



Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino

March 25, 1921 - December 4, 2025

SHREWSBURY, NJ / UTICA – Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino, age 104, a longtime resident of the Utica area, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in New Jersey, where she had moved in recent years to be close to her family.

Born in Utica on March 25, 1921, Nancy was a twin daughter of the late Bruno and Stella (Tripepi) Filletti. Tragically, her twin sister, Catherine, succumbed to meningitis at the age of four. Raised and educated locally, she attended Roscoe Conkling Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

On November 9, 1946, Nancy was united in marriage with John J. “John D.” DeMartino. Together they built a life centered on love and family. Their home was filled with devotion, laughter, and many treasured memories. The couple shared more than 63 wonderful years together prior to John’s passing on August 8, 2010.

For many years, Nancy worked alongside her husband in the operation of the family business, John’s Liquors, on Litchfield Street in Frankfort. The store became a neighborhood staple, and through it they formed many lasting friendships. Nancy’s caring spirit and warm heart left a lasting impression on everyone she met.

Nancy was a woman of creativity, grace, and remarkable skill. Gifted with artistic talent, she loved painting and collecting antique porcelain dolls. Her meticulous craftsmanship was evident in everything she created—she could sew or knit anything by hand, from Halloween costumes to baptism gowns. These handmade treasures have been lovingly passed down through generations, carrying her legacy of love and artistry.

Nancy cherished spending time with her sister Palma, her lifelong companion and shopping partner. Every Saturday, they enjoyed shopping trips with their many nieces, a tradition filled with laughter and joy. In later years, she found happiness in the company of her great-grandchildren, whose visits she treasured dearly.

A woman of faith, Nancy was a devoted member of St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish, where she drew comfort and strength from her lifelong devotion to God.

Nancy is survived by her son, Richard A. and Leisa DeMartino. She treasured the memory of her son who preceded her, Dr. John DeMartino. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Kathy DeMartino; grandchildren, John Stanley DeMartino, Kateri DeMartino; Lauren and Christian Vasilakopoulos, Kimberly and Kevin Rinkewich, and their mother, Beth DeMartino; and great-grandchildren, George, and Theo Vasilakopoulos; and Charlotte Rinkewich.

She fondly remembered her siblings and their spouses who preceded her, Palma and Francis “Frank” M. Percia, Grace and Jack Morgan, and Carmen and Corinne Filletti. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominic and Angeline (Scandura) DeMartino; nephew, Carmen B. Filletti; and niece, Dolores L. Calenda.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of Sunrise Assisted Living for the kindness, compassion, and care they extended to Nancy and her loved ones over the past four years.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Nancy's honor may be made to St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish by mail to 648 Jay St., Utica, NY 13501; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nancy's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, December 15, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

AF

“ So sorry for your loss Angelique furgal



Ang Furgal - December 15, 2025 at 07:23 PM

TF

“ The Haritos Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.



The Haritos Family - December 11, 2025 at 03:56 PM

JA

“ Having Aunt Nan in NJ for the last few years was a wonderful gift. I truly enjoyed the time I spent with her. Our visits always started with her saying "Oh, I was just thinking of you!" Then, she would show me the trinkets she won at Bingo along with the paintings she had recently done. She was very artistic! We sometimes reminisced while looking at old photos and often talked about what life was like back in the day when the family lived on George Place.

She loved going "shopping" in her closet where we found some of her favorite outfits and a few things she did not remember having. Of course, she was convinced these clothes would fit me perfectly and tried to send me home with a new wardrobe each time. Then we would have a good laugh when she realized how big I am and how little her clothes were. We had a lot of fun together.

Although I will miss her very much, I know our family members in Heaven have been waiting a very long time to see her again. There is peace and comfort in knowing that they are all together now and celebrating into eternity.

Love Always, Jackie XO

Jackie - December 11, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CP

“ Aunt Nanny was a very special person. We enjoyed all the time we spent with her and Uncle John - holidays, coffee at Palma's after Uncle John got out of work, Florentine or Tony's Pizza after church, shopping, etc. Aunt Nanny was a very classy lady and always dressed beautifully (and with heels) for any occasion. She was a second grandmother to Michael & David and they cherish their childhood memories with her and Uncle John. We still have the Halloween costumes she made for them. We loved her dearly and will miss her. Carla & Frank

Carla & Frank Percia - December 11, 2025 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.*



December 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *The Percias planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.*

The Percias - December 10, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ *Jackie purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.*



Jackie - December 10, 2025 at 08:30 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.*



December 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM

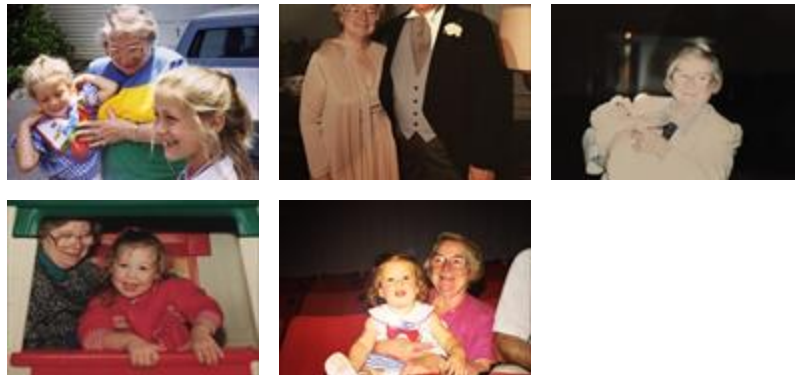
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“ Doug Frassa and Donna Tuten planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy (Filletti) DeMartino.

Doug Frassa and Donna Tuten - December 09, 2025 at 11:18 AM

LV

“ 64 files added to the album Nancy in Photos



Lauren Vasilakopoulos - December 09, 2025 at 08:44 AM