



## Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo

November 15, 1941 - July 29, 2025

CLINTON – Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo, age 83, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.

Born in Utica on November 15, 1941, Mary—affectionately known as “Madeline” to those closest to her—was the cherished daughter of the late Victor D. Cefali and Josephine M. (Bosco) Cefali DeMola. She also knew the love and guidance of her stepfather, the late Querico “Rico” DeMola. A proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, Class of 1959, she later pursued college courses in business and banking. During her time at Proctor, she formed lifelong bonds and especially enjoyed gathering with her sorority sisters.

On August 29, 1964, Madeline was united in marriage to Dominick “Dick” Garofalo, Jr. What began as a high school romance blossomed into a loving and devoted union that has spanned over 61 years. Together, they built a beautiful life centered on family, faith, and unwavering love.

Upon graduating from high school, Madeline began her career as a teller at Oneida National Bank. She later took time away from work to raise her children, a role she embraced wholeheartedly and with unwavering love. When she returned to the workforce, she rejoined the banking industry, ultimately overseeing the operations in the wire transfer department.

A true matriarch, Madeline's family was the center of her world. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, finding her greatest joy in the company of her loved ones during celebrations and special occasions—especially the holidays. She had a gift for creating a fun-loving and welcoming atmosphere. Madeline possessed a beautiful and generous heart that extended beyond her family to everyone she encountered. Most of all, she adored her grandchildren—they were the light of her life. She often said, “The proudest thing I achieved was raising my family.”

Madeline was a proud member of the former Sons of Italy. She looked forward each year to reuniting with her classmates at annual class reunions. A devoted member of the Bills Mafia, she cheered enthusiastically for her favorite team. Madeline also found great joy in playing Bingo, taking trips to the casino to try her luck at the slots, and enjoying card games with friends.

At one time, Madeline was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, where she generously volunteered her time for parish events.

Madeline is survived by her husband, Dick; children and their spouses, Denise and Dr. Patrick Lynch, Dana Marie and Andy Hettinger, and Dominick III and Carolanne Garofalo; and treasured grandchildren, Merissa Lynch, Dr. Brittany Lynch; Slade Laszewski, Logan Laszewski; Kailey Garofalo, Taylor Grace Garofalo, and Camryn Garofalo. She fondly remembered her sisters and brother-in-law who preceded her, Congetta N. “Connie” and William P. Buehler, Sr., and Marian C. Petrosino. She is further survived by her brother-in-law, Joseph Petrosino, Sr.; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, James P. Standridge (the late Adelyn Standridge); and many wonderful friends. She was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominick Sr. and Teadosia “Mae” (Getti) Garofalo; and in-laws, Robert and Dawn R. Garofalo.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Dr. Mian, Dr. Eldridge, and Dr. Jason Sloane, Pat Rosati, ANP, and Taylor Unser FNP for their care and compassion; as well as to the staff of Wynn Hospital.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary Madeline's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence Saturday, August 9, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. Memorial contributions in Mary's honor may be made to Breakthrough T1D online at <http://www2.breakthrough1d.org/goto/Marymadelinegarofalo>, or The Association of Frontotemporal Degeneration <https://give.classy.org/Marymadelinegarofalo>; envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ Sherrill M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

Sherrill M. - August 19, 2025 at 10:15 PM

GT

“ Mary Madeline and I have known each other since our youth as her wonderful aunt and uncle, Benny and Philomina Bosco were extended family and close friends of my parents. As adults we both chose careers at Oneida National Bank so we were further connected with each other in the workplace. For all those decades it was a privilege and joy to know her! Without doubt, she was one of the most personable, warm, caring and sincere persons I have ever been honored to have in my life. She just glowed with goodness from the inside out. She certainly made this world a better place, especially to all who shared it with her. My deepest sympathy to her family. Losing her is a heartache I wish you did not have to go through. I don't know how you can endure the grief of life without her. Take good care of each other during this difficult time. “When she shall die, take her and cut her out in little stars, and she will make the face of heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with night.—Wm. Shakespeare”

George Tulloch - August 07, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Garofalo always welcomed us to her home. She and Mr. Garofalo would take time to ask how me and my family were. They sat to chat and get to know us. It was always fun to stop in before we headed out for the evening. I hope lasting memories will help you find peace. Thinking of you every moment.

Dianne Schultz - August 07, 2025 at 12:37 PM

BM

“ Dick and children. I'm so so sorry for ur loss! She will be greatly missed, my beautiful cousin. And all the great memories I have of her! Bless ur hearts and keep the faith. Ur cousin Bonnie Miner and children!❤️

Bonnie L Miner - August 07, 2025 at 12:10 PM

LL

“ Love and prayers, Ann Lynch purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



Love and prayers, Ann Lynch - August 07, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



August 07, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

August 07, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Your Light Shines* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



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August 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

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August 07, 2025 at 08:37 AM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



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August 06, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



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August 06, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

August 06, 2025 at 05:35 PM



“ Dick & Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss of Madeline, as a neighbor and friend Madeline was Always filled with so much energy, laughter and kept her home open for all her friends and children's friend's. A great conversationalist that made you laugh, and who Always asked about your family and loved to reminisce about our younger days at Proctor.RIP madeline.

Nick & Mary Parrotta

Nick & Mary Parrotta - August 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



August 06, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

August 06, 2025 at 03:39 PM

FW

“ Family of Todd & Julie Wilson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



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Family of Todd & Julie Wilson - August 06, 2025 at 08:23 AM

FW

“ Family of Todd & Julie Wilson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

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Family of Todd & Julie Wilson - August 06, 2025 at 08:23 AM

LR

“ Love, Lee, Michelle, Alexis, Ben, Rita purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



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Love, Lee, Michelle, Alexis, Ben, Rita - August 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM

LR

“ Love, Lee, Michelle, Alexis, Ben, Rita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

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Love, Lee, Michelle, Alexis, Ben, Rita - August 05, 2025 at 10:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



August 05, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ Dick we are so sorry to hear the passing of Madeline. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. 🙏

Darlene & Chuck Mahady - August 05, 2025 at 07:17 PM



I am so sorry to the Garofalo family for the loss of Madeline. I worked with her at Oneida national Bank. She was one of the nicest ladies I have ever known. I just loved her. She rest in peace and be rewarded for the good life she lived here on earth.

Judy Plado - August 06, 2025 at 07:26 AM



“ With deepest sympathy, Joe Petrosino purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



With deepest sympathy, Joe Petrosino - August 05, 2025 at 02:56 PM



“ With deepest sympathy, Joe Petrosino planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

With deepest sympathy, Joe Petrosino - August 05, 2025 at 02:56 PM

SV

“ Sophia & Victoria purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



Sophia & Victoria - August 05, 2025 at 01:09 PM

SV

“ Sophia & Victoria planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.

Sophia & Victoria - August 05, 2025 at 01:09 PM

MP

“ Michele, Marina & Brendan Phillips purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



Michele, Marina & Brendan Phillips - August 05, 2025 at 11:34 AM

CG

“ Christine Goldman purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.



Christine Goldman - August 04, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Christine Goldman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary Madeline (Cefali) Garofalo.*

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**Christine Goldman** - August 04, 2025 at 07:49 PM