessly to provide for their children and family. She was the rock and glue to this family, and while things will be different, those gracious memories will live forever in the hearts and minds of those who loved her most.

Marlene went above and beyond for so many people; her legacy will remain unforgettable. With a beautiful face and sweet smile she embraced life, and to her, the glass was half full. She was uplifting, delightful and tender. She was unpretentious, humble, and her spirit was sincere. She had the art of conversation and people were drawn to her. She could make anyone feel like family. Marlene was so funny; her amusing one-liners left her company in tears. The stories she told were unforgettable, and her gestures were beyond entertaining. She was a hoot and a laugh a minute.

Her sisters and their husbands were remarkable and extremely helpful in getting John and Marlene to appointments. They provided meals, constant phone checking in, and unconditional support. Marlene was very particular with her personal appearance. She was never without makeup, especially her "lip liner and stick." She was a fashionista, and her nails were always well manicured. Marlene was her own hairdresser and when she left her home, there was not a hair out of place.

Everything for Marlene revolved around the table; it was her love language. Music accompanied her as she prepared, served, and cleaned up the kitchen. No one ever left her home hungry. Family was all she needed. She was so proud of her two children, their loves, and all that they meant to her throughout the years. She loved being a Nanni to her three grandchildren who adored her. She was a motherly figure and their best friend.

Marlene's strong faith was evident in her devotion to novenas and daily prayers. The Blessed Mother was her "girl," and she always prayed to her for

strength and protection. Throughout her home, one would find rosaries, always within her reach, and it was common to see Marlene holding each bead with genuine intentions for others. Her home parish was that of St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

As life often presents opportunities, Marlene, through the loss of a close friend, became the main hairstylist to the clients of Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Her time spanned over forty years, and she became family in so many ways. Marlene was a role model to all, sharing her wisdom in good spirits with the youth of the staff, as well as being a stable advisor to the more seasoned members. It was a wonderful run... and everyone at this firm loved her. As years passed and health conditions arose, it was her devoted sisters who embraced her responsibilities with dedication, for which we are so grateful. Marlene, no one will ever take your place, and no one could ever be the woman you were — you always made magic happen.

Marlene is survived by her devoted and loving husband, John; her daughter, Marisa Aiello and fiancé Steven Siriano; her son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Melissa Giuliano, all of whom showed her so much love and respect; her grandchildren, Antonio Aiello and Francesca Laufer; Francesco “Frankie” Giuliano, and Giovanni “G” Giuliano; her cherished sisters and brothers-in-law, Joanne and Roger Loran, and Donna and Bernie Coffay; and her loving brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Charlene (Moses) Hiffa. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Roger and Meghan Loran, Michael and Jennifer Loran; Bernie and Andrea Coffay, Marlaina and Jason Kanclerz, Joseph and Melissa Coffay; Amanda Hiffa-Dondero and her husband, Erik, Dr.’s Anthony and Kate Hiffa, and Austin Hiffa and fiancé, Sarah Carrier; her great-nieces and great-nephews who brought her much joy, Michael “Mikey” Loran; Sydney and Carter Kanclerz; Karina and Kellan Coffay; Noelle, Roman, and Giuliana Dondero; and Chase and Tanner; and several Hiffa and Casab cousins. She will also remain in the hearts of her in-laws, Nicola and Angela Giuliano, Rose Mazza (and the late Francesco), Teresa Becker, Tony and

Jackie Giuliano; and her nieces and nephews, Louisa, Giulianna, Daniella, Francesco, Maria Rose, Dr. Gino, and Antonella, Keith and Louisa, Jordan, and Katrina and Dave, D.C.

Marlene had the blessing of a “second son” and his wife, Hahn and Thuy Ha, with whom they shared the gift of love. Thank you for doing all that you did. Marlene was graced with many wonderful friends throughout her life, but it would be remiss not to mention Pauline and Ralph Giovinazzo, Kim and Tony Ferrucci, Marlo, who was her goddaughter, and her husband, Ryan McNerney, Ralph and Cori Giovinazzo, Barbara Lambright and Jim, Kathy and Angelo Morreale, and members of the “birthday group.” Marlene was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Francesco and Caterina Giuliano.

The family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marlene’s funeral service and Celebration of Life which will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger Street, where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Father Boutros El Hachem. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. Memorial contributions in Marlene's honor may be made to the Abraham House, an organization Marlene respected for caring for those in need, online at [www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate](http://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate); envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ Dear John and family We just found out about the passing of Marlene there are no words to say but sorry. She will be truly missed. She will be walking the halls again Of Proctor High School with all of her fiends that passed. My she RIP.

David & Joanne Taurisano - November 05, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



November 02, 2023 at 10:31 AM

LM

“ Dear Giuliano Family,

*My deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. Aunt Marlene was such a wonderful person. I'm glad I had the opportunity to be around her for a number of years. I ran in to her a few times in the last few years and she was always so sweet to me. May she rest in peace.*

*Louie Manzo*

Louie Manzo - October 31, 2023 at 12:55 PM

DO

“ Our sincere condolences to all of Marlene's family. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. With love, Dan & Donna O'Brien

Donna OBrien - October 31, 2023 at 09:29 AM

PS

“ To the Gluliano family, my most sincere condolences and deepest sympathy for your loss.

*Phil Squillace*

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**Phil Squillace** - October 31, 2023 at 07:44 AM

JK

“ John, Marisa, Frank, and family: my heart aches for you and your family during this time of loss. Your wife and mother's life was a true blessing and her memory will forever be a source of inspiration. I can remember the many conversations, funny stories and words of advice that she shared with me while we were working at the funeral home. In more recent years when we saw each other, we would always talk for awhile. I enjoyed her company and her chats. She was the best and I will miss her deeply. Jennifer Dennison Karam

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**Jennifer Dennison Karam** - October 30, 2023 at 10:21 PM

PG

“ John and family...I'm so so sorry to hear about Marlene's passing She was a beautiful person and I will always remember her beautiful smile You will always have many precious memories Take care

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**Patty Guarnieri** - October 30, 2023 at 03:47 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



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October 30, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JM

“ John, Joanne & Roger, Donna & Bernie, Michael & family. My deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Marlene was a wonderful & beautiful person. My mother & I loved her. Rest in peace my favorite baby sitter.

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**Joe Massa** - October 29, 2023 at 07:04 PM

JR

“ I loved Mrs Giuliano, she was gorgeous inside and out! I used to get my hair done at Jo-Mar when I was growing up, and I babysat for sweet Marisa and Frank a few times (in addition to loving those beautiful kids, I was always happy to snack on Mrs Giuliano's amazing food - what a great cook she was!) Much love to her family, XO.

*Jennifer (Brown) Reed*

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**Jennifer Reed** - October 29, 2023 at 02:53 PM

PC

“ To all of Marlene's family and friends, sending lots of love and beautiful memories of a beautiful person. ❤️

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**Pam Christopher** - October 29, 2023 at 02:16 PM

DD

“ Denise Damanda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano



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**Denise Damanda** - October 29, 2023 at 10:15 AM

TZ

“ Terry Zangrilli lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano



Terry Zangrilli - October 29, 2023 at 08:50 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



October 28, 2023 at 09:30 PM

JM

“ JoAnn Mariano lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano



JoAnn Mariano - October 28, 2023 at 05:14 PM

CO

“ Marisa - My condolences on your Mother's passing. Wishing you and your family God's Peace.



Danielle Brucker

Coco - October 28, 2023 at 10:40 AM

PG

“ *Joanne and Donna I am deeply sorry for the loss of your precious sister Such a kind sweet selfless person I was blessed to have her do my Moms hair when she passed Heaven will welcome her with open arms love Patti Zammiello Gigliotti*

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**Patricia Zammiello Gigliotti** - October 27, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ *To John & Family & Her brother Mike  
To say Marlene was one of a kind is an understatement.  
I send my deepest condolences to her whole family. She not only lit up  
the room with her laugh but, also made me laugh every time I seen her.  
A truly lovely woman who could keep up with the best of them when it came to telling JOKES with color LOL .. Heaven just got another angel.  
Rest in all eternity you beautiful soul,,,  
Tony Domanico  
Tucson ,AZ*

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**Tony Domanico** - October 27, 2023 at 09:16 PM

SM

“ *From what I've read, Marlene was an awesome person. So sorry for your loss. Our sincere condolences.  
Sue and Frank Montana*

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**Sue & Frank Montana** - October 27, 2023 at 08:31 PM

CM

“ Dear Giuliana family,  
She was a beautiful woman and I always admired her beautiful skin.  
She sang at the Blessed Sacrament heart benefits with my  
brother.....years ago. May you rest in peace Marlene 🙏

Cheryl Mondri - October 27, 2023 at 07:22 PM

.C

“ John and Family, very sorry for your loss, God Bless.

. peter f cerminaro - October 27, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



October 27, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family  
of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



October 27, 2023 at 02:11 PM

DM

“ Marlene, thanks for all the laughs you were the best I Know Jesus  
welcomed you with open arms Muha

David A Muha - October 27, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.



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October 27, 2023 at 11:19 AM



“ Dear John and Family,  
May we express our prayers, love, sympathy and condolences to you and your family.  
We have known all of you for so many years, Marlene was one of the BEST. Hold on to all of the love and goodness you both shared.  
May Her Memory Be Eternal  
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski and Family

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**DEACON DANIEL A KLOCKOWSKI KLOCKOWSKI** - October 27, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Ann Marie Vallese planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.

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**Ann Marie Vallese** - October 27, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ My heart hurts for your families. I've know you all since I was a very young girl. I know the closeness you all shared. Marlene had the ability to light up any room with her beauty and beautiful personality. I know I will miss her. May God mend all your broken hearts while she is rejoicing with her loved ones who went before her. Joane I honestly love you I pray you get through this.

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**Julie (Dipierro) locovozzi.** - October 27, 2023 at 08:14 AM

JD

“ *Marlene, you have always been one of the best "girl" friends in my life!  
Always sweet, happy, kind, and a joy to see. You never had a bad thing to say, except of course the few cuss words you would sprinkle in your conversations. John is a very lucky guy to have you. Keep them amused in eternity.  
With Love,  
John Doti*

John R Doti - October 27, 2023 at 07:15 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.*



October 27, 2023 at 06:06 AM

TZ

“ *John and family, Please accept my deepest sympathy in the loss of such a beautiful soul. Praying that God will give you the strength to carry you thru this difficult time. RIP 🙏🙏🙏🙏*

Terry Zangrilli - October 27, 2023 at 05:57 AM

MO

“ *Mallory & Jim Oakes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano*



Mallory & Jim Oakes - October 26, 2023 at 10:52 PM

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano*



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**Lynette Franco** - October 26, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.*



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October 26, 2023 at 09:47 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.*



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October 26, 2023 at 08:39 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.*

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October 26, 2023 at 08:39 PM

JM

“ My heart breaks to hear about Marlene's passing and for your entire family. I will always remember her enormous heart, smile and how she always made us cry because we were laughing so hard. May you hold your memories close to your heart.

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**Jeanna Marraffa** - October 26, 2023 at 07:32 PM

CC

“ Marlene, I will always remember you for your beautiful smile, your kind words, your funny sense of humor, and just because you were one of the most beautiful people I knew. You will be missed my dear friend but never forgotten. Rest in Peace. Love, Chris Cortese.

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**Christine Cortese** - October 26, 2023 at 04:54 PM

MI

“ I will always remember your beautiful smile and the laugh's we had together. Rest in peace my beautiful cousin!

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**Marie Iannone** - October 26, 2023 at 04:31 PM

MI

“ Marie I. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Marlene M. (Hiffa) Giuliano.

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**Marie I.** - October 26, 2023 at 04:24 PM