



## Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito

June 19, 1940 - June 29, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito, age 79, joined her husband in heaven when she passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Her room became illuminated with sunlight when she crossed over with her cherished family by her side in the comfort of her home.

Born in Utica on June 19, 1940, Maryrose was the daughter of the late Anthony and Angeline (Bouse) Pontonero. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1957. On August 24, 1963 she married Richard D. Azzarito. To Maryrose, Richard was her true love and was the rock in their relationship. She wouldn't have changed a thing... Dick passed away nearly 7 weeks ago, on May 12th.

Maryrose was employed by Oneida National Bank at their main branch as a check processor. Once Maryrose became a mother she remained at home until her children were grown. She then worked at the Better Business Bureau, and later accepted a job as a Certified Teacher's Assistant working with Special Education students at Kernan School.

Vibrant and classy, her personality drew people to her, and she will be remembered as the 'life of the party'. She was a wonderful mom, always worrying about the wellbeing and safety of her children. She held people loyal to her heart, especially her family and friends and often spoke her wisdom. All of her values were laced with humor and her spunky sarcasm, which will leave many to laugh and hold memories close. As a grandma, she had unconditional love for her grandchildren, and she was blessed with a mutual

connection to their souls that will never be lost. Her kids and her grandkids were her joy, her happiness, and the reason she thrived.

Maryrose had a plethora of pastimes and passions. She loved dancing as a form of exercise and entertainment, and she and Richard could really jitterbug! Her Dirty Martini with 3 olives was a truth serum!! Her delicious Italian dinners on Sunday brought everyone together and will be an unforgettable memory. Clothes were her passion and shopping was a serious event. Her theory was never to buy just one of anything, and she was especially proud of her coat collection. She looked forward to summers at Sylvan Beach where the Oneida Lake sunsets were so soothing. A true believer, Maryrose was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. She found 'quiet' time to pray for those she loved by reciting the Rosary.

Maryrose is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and David Pandolf; and her son, Richard D. Azzarito, Jr. She was a hands-on grandmother to her grandchildren, Kari and Thomas Moloney, Patrick Crimmins and Gabriel Patterson; and Dominick Azzarito. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Santino, and Giovanni, and she was over the moon that Kari and Tom are expecting her third great grandson in October; her sister, Rachel Faga; brother, Anthony J. Pontonero; nieces and nephews, especially Sharon (who was like an additional daughter) and her husband Jeffrey Jones, and their children, Christopher Jones and Dana Jones, and Ralph Faga; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Patricia Azzarito Stanton, and members of the Azzarito family; and a huge number of wonderful friends, including many who assisted her during her difficulties. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Gerald Azzarito, Frank Q. Pentasuglia, Carmen H. Faga, Sharon R. Imundo; and beloved friend, Carmelita A. Esposito; they were two peas in a pod.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Sushma Kaul and Dr. Mathew Ulahannan for their compassionate care and medical expertise; the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. who assisted in Maryrose's care and comfort,

especially R.N. Crystal who was such a good match; and One Caring Place Plus personnel Karla, Sharon, and Tina, a trio who had a great connection with Maryrose. Each of these loving young ladies brought her own individual compassion, and each one was an angel, always hovering near; and Fr. James Cesta for his prayers and pastoral care, and Fr. Anthony LaFache for his years of friendship.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Maryrose's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Committal prayers and Entombment will follow in Calvary Mausoleum.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

TP

“ Ricky and Chris, I'm so Sorry to hear about the Passing of Your Parents. I will always have fond memories of the time I spent at your house as a kid, The different events your Mother took us all too in the Starsky and Hutch car, your Dad having the patience to put up with the basketball and whiffle ball games in your yard. They are forever in my thoughts and prayers.. God Bless to you and your family..

Tom Powers - July 06, 2019 at 01:08 AM

DM

“ Donna Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito



Donna Merhib - July 04, 2019 at 09:49 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito.



July 04, 2019 at 12:15 PM

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“ *The Moloney Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito.*



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**The Moloney Family** - July 04, 2019 at 11:23 AM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito*



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**Don Marino** - July 03, 2019 at 10:04 PM

JK

“ To the Azzarito Family: Maryrose in that picture is the very Maryrose I see when I think of her. Smiling, happy, in the kitchen on Sunday greeting everyone and giving you an earful if you deserved it. She had the biggest heart, full of love and forgiveness for those she loved. She's the lady we all hope we stay as we age, not afraid to make herself heard, or make a fashion statement or prove that everyday begins anew and make sure you have your hair properly done. Maryrose loved her grandchildren and was so proud of accomplishments and the person's that they are. She had an extra connection with her grandson Dominick and he with her. She was always there to love, protect and defend him as he progressed in life as a man and as a wonderful father. I'm glad life allowed for this wonderful bond as it was such a lovely experience and will continue to shape him as he goes on. Her great grandchildren, Gio and Santino brought a special light to her eyes everytime she saw or spoke of them.

As Maryrose is at peace now, she would want her family to be at peace as well. She would want you to remember the good times with laughter not in tears. Maryrose missed her mother dearly and is now reunited forever. And of course, the love of her life Dick was waiting with open arms. Free of all earthly pain, dancing the time away til you all meet again.

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Jenn K - July 03, 2019 at 06:56 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Maryrose (Pontonero) Azzarito.



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July 03, 2019 at 10:37 AM

 Brigid  
Matthews

“ *Mary Rose where do I begin there are so many things that could be said but in the end she was the kindest sweetest mother-in-law you could ever ask for there wasn't nothing that she wouldn't do for her children or her grandchildren I am truly thankful to you for all the love unconditional love that you showed everybody although I haven't been in the family for a while she never made me feel any different other than my daughter-in-law I am so saddened at their loss but they are together now no more pain no more sorrow and someday I hope to see you again please watch over my son your grandson Dominic as you are now his guardian angel along with dick and he needs your comfort I know that you will still be here playing a part in everybody's lives even though you're on the other side I am heartbroken for my son and for the rest of the Azz a r i t o family but I'm somewhat Comfort it that she's no longer in pain and neither is he Dave had a joyous Union of marriage for many many many years they were always kind caring and loving and I will never forget your smile or your laugh maryrose cuz you were one of a kind I know my son is going to miss you and so is Santino and Geo please watch over all of them keep them safe watch them grow give us little signs to let us know that you're here I will try to comfort my son the best that I can but it's very hard when he loves you guys so very much your all he had*



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**Brigid Matthews** - July 03, 2019 at 10:14 AM

 Brigid  
Matthew

*And he is gonna miss you both tremendously....i k ow its rough right now but santino says it best when he says idk why everyone's so sad we will see them again...im glad i taught him that...your presence will b missed tremendously your love your laughter and your smile will b remembered forever...hold your loved ones close we all have our day so love people while were still here....she would want that for everyone..my sincere thoughts condolences and prayers for the family.....sincerely brigid matthews doms mom...❤️🙏🙏❤️💜💎💎💎💎*

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**Brigid Matthews** - July 03, 2019 at 11:12 AM



“ *Dear Azzarito family  
We are so very sorry to hear of Maryrose’s passing.  
Please know you are in our thoughts at this difficult time . Love ,  
The Chambrone family*

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**Rosemary Brown** - July 02, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ *I’ll always remember her honesty, sense of humor, and compassion.  
But above all her devotion and friendship with my aunt carm ( which  
was immeasurable)  
Her smile was contagious!!  
She will be greatly missed by so many*

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**michelle torchia** - July 02, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss ... The lord has put your parents  
together,may they Rest In Peace. God Bless you you are in our  
thoughts and prayers.. Bob and Pauline Stemmer and Janice  
Greer...*

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**janice greer** - July 02, 2019 at 09:37 AM



*We were neighbors on Elmwood Place for many years and had a close  
connection to our family and especially my Mom “Rena”. Always a fun  
lady. I’m sure she will be missed by many. R.I.P Mary Rose. Terry and  
Paulette Brady.*

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**Paulette Brady** - July 03, 2019 at 10:08 AM