



## Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason

May 14, 1958 - April 18, 2021

EAST UTICA - Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason, age 62, passed away on Sunday, April 18, 2021 after being stricken at home by an unexpected complication of her illness.

Born in East Utica on May 14, 1958, Maryann was the daughter of the late Vincent R. and Phyllis (Alfano) Guido. She was proud of her birthplace and Italian heritage and wanted to be remembered for the love she had for her childhood home and neighborhood! She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1976. On September 29, 1984 she married Mark R.

VanDreason. They started out as friends, and came to love one another, a love that lasted nearly 37 years. God graced them with the gift of two sons, and she was fortunate enough to know two beautiful grandchildren, and their family was complete.

Maryann worked at Chicago Market as a cashier and was promoted to Office Coordinator. She loved the store's loud speaker when she would randomly call out for needs in different departments, even if you were standing in front of her. She was then off to Great American Supermarket in the Whitesboro Plaza where she met her handsome husband. She concurrently worked for the Paramount Greeting Card Company where she tended to the displays. She also worked to follow the well-being of her boys as a Lunch Monitor for the Utica City School District at Christopher Columbus Elementary School. She was also a New York State licensed hairdresser and owned and operated a shop on Mohawk Street known as the "Hair Hut" for nearly 12 years. She

went big time when she joined the family at Chanatry's Hometown Market. She was so proud to be the cook, or as she was affectionately known, the Queen of Hot Foods! She incorporated her sacred and secret family recipes into her preparations, and she absolutely loved and lived for the interactions with co-workers and patrons. She was incredibly proud that she could have a position that allowed her to have the ability to cook, which she was so masterful at and receive the accolades of those who were fortunate enough to purchase her creations. Due to ill health Maryann could no longer fulfill her duties, but still watched to see what Chanatry's Specials of the Week would be in the Sunday paper.

Maryann was simply a great person, generous of heart and graced with wisdom. She was so many things to so many people. She held loyalty in high honor and fervently felt that family always came first. Although she was old-school in the way she lived life, she was comical and created her own language via her vibrant East Utica dialect and dynamic lingo. She took things in stride, but was willfully strong because of growing up with two brothers. And, do not speak about her family in an unflattering way, because the hand would go up! She had stamina and a steadfast work ethic, a trait she inherited from her parents. She would roll with the punches and was known to "throw a few"! She worked at every relationship, whether she knew you for 30 minutes or 30 years, and her friends were her family. She was an old soul and had the maturity of the generations that went before her, and she lived by the golden rule. She wanted to please people and be happy as well.

As a mom, Maryann raised her boys to be the best they could be. She was enthusiastically supportive of their sporting events and volunteered to help in any way she could show her love. She was so proud of the men they grew up to be, and they truly were an extension of her. As a grandma, she was ecstatic and she literally and figuratively pampered her grandkids, an attribute she learned from her mom. Everything was a family affair, and the family became a village; she was happy with that, and the memories of a lifetime that lived within her. Being a Guido, the love in her heart was motivated by the mantra,

“Blood is thicker than water”. At times, her passions would turn to emotions, another form of her expressions of love. A proud woman, she may not have been right, but she was never wrong!

She had friends for all seasons and held each one close. She loved talking on the phone and checking in with friends and family. If anyone needed a meal, it was her mission to cater it. At the casino, she was a ‘slot-machine queen’, escorted by good people, and she always had to drive. For television entertainment, it was Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, and The Price is Right. She loved to shop for sales and claims she was the first customer ever of the local Aldi’s and could also often be found perusing the Dollar Tree. She loved a good deal and would call others to tell them about it.

Maryann manifestly loved her parents, sacrificed with and for them, and held those memories close. Her mom’s home was the center for gathering of multi-generations. Sundays were dinner at Mom and Dad’s, beginning a little after 11:30 after church, and lasting all day. After dinner, Pitch was the game, and on Thanksgiving, it was Pokeno. And at times, it got intense! It was easy to visit the homestead everyday, and although the routine changed when Maryann became ill, the family bond became stronger just as her relationship with the Lord and belief in his words gained strength at well. A devout Catholic and communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, she attended Tuesday night Novenas to St. Anthony, followed by coffee at Phil’s house. It is often said that “you’ll never meet someone like her”, but sincerely and with no doubt her family and her friends will validate her uniqueness and her extraordinary gestures that will be very hard to be duplicated in another woman. So farewell Mar, be safe, and please watch over all of us.

Maryann is survived by her devoted husband, Mark; her adored sons and daughter-in-law, Mark K. and Nicole VanDreason, and Matthew V.

VanDreason; her grandchildren who were the loves of her life, Emma Ann, and Robert Andre VanDreason; her older and admired brother and sister-in-law, David A. and Donna M. Guido. When her brother Vinny died on October

7, 1993, it was surreal and everyone hopes that their togetherness now will fill her heart. She will also remain in the souls of her niece, Lindsay A. Guido (also her godchild) and Matthew J. Talerico; and her nephew and great-niece, David A. III and his wife Andrea Guido and their daughter Serina Richie; cousins, Debbie (Alfano) Loven [who embraced each other as sisters] and Debbie's husband Joe Loven, Larry and Debbie Guido; the memory of her adored cousin, Richard J. Guido who passed away on September 24, 2014, as well as Larry and Richie's mother; Jackie Guido (2010) who was very special to her; Maryann and Brian Snow, and all the Zammiello cousins; her uncle, Pat Alfano; and aunt, Isabelle Guido. Maryann was also godmother to over 20 children because she was special, and her efforts were always to stay close to them. She was also a very special person in the lives of Mark's family, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Robert and Phyllis VanDreason (her Pitch partners who loved Maryann as a daughter); in-laws, Richard and Tracey VanDreason, Michael and Mickey VanDreason, Steven VanDreason, Ruth Ann and Matthew Techmanski, and Keith and Audra VanDreason; nieces and nephews, Trapper, and Griffin; McKenna; Aria, and Elias; Aniela, and Adam (godson); and Sydney, Madison, and Sierra; and her multitude of friends that will remain friends, ...forever.

The family is grateful to Dr. Fred Talarico, the physician who knew her so well and tended to her medical needs honestly; the staff of the Dialysis Unit at St. Luke's Home and the MVHS Outpatient Unit; the doctors, nurses and staff at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center ER, and ICU for their medical expertise; and the members of the Utica Fire Department for their numerous timely responses.

Visitation will be held Monday, April 26, 2021 from 4:00-6:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Maryann's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks are required and social distancing and contact tracing will

be implemented at both locations. Interment will follow graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Maryann's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 26.** 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
[eannacefh@roadrunner.com](mailto:eannacefh@roadrunner.com)

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ Mark, I'd like to offer my condolences to you and your family. I am very sorry for your loss

Jon Kozenewski - May 01, 2021 at 09:36 PM

SA

“ Matt, Dave, Donna and family. My sincere condolences at Mary Ann's passing. May you take comfort in the promise of eternal life where you will be joined together in His paradise forever.

May she rest in the light of Jesus' face and may you all be comforted by the beautiful memories. She was a beautiful woman. God rest her soul.

My thoughts and prayers.

Sue Arcuri

Sue Arcuri - April 27, 2021 at 12:01 AM

PC

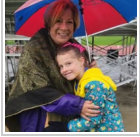
“ Dave, Donna, and Lindsay,

I am so very sorry to hear of your terrible loss. Losing someone so special is a heartache like no other. May all your loving memories of her help you through this awful time. You and your family are in my warmest thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Patty Cittadino

Patricia Cittadino - April 26, 2021 at 02:01 PM





“ To the Guido and VanDreason family my deepest condolences. May you all find peace through this difficult time. Maryann was a one of a kind special person. She will be sadly missed.

Toni Reese - April 26, 2021 at 01:42 PM

TF

“ Dave and family. I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Tom Ficarro

Tom Ficarro - April 26, 2021 at 08:34 AM

DM

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Dan and Dianne Martin - April 26, 2021 at 07:09 AM

DM

Mark and family, our sincerest sympathy on the passing of Maryann. Dianne and Maryann worked together at Chicago Market Yorkville then she met Mark a friend of Dan's and a bunch of couples always enjoyed nights out especially New Year's celebrations. Maryann had fun giving Dan a perm during those "Disco" days. In recent years Dianne would personally call Maryann to cook up those yummy ribs at Chanatry's and she would update us on the family and children. She was an amazing person to many. May all the memories you share give you comfort and pride of having Maryann as a role model in life.  
All our love always, Dan and Dianne Martin

Dan and Dianne Martin - April 26, 2021 at 07:15 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason.*



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April 25, 2021 at 06:30 PM



“ *Dear Dave, Donna and Family , I extend my deepest sympathy to all in your family at this time. I was saddened to hear of Maryann's passing, what a wonderful person she was. May she Rest In Peace. May you all find strength to see you through this most difficult and terrible time. I am your friend and with you in Spirit always.*

*Joe DiPierro*

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**Joseph DiPierro** - April 24, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason.*



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April 24, 2021 at 06:12 PM



“ *So sad to hear of maryanns passing she was one of our east Utica Mary st family she will be remembered fondly. Virginia orsino boehlert and family*

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**virginia k boehlert** - April 24, 2021 at 11:25 AM

DG

“ Dave and I are so sorry to hear of Maryann's passing. Our deepest sympathy to the VanDreason and Guido families. May she rest in peace!

*Dave & Lori Grimaldi*

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**Dave & Lori Grimaldi** - April 24, 2021 at 08:43 AM

RD

“ David, Donna and Family, I and my family send our deepest and most sincere Condolences to you all at this sad time. There are no words of solace at this time that can ease your pain. Our hearts and our prayers are with you. Maryann was a beautiful woman, her passing will most definitely be felt by all those who knew her and called her friend. May Maryann Rest In Peace and God be with you all as this difficult time and always..

*With Deep Respect and Sympathy  
Roc and Susie DiPierro*

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**Rocco DiPierro** - April 23, 2021 at 10:26 PM

BL

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Maryann, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I will always remember Maryann's pleasant greetings along with her true smiles. RIP my friend. Until we meet again.

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**Bill & Michelle Lopiccolo** - April 23, 2021 at 07:00 PM

JL

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Mary Ann. My condolences go out to her family and friends. She was a pleasure to know. Mary Ann was a co-worker back at Chicago Markets. She was a kind and generous person. Mark and family you will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jim Landers** - April 23, 2021 at 10:26 AM

GC

“ Dave, Donna and Maryann’s Family - I was so sorry to hear of Maryann’s passing. What a beautiful tribute to her. She was an absolute sweetheart! I loved running in to her over the years because I always left with a smile on my face. It was great to reminisce about growing up in the neighborhood. Heaven definitely gained an angel. My heart and prayers are with you. Rest In Peace Mar.

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**Gail Talerico Collea** - April 23, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason.



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April 23, 2021 at 05:41 AM

DL

“ Maryann was probably the best person I've ever met on this earth and I wouldn't have traded being her cousin for the world !

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**Debbie Alfano Loven** - April 23, 2021 at 04:09 AM

PC

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the Guido, Alfano and VanDreason families for the loss of Maryann, may she rest in peace and God Bless Her Soul, Pete and Patty Cerminaro.

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**peter cerminaro** - April 22, 2021 at 08:00 PM

RF

“ So sorry to see the passing of Maryanne. We had the privilege of sharing some great memories from our boys growing up together playing baseball. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mark and the boys as well as Dave and Donna.



*Rocco and Jane Femia*

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**Rocco and Jane Femia** - April 22, 2021 at 07:52 PM

PH

“ Patricia Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason



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**Patricia Henderson** - April 22, 2021 at 05:06 PM

PM

“ Thoughts & prayers to the VanDreason family. So sorry for your loss.



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**Peter Maneen** - April 22, 2021 at 04:23 PM

DC

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of this wonderful person. We worked together at Chicago Market and became friends. Being both from East Utica and Italian we had a lot in common. I wish we had kept in touch. The world was a better place with you in it

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**Donna Citrin** - April 22, 2021 at 01:51 PM

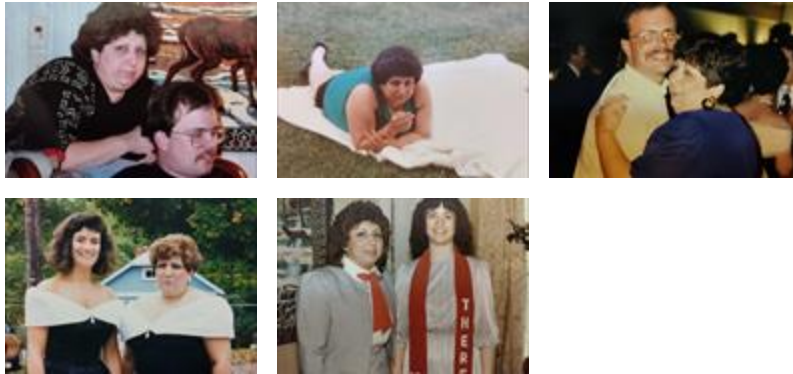
LM

“ I am so sorry for the loss of a very special lady. I knew MaryAnn from high school and then met up with her when her son and my nephew became friends through school. To the VanDreaseon and Guido families, please accept my deepest condolences. Lorrie Moyer

Lorrie Moyer - April 21, 2021 at 10:09 PM



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Michael Van Dreaseon - April 21, 2021 at 08:11 PM

AO

“ Very sad to hear of her passing. She was a great East Utica advocate and always kind and caring. She will be sadly missed. She always brightened the day when I ran into her out and about or at Vernon. Always caring and asking how my mom was. Simply a great person for me to have known all my life.

*Comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time.*

*Rest in peace my friend.*

*Al Orsino and family*

al orsino - April 21, 2021 at 03:27 PM

TO

*My sincere condolences to the entire family on the loss of MaryAnn. My thoughts and prayers are with during this difficult time.*

**Tony Orsino** - April 21, 2021 at 07:05 PM

MA

“ *Maryrose Abdo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason*



**Maryrose Abdo** - April 21, 2021 at 03:03 PM

MS

“ *Marguerite Spano lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason*



**Marguerite Spano** - April 21, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MS

*I knew Maryann from a medical standpoint. What a warm,sweet girl! We exchanged recipes due to our love of baking. She is baking for heaven now.God bless and comfort her family and friends. Love you Maryann.*

**Marguerite Spano** - April 21, 2021 at 01:09 PM

MW

“ As I say goodbye to a cherished friend, Heaven is blessed with a remarkable women! I'm heartbroken and I will miss you my friend  
💔 RIP until we meet again 😭

Love you.....Michele

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**Michele Lupia Ward** - April 21, 2021 at 12:06 PM

VD

“ So sorry to hear of Maryann's passing. A lot of memories since we were neighbors on Mary Street. She will be missed. All our prayers and blessings go out to her family! Vic and Betty Diodato

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**Victor Diodato** - April 21, 2021 at 09:26 AM

NB

“ My deepest sympathies to Mark and the family. MaryAnn was always kind to my kids and I one of the first people to welcome us into the neighborhood she will be missed! Love Nesha

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**Nesha Billins** - April 20, 2021 at 11:09 PM

LH

“ I am so sad to hear of Maryann's passing. We worked together at great American for many years, she was a wonderful person. She taught me to make Ricotta cookies and I still make them to this day. I was so happy to see her at Chanatry's years later. Always smiling and friendly. You and your family are in my prayers.

Laureen Zumpano Howard

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**laureen howard** - April 20, 2021 at 09:21 PM

RV

*David I'm shocked to hear of Maryann's passing I always felt a closeness to your family seeing as you lived in my Aunts house as children I lost my brother as have you I'm now the last living member of the Vellone clan. My the lord be close to you and yours, Maryann I now in paradise with Vinny she has gone home. Now remember You are needed to carry on the Guido name. All of our prayers are with you and yours my friend. We are out of town but I have lit a candle for all of you*

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**Rick & Marylou Vellone** - April 22, 2021 at 08:58 PM

RV

*R.I.P. 🙏*

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**Rick & Marylou Vellone** - April 22, 2021 at 09:00 PM

AD

*“ To the Guido & Andreasen Family, So sorry to hear of Maryann's passing she always made it a point to say hello. She will be missed, you are all in are thoughts and prayers.*

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**Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis** - April 20, 2021 at 08:56 PM

LA

*“ My very deepest sympathy, love& prayers to all of you on Mary Ann's passing . So many fond memories & special times shared with her .*

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**Lynda Arcuri** - April 20, 2021 at 08:34 PM

MF

*“ Jim and I are so very sorry for your loss. Our words will never be able to express how deeply sorry we are. Maryann was a funny and great woman who will be truly missed by all. May God help your family trough this difficult time.*

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**Mary Ellen Feisthamel** - April 20, 2021 at 06:35 PM

DP

“ I am so sorry to the Guido and Vandreason family. She was truly one of a kind. Her kindness and generosity will always be remembered. We go way back to childhood friends in the old East Utica neighborhood. I was so glad we reconnected in later years. Mare was always ready to share a recipe or make something special for me to try with her great culinary skills. I will miss our phone conversations with her cheery voice of hey Deb how are ya. Fly high with the Angel's my childhood buddy and may you rest in peace.

*Debbie Lamanna Pilawa*

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**Debbie Lamanna Pilawa** - April 20, 2021 at 06:05 PM

MB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Nicole, Mark and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all 🙏

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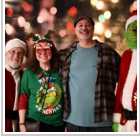
**Michele Brady** - April 20, 2021 at 04:45 PM

DD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Maryann's passing. We went to St Anthony School together until 4th grade and Phil always had me over after school. Many great memories. Heaven has gained a wonderful angel.

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**Doreen Diodato** - April 20, 2021 at 03:52 PM



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Michael Van Dreason - April 20, 2021 at 02:17 PM



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Michael Van Dreason - April 20, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ We are all so very sorry to hear of your loss. I feel so sad for all your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Maryann was a breath of fresh air. Always a pleasure to talk to. She had a Heart of Gold and a priceless personality.  
Noreen LoConti Anguilli

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Noreen Anguilli - April 20, 2021 at 12:47 PM

LP

“ I simply adored this phenomenal woman. She came in to my life about two years ago and has been a steady and revered friend who helped me through some tough times with love, laughter and lots of wisdom. To say she will be missed is an understatement. Love you Mar and I miss our hours long talks. Look up Raymond Burr and tel him how we loved him on Perry Mason! Say hi to my mom too please 💔



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**Lou Parrotta** - April 20, 2021 at 12:06 PM

LF

“ Dear Matt, Dave, Donna & Family, please accept my sincere apology. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.



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**Lynette Franco** - April 20, 2021 at 11:59 AM

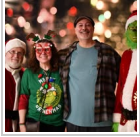
JB

“ We are saddened by your loss. It was always a pleasure to see Maryann and get a sense of her warmth and generosity and kindness. She seemed to excel the rest of us in so many ways. She was far above rubies...

*Jennie and John Techmanski*

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**Jennie Barlow** - April 20, 2021 at 11:39 AM



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Michael Van Dreason - April 20, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Maryann



Michael Van Dreason - April 20, 2021 at 08:23 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss

Henry Waters - April 19, 2021 at 05:42 PM



So very sorry for your loss mar was 1 of a kind always making sure to talk to u were ever she always wore a smile she will truly be missed in utica

ReneJohnson - April 22, 2021 at 05:56 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryann (Guido) VanDreason.



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April 19, 2021 at 05:03 PM