



## Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve

September 28, 1953 - June 26, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve, age 66, was carried in God's arms as she passed away on Friday, June 26, 2020 with those she loved most in her heart.

Born in Utica on September 28, 1953, MaryBeth was the daughter of the late Peter F. and RoseMarie (Barrella) DeSarro. She graduated from Mt. Carmel Grammar School in 1967 and was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1971. On July 13, 1974, she married her childhood sweetheart, Richard J. "Rick" LaNeve, Sr. They were best friends, put each other's needs first, and took one day at a time ...and that was the foundation for their nearly 46 year union.

Throughout her working career, MaryBeth was graced with an earnest work ethic that helped her to fulfill all her responsibilities professionally and accurately. She held positions at TB Associates, Nackley Insurance Company, and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. Lastly, she served as Secretary/Business Administrator of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish beginning in 1986, and was the first paid parish Secretary, following in the footsteps of her aunt, Theresa DeSarro, who was the volunteer bookkeeper. Throughout her illness, MaryBeth continued to work with gratitude in her heart for the honor of helping and interacting with people in need. She was a humble woman who gave her all, to a job she loved. Her life was truly a Mt. Carmel story.

Her gentle heart and generous humanity inspired her to quickly cook up her

“famous sausage and peppers dish”, especially when someone experienced a loss. She had the guidance of a “mother’s heart” as she raised her children to develop their individual, natural talents to become resourceful, respectful, and responsible adults. She was the glue that held everyone together, and a mother with a non-judgmental heart. She always gave the best advice during times of need. MaryBeth loved to cook and host meals. She always made sure there were “leftovers” and even had them packaged and ready to be handed out prior to the meal! In addition, she possessed outstanding baking skills. Her Christmas trays were famous for having over 15 different types of cookies. During her spare time she enjoyed reading romance novels and mysteries. She was enthralled by watching episodes of Perry Mason and Ironside, and she lost herself in the Hallmark channel and MeTV. She and Rick often watched HGTV and especially enjoyed the Property Brothers. She was a masterful “list-maker” who organized her tasks meticulously. MaryBeth had a simple smile and she “looked for the good in everyone,” but she also had “the look” when things were not up to par. Her favorite place on earth was the Adirondacks, especially Old Forge where she and Rick rented a summer home for a family get-away week.

A communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament parish, MaryBeth was faithful to her Catholic creed. She displayed fidelity to her family, her Lord, and the individual clergy and parishioners that she served. It was her honor to have attended to Rev. James Cesta, Rev. John Rose, Rev. Ron Bill, Rev. Joe Salerno, Rev. Tom Servatius, as well as Scalabrini Fathers, especially the late Rev. Henry Benin. She shared a unique sister/brother relationship with Rev. Luis Olguin.

MaryBeth is survived by her husband, Rick; her son and daughter-in-law, Richard “Rick” Jr. and Kit LaNeve; daughter and son-in-law, Margaret “Margie” and Mike Hammell; sister, Pat Debbold; brother and sister-in-law, John F. and Katherine “Kathy” DeSarro; in-laws, Angela and Thomas Chmielenski, Jeanine and Gary Surprenant, and Glenn and Lynn Devendorf; two very important people who were an integral part of her life and who she loved as

siblings, Marie Robilotto, who was also her cousin, and Tom Gerace. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Jason Debbold, Colleen and Chris Thurston, Eric and Amy Debbold, Corey Debbold, Craig Debbold, Scott and Melissa Debbold, Stephanie and Marc Planty, and their father, Dave Debbold; Marie and Bug Loughren, Peter and Vanessa DeSarro; Thomas Chmielenski; Thomas "Tad" Devendorf, David and Kim Devendorf, Laurie and Randy Delven; Christopher and Nicole LaNeve; Christopher Surprenant and Joseph Saccento, and Nicholas Surprenant and Lyndsey Chenier; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and goddaughter, Francesca Gerace. She came to know the love of the family canine Tiki, that she spoiled and was her constant companion. MaryBeth had an entourage of supporters, inclusive of family and friends who she referred to as "Mary's Army", Pat Debbold, Marie Robilotto, Roseanne Gerace, Francesca Gerace, Jeanine Surprenant, Maria Kozak, RoseMary Chiffy, Terri Panuccio, Gordon Schindler, Chuck Janicke, Antoinette Azzarito, Chris Surprenant, Nick Surprenant, Joe and Madeline Briggs, Diane and Guy Basciotta, Phil Pandolf, Michelle Gromo and her children, Joe and Laurie Siniscarco, and Patrick Zasa. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Francis and Edith (LaDue) Barrella; paternal grandparents, Angelo and Margaret (Casaletta) DeSarro; numerous aunts and uncles; and in-laws, George S., Sr. and Anne A. (LaRocco) LaNeve, Mary Anne Devendorf, George LaNeve, Jr., and Michael LaNeve.

The family is grateful to Dr. Sultana Razia and Dr. Kenneth Visalli for their professional concern and compassion. During her last days, the Rome Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Department, especially John, unequivocally assisted MaryBeth and her family with great understanding and care. A note of appreciation as well to the administrator, Tony Joseph, for his kindness. The blessings of her priest and friend, Rev. James Cesta, were so touching and unforgettable. In addition, MaryBeth found the respect of a new friend, Terri, who made her feel so special. Thanks also to her neighbors and friends of the Applewood Community.

The family will honor MaryBeth's life at a private time at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Memorial contributions in MaryBeth's honor may be made to St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish online at <http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/> or by mail to 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501 or the Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen online at <https://mmwsk.org/> or by mail to 702 Columbia St., Utica, NY 13502.

"You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

<https://youtu.be/HXC3RHbCXtQ>

"Look for the Good"

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 29, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Rick and family-so very sorry for your loss. It's clear MaryBeth was loved and cherished by her family and friends and very much be missed.*

*Margaret & Mike Nasto*

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**Margaret Nasto** - July 20, 2020 at 05:49 AM



“ *To the LaNeve and DeSarro families, we extend our deepest condolences to all. I remember MaryBeth at family get togethers at Aunt Margaret's so many years ago. Then years would pass and our paths would cross again at Mt. Carmel Chuch. MaryBeth always had a smile for us and would help us with anything we needed. Her presence will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace joined with her loved ones that went before her. With our deepest sympathy, Rocco and Suzanne (Cragnolin) DiPierro and Family*

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**Suzanne DiPierro** - July 13, 2020 at 09:10 AM

LL

“ Rick and family, I was so sorry to hear about Marybeth. My deepest condolences to all of you. I was very fortunate to have known her. She was truly a special lady.

Lori Lake - July 09, 2020 at 12:30 AM

SK

“ Selma A Krol lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve



Selma A Krol - July 06, 2020 at 06:07 PM

SK

*Rick and Family*

*Were so sorry to hear of your loss. Mary was a wonderful person, you are in our thoughts and prayers, May she rest in Peace.*

*Tom and Selma Krol*

Selma A Krol - July 06, 2020 at 06:09 PM

BR

“ Deepest condolences to Rick and to Marie Robilotto on the loss of Marybeth.

*Barbara Griffith-Robinson  
formerly with MetLife*

Barbara Robinson - July 06, 2020 at 12:13 PM

EM

“ *Dear Rick and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Mary Beth and I graduated from Utica Catholic Academy together in 1971. My high school memories of her are of a kind and gentle girl. Please know that I will pray for all of you. I am sure that Mary Beth has journeyed to a place of peace and no more pain.*

*Ellen Noonan Morelli*

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**Ellen Morelli** - July 04, 2020 at 08:11 PM

PC

“ *Rick, family and friends,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Marybeth was a beautiful person. She was truly a loving and caring person. I always enjoyed stopping at the rectory and talking about our families. I know she will be missed by many people. My thoughts and prayers are with you*  
*Patty (Manella) Currier*

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**Patty Currier** - July 02, 2020 at 09:01 PM

“ It's been almost a week since a special lady was taken from this earth to her well-deserved reward in Heaven. When you hear the name, Marybeth LaNeve, you automatically think of Mt. Carmel. She was the one who was responsible for the day-to-day duties that made our parish function so well for over 34 years and she did it with so much love, devotion, knowledge and precision that she made it look so easy when it actually was not! She was dedicated and treated all she ministered to with love and respect.

*I truly believe, whether good or bad, that all things happen for a reason and that God puts people in our lives for a reason as well. It would be MaryBeth's cancer diagnosis that God used to create a friendship and bond that death cannot break. I was blessed to have been able to work with her for the past ten years, but it was over the past two years, when she became ill that she touched and blessed my life more than she will ever know. She was one of the most selfless person I know of and was a woman of integrity, strength, courage, and determination and she was so devoted not only to her husband, Rick and children Rick and Margie, but to the entire faith community at Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament parish. She has taught me so much about love, life, friendship and forgiveness. There were many days she would be in so much pain, yet she still tried so hard to continue her work at our parish as well as taking care of her husband who also had his own health issues. She'd apologize if she ever moaned or complained when she was in pain (Something I know I would have done non-stop if I were in her shoes!) and never once questioned God as to why he gave her yet another cross to carry. She simply took her cross and continued to stay faithful and trust in God completely. She was a sounding board for me and even though she was going through so much, she was always genuinely concerned if I ever had a bad day or needed to talk or vent. She was a shoulder to cry on when my sister passed away last year and just two weeks ago, even though she was in excruciating pain, texted me asking if I was okay!*

*MaryBeth, I will miss your smile, our talks, your friendship and love.*

*Thank you for being you and touching my life and my heart. Know that you now hold a piece of it, a piece I will get back when we see each other again. I love you and miss you so much already and Mt. Carmel will never be the same without you. Rest in peace my beautiful friend and "Queen" and enjoy your just reward. I know when you were greeted in Heaven you heard the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's happiness."*

*To Rick Sr., Rick Jr., Kit, Margie, and Mike - my heart breaks for all of you. She loved you all so much and spoke about you often and with love and pride. Thank you for sharing this beautiful lady with all of us!*

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**Terri Panuccio** - July 02, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ *La Neve and DeSarro family*  
*So very sorry for your loss... thoughts and prayers to you all at this time*  
*Peg and Doc D'Alessandro*

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**Pegg D'alessandro** - July 01, 2020 at 09:03 PM

GT

“ Rick, Rickie and Marge,

*I was so sad to hear about your loss. She fought a tremendous battle. The heart and soul of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. I remember her at all the basketball games. A devoted Mother and wife -she will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*God Bless All of You,*

*Gabe & Denise Timpano & Family*

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**Gabe Timpano** - July 01, 2020 at 06:23 PM

JD

“ So very sorry for your loss. She was so loved by my mom and dad.

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**Judy (Arcuri) DeFina** - July 01, 2020 at 05:23 PM

MA

“ Mary Jo Arcuri lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve



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**Mary Jo Arcuri** - June 30, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JF

“ *Jan Frank lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve*



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**Jan Frank** - June 29, 2020 at 08:16 PM

JF

*So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Jan Frank** - June 29, 2020 at 08:17 PM

PE

“ Our prayers and condolences for you are laced with loving memories of MaryBeth. She brought a deep sense of honor to her work at every minute and certainly left a strong legacy of love, compassion and understanding to our parish family. She and her family have been pillars of our parish; it is hard to imagine Mt. Carmel life without her; she was such a strong force and presence to everyone. Her gentle smile and knowing ways guided not only our pastors and priests but even all of us on the parish staff, along with so many parishioners- we all trusted her and shared confidences with her that we knew were safe and treasured. She was admired and respected, not only for her work and dedication and perseverance during her times of suffering- but even more so because of the qualities of her personhood and the gracious presence she brought to our parish family. I was already on the parish staff when Father Henry asked MaryBeth to join us. We often talked about the many memories we had shared through grammar school and through adulthood and how much Mt. Carmel meant to both of us. I will miss her greatly but faith assures me that she will continue to bestow her loving smile upon us and upon our parish family. MaryBeth now belongs to the communion of saints with her dad, mom and aunt Theresa among so many others who worship with us in spirit every time we gather. – Peter Elacqua

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**Peter Elacqua** - June 29, 2020 at 07:57 PM

SU

“ Lighting a candle in honor of Mary Beth.



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**Sandra&Angelo Urato** - June 29, 2020 at 05:10 PM

MD

“ Rick and family. We are so sorry for your loss. MaryBeth touched the hearts of so many people. She had a way of making everyone feel special. Such a forgiving and loving person. She will be sorely missed and never forgotten. RIP MaryBeth.

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**Michele and Brendan Dunn** - June 29, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JS

“ My family's deepest condolences to your family and the passing of a beautiful woman inside and out with the absolutely kindest demeanor, Mary Beth. I was a little kid going to school at Mount CARMEL and I remember her vividly always at the rectory. I dealt with her on the phone for many things regarding the church for years. Always kind with a pleasant voice and left to match. Haven't got on Angel. Rest in peace and God bless.

*The Sardina family.*

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**Joe sardina** - June 29, 2020 at 02:50 PM

SM

“ Rick and family (Marie Robilotto)  
My memory of Mary Beth was that she was always sweet , kind and quiet when going to school with her at Mt.Carmel and then CYO cheerleading.  
May you always carry her love and memory in your heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time

*Sandra (Sardina) Macri  
Tampa,FL*

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**Sandra Sardina Macri** - June 29, 2020 at 02:20 PM

FR

“*MaryBeth was an exceptional woman of faith whose love of God framed all of her decisions and grounded her in times of trial and suffering. She had a natural vocation as a wife and mother. which gave meaning to her life. She was at her best with her family and her many friends whom she cherished. She excelled as a highly competent secretary. I shall always be grateful to her in helping me learn how to pronounce Italian names and learn Italian traditions since I am a mayo face. I am confident she is embraced by her God. Well done good and faithful servant. With much fondness. Fr. John Rose*

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**Fr John Rose** - June 29, 2020 at 01:29 PM

PZ

“*Rick and family. So very sorry for your loss and you MaryBeth will be miss from many of us, RIP*

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**Patrick and Margherita Zasa** - June 29, 2020 at 01:12 PM

AB

“*Margie:  
I'm sorry for your loss. Your Mom was so sweet and a constant presence at Notre Dame for events. May God comfort you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Amanda Ashley Berlin** - June 29, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KS

“*Rick and family. So very sorry for your loss. Mary Beth was a great lady. Always a smile on her face and a friendly hello. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love Kathie Scalise. ❤️*

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**Kathie Scalise** - June 29, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JZ

“ Rick, John and all of her family, I am so sorry for your loss. You were all a part of my childhood at Mt Carmel school and CYO. She always had a smile and a genuine warm person. I will keep you all in my prayers. Judy Servello Ziobro

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**judy ziobro** - June 29, 2020 at 10:37 AM

AG

“ Rick, Patty, John and families,  
A beautiful tribute to a beautiful person. My heart breaks for all of you. May you find strength in knowing she is no longer in pain and now at peace.  
Sincerely,  
Annette Guido  
Guilderland, NY

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**Annette Guido** - June 29, 2020 at 06:05 AM

JM

“ Rick, Ricky and Margie,  
Our sincerest sympathies to you on Mary's passing.  
Our families crossed paths for a number of years leaving many fond memories.  
Mary was one of the nicest people we've ever known.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with the LaNeve family.

*John and Anne Monahan*

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**John and Anne Monahan** - June 29, 2020 at 01:13 AM

BO

“ My heartfelt condolences to the entire LaNeve and Desarro family. Mary Beth was a pillar of the Mt. Carmel community for her entire life and gave her all to everyone. I always knew when I had to call the rectory for something, all I had to do was ask for Mary Beth and I knew I was in great hands. I know my mother thought the world of her and always praised her hard work. Ricky you and Mary Beth were a long lasting loving couple, I always looked up to that since I was a kid. Keep the memories alive and she'll be with you. I'm positive she was met at the gates by an entourage of Carmelites embracing her as she crossed over. I will keep all of you in my prayers along with Mary Beth. May she RIP.

**Bobby Ollerenshaw** - June 28, 2020 at 08:37 PM

CG

“ Jeanine and family...So sorry to hear of the loss of Mary Beth. I know how close you were and how much your heart is hurting right now...remember the memories you will forever have and please know I am here for you, if you need anything

*Cindy Goff*

**Cynthia Goff** - June 28, 2020 at 08:26 PM

GO

“ Jeanine and the LaNeve family I am so sorry to hear about Mary Beth's passing she was a great woman and will be missed by so many. Mary Beth may you rest in peace



**gary ollerenshaw** - June 28, 2020 at 08:05 PM

GO

“ Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve



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**gary ollerenshaw** - June 28, 2020 at 08:01 PM

TA

“ To the LaNeve family. I'm so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to Rick,Rick Jr. Margie and my dear friend Jeanine as well as the entire family.



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**Tammy** - June 28, 2020 at 07:28 PM

BN

“ To the LaNeve and DeSarro families, we are very sorry for your loss. Bob and John Nole

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**Bob Nole** - June 28, 2020 at 05:12 PM

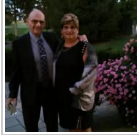
FW

“ Mary Beth, You fought a long and hard fight and beat each battle, with your determination and old fashioned Mt. Carmel spirit. Sometimes, Our Lord and His Blessed Mother Mary, have different plans for us, and of course we just continue with their Eternal Plan. You gave it your best, but now it is time for you to rest comfortably in their arms. You are at peace, no more pain or discomfort. We will miss you, but we know you are in better hands at this time.  
Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson



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**FIORINDA B. WILSON** - June 28, 2020 at 03:54 PM



“ *Veronica Paciello lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve*



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**Veronica Paciello** - June 28, 2020 at 10:48 AM



*Veronica and Sam Paciello*

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“ *Veronica Paciello lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve*



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**Veronica Paciello** - June 28, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ *Richard & Marylou Vellone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. MaryBeth (DeSarro) LaNeve*



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**Richard & Marylou Vellone** - June 27, 2020 at 04:30 PM