



## Miss Mary J. LaBarbera

March 19, 1925 - September 8, 2015

Miss Mary J. LaBarbera, age 90, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on March 19, 1925, Mary was the daughter of the late Girolamo “Jerry” and Rose LaBarbera. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School.

During her working days, Mary was employed by the Gorea Trucking Company as a clerical secretary overseeing the needs of the office responsibilities. She subsequently held a position at Blue Cross/Blue Shield as a Claims Processor in the Medicare division. Mary was a wonderful woman who cared for her family in so many ways. She took the time to listen, empathize, and extend emotional support. She built loving relationships with her nieces and nephews and nurtured them in a motherly way. Caring for others filled her heart and fulfilled her life. She was also a devoted daughter to her parents, especially her father who was in her care until his passing. Mary was independent and adventurous, and to expand upon her lifetime experiences, she enjoyed traveling over the years. She hosted Saturday evening dinners for her family with meals that were prepared with love. Reading was a great source of entertainment for her, especially love stories, and tales based on years past. Because the Lord was a guiding light in her life she appreciated the wisdom she received from attending Mass and the comfort and peace from reciting the rosary.

Mary is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Rosalie A. and Carmen D'Ambro of Utica; her brother and sister-in-law, Raymond, Sr. and Rose Marie LaBarbera of Frankfort; her cherished nieces and nephews, David D'Ambro, Roseann and Vincent Tutino, Christine and David Rosato, Karen D'Ambro, Michael and Marissa D'Ambro; Renee and Art Newman, Nicole and John Abel, Raymond and Christina LaBarbera, Marc Talerico, and Michael Talerico; several great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, and great-great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, Anthony LaBarbera.

The family is grateful to the numerous physicians who cared for Mary during her time of need; and the staff of the Birch Unit at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, especially Trista, RN and Ashley, for the personally respectful and kind way they cared for Mary during her stay; and to Rev. Tom Lorenz for his spiritual guidance.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions may be considered to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org)) in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery. A complete obituary will follow.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Aunt Mary, you were truly a blessing in my life and I will always keep you in my thoughts and close to my heart.*

*I love you,  
Chris*



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**Christine Rosato** - September 10, 2015 at 08:05 PM

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“ *Christine Rosato lit a candle in memory of Miss Mary J. LaBarbera*



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**Christine Rosato** - September 10, 2015 at 08:02 PM

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“ Aunt Mary was the best aunt and Godmother anyone could ever imagine having. She was a caring, generous, thoughtful, sweet and loving person who always gave so much of herself to help out and make others happy. She may be gone from our lives but will forever be in our hearts and thoughts. For my sisters and I we will always have the fond memories of Friendly's ice cream, fries from McDonalds, trips to the mall, sleepovers with the best eggs in the morning and her always being there to pick us up from the movies no matter how late it was. She was like a second mother to us and we loved being with her as she always treated us like her own children. We laughed, cried, and had some of the best times of our lives with her, but there were also times when we were naughty (as she would put it) and she was quick as a whip with throwing her shoe at us. Even that is a great memory of ours.



*I am glad and grateful for the time I personally shared with her, living upstairs from her and my grandfather for years..I will always remember having tea with her as she would tell some stories of her past and especially hearing her laughing as she and grandpa watched tv. It always put a smile on my face and made me feel good.*

*I am really glad that I was able to help my sisters take care of her over the years and be there for her when she was sick as she was a great comforter and shoulder to lean on for me during my illness years ago which I am truly grateful to her.*

*We had the honor of being with her as she gasped her last breath and took Jesus' hand as He led her to heaven where grandma and grandpa we're waiting for her.*

*Aunt Mary you will truly be missed and never forgotten and I'm so glad that you are no longer in pain or suffering but are truly having the best time of your life that you could ever have imagined!*

*I love you dearly,  
Love forever Christine*

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**Christine Rosato** - September 10, 2015 at 03:16 PM

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“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. May she rest in Peace.*

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**Rosemary Vasile** - September 10, 2015 at 09:53 AM

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“ *Rosemary Vasile lit a candle in memory of Miss Mary J. LaBarbera*



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**Rosemary Vasile** - September 10, 2015 at 09:50 AM

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“ *Rosalie, Carmen and family I am so sorry to see the news about your sister/aunt. I will keep her and you all in my prayers. I will not be able to make it up to pay my respects, but know I will be thinking of you the entire weekend. Take care and keep the memories in your thoughts to get you through this. My love to all.*

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**Bobby Ollerenshaw** - September 10, 2015 at 07:47 AM

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“ Aunt Mary, you are the best aunt and Godmother anyone could ever imagine having. You may be gone from our lives but never from our hearts and thoughts. We will forever remember the caring, generous, sweet, thoughtful and loving person you were. For my sisters and I, we will always be very fond of the memories we had with you like going to Friendly's for ice cream, french fries at McDonalds, trips to the mall, sleepovers with the best eggs in the morning and of course...you always being there to pick us up from the movies. I personally will always be grateful for your loving care and comforting shoulder to lean on during my illness. It meant so much to me. I loved the time I had living upstairs from you and grandpa and will cherish the memories of hearing you laugh while watching tv and the times we had tea together. I'm glad I was able to be there for you through the years for good times and bad and especially to be there by your side as you gasped your last breath and took Jesus' hand as he led you to heaven to be with grandma and grandpa. I will always miss you, but be glad that you are no longer in pain or sickness and that you are happier than you ever could've imagined. I love you and will always be glad you were in my life.....Thank you!!



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christine rosato - September 09, 2015 at 10:53 PM