



Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari

October 23, 1928 - July 21, 2016

Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari, age 87, passed away as the Lord gently lifted her soul on Thursday evening, July 21, 2016. At that last moment, she was in the hearts of those she loved most.

Born in Utica on October 23, 1928, Nancy was the daughter of the late Santo and Rosa (Filomeno) Palmisano. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor and went on to receive a degree from the Utica School of Commerce. On November 26, 1953 she married Samuel "Sam" P. Simbari; they were a couple who embraced life, supported each other's happiest moments, and held on to one another for strength during trying times. Their lives were united through love during their 62 years of marriage. At one time, Nancy held employment at IBM, taking time off to raise her family. She later worked at Holy Trinity School and then became head of the Nutrition Program for Oneida County. At the time of her death, she was a commissioner on the Board of the Utica Municipal Housing Authority.

Nancy was blessed with a benevolent heart, a strong spirit, and a kind soul. She was a true friend and when you were in her company, you had a sense of belonging and goodness. As a mom, she wholeheartedly celebrated her children's victories, cried over any disappointment, and always gave more than her very best to their wellbeing. She kept a meticulous home, and coupled with Sam keeping a pristine exterior, together they provided a welcoming comfortable home. Nancy was generous with her time and talents in so many ways. She loved her Catholic faith and for many years was a

devout member of St. Agnes Church and its congregational life. She was very religious and held a great adoration for this church, attending daily Mass and proudly serving as a Eucharistic Minister. Her hard work, humble heart, and gift of time went into so many parish activities. More recently, she was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Sam; her daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca J. and Jeffrey Almstead of Newtonville NY; her son, David J. Simbari and Lynn Bradley of Naples FL; and her grandchildren, Stephanie Simbari, and Stephen Simbari, both of CA, and their mother, Jill Copeland Simbari of Westchester NY. Her extended family includes her nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Rosemary and Duffy Dougherty of Utica, and Ann and Tom Wolanski of Fairport NY; her great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, John and Carolyn "Kitty" Simbari, and Carmen and Carolyn Simbari, all of AZ, Angie and Robert Cekosh of FL, Josephine Smart of GA, and Shirley Simbari of Syracuse; and her special friend, Marie Luce. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Mamie and John Perretta; her brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Rita Palmisano, and Frank and Rose Palmisano; and her in-laws, Frank and Evelyn Simbari, Anthony and Gretchen Simbari, Bernard Simbari, Guy Simbari, Lucy and Vincent Dannes, Mary and Roger Girouard, Pat and William Stone, and Eleanor Wells.

The family wishes to extend thoughtful thanks to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center nurses and staff of 3A for their care and concern; and the caregivers of the Abraham House for their loving comfort and vigilance.

The family will gather privately to honor Nancy's life. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Abraham House; envelopes will be available at the service. Committal prayers and Interment will take place graveside in

Calvary Cemetery.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Sam,
We are thinking of you and the family.
Chuck, Renee, and Kirk



Renee Carter - July 25, 2016 at 01:00 PM

BO

“ Sam, Dave, Becky and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you with the loss of Nancy. Over 55 years ago as I began my childhood on Elizabeth St, your family was a major part of our daily endeavors, be it playing out side or just visiting on the porch. Nancy's infectious smile always gave you a warm feeling, but like any of our mothers in the day she also had the stern side when needed. She was one of the many "other moms" I had growing up and respected her as such. Over the years when I have run into Nancy with Sam, that smile was always there as we talked about the early years. Becky those are some amazing pictures and looking at them made my day in remembering your mother. I see in the pictures that she maintained her lover for her dogs too. It's not easy losing a parent, or sibling, but always keep those memories alive in your heart and soul. She will be your guardian angle and I'm sure my mother and the other women of Elizabeth St have reunited with her and are looking down on you. It saddens me that I will not be able to be in Utica to pay my respects to the family, but as the time of her mass arrives I will look up to the Lord and say a prayer for all. Nancy rest in peace dear until we meet again.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - July 25, 2016 at 07:24 AM

RM

“ *Sam And Family,*

My deepest sympathy and my prayers are with you. God Bless.



Rose Cloonan Moylan - July 24, 2016 at 06:32 PM

GO

“ *Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari*



Gary ollerenshaw - July 24, 2016 at 05:44 PM

JC

“ *Dear Sam, Rebecca, David and Families,*
Our deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of our dear friend Nancy, your beloved wife and Mom. She was a beautiful woman inside and out and loved by all who had the pleasure of her friendship.
May you all find solace in the beautiful memories made with her.
May she be surrounded by angels and rest in peace.
Love and Prayers,
Fred and Jeanne Castronovo and Family

Jeanne Castronovo - July 24, 2016 at 03:15 PM

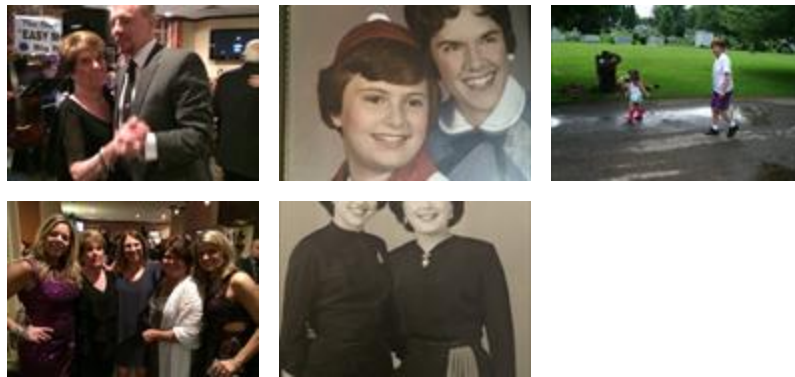
MD

“ Mrs Simbari was a wonderful woman and I was blessed to know her. I have a disabled son and she made sure to include him in her daily prayers and asked how my son was doing every time I saw her. Heaven just received a beautiful Angel. God bless you and your family. Love always Marlo Parrotta Dimeo

marlo dimeo - July 24, 2016 at 09:47 AM

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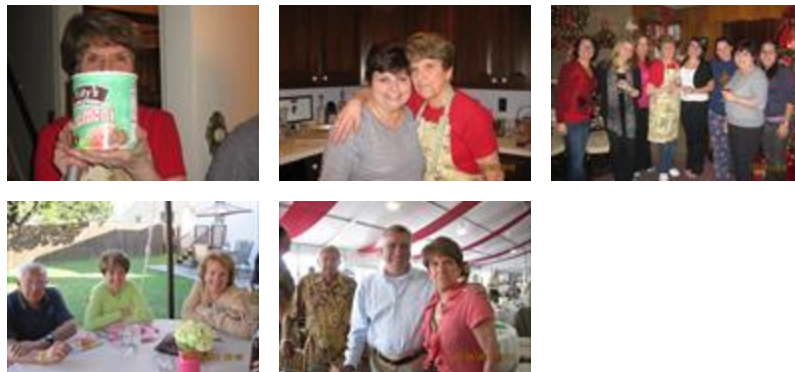
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rebecca - July 23, 2016 at 09:21 PM

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rebecca - July 23, 2016 at 01:53 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari.



July 23, 2016 at 12:25 PM



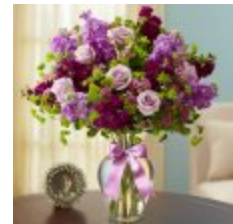
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rebecca - July 23, 2016 at 12:14 PM



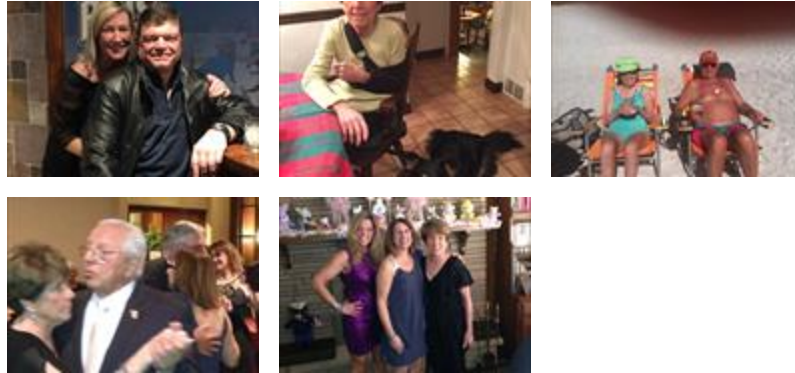
“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari.



July 23, 2016 at 10:35 AM

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“ 27 files added to the album Mom



rebecca - July 23, 2016 at 09:20 AM

DS

“ To sam and family:

when I was a very young lad and a new freshman at proctor high..i was befriended by a very lovely girl slightly older than I...what a great relationship that existed between she and I ..she was like a sister... when I was at our class reunions I always made it a point too seek her out...Sam you were truly married to a very beautiful, caring, loving woman....

I could tell at the reunions how you cherished her..., that she is now with all the beautiful angels above.... she will always look down at you with pride at being the center of the family she created with you,.....god bless you lovely child , your radiance lit up any room you would walk into.,,,.....requiem in pacem...

I will always have fond memories of her.,...and share your grief...but blessed to have known her...

*with deep respect,
Dr. Marshall S. Grillo Sr. 1948 Proctor*

Dr.Marshall S. Grillo Sr. - July 23, 2016 at 07:49 AM

JK

“ *John and Kitty purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari.*



John and Kitty - July 23, 2016 at 01:11 AM

JS

“ *John & Kitty Simbari lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Nancy (Palmisano) Simbari*



John & Kitty Simbari - July 23, 2016 at 12:18 AM

NE

Beckey, thank you for sharing such great photo 's of Nancy's and her family life . Very mindful of her grand smile and her grace. Love Nancy

nancy Eannace - July 23, 2016 at 10:36 AM

JF

Becky, I remember the day at work, when you were on the phone with your Mom and you told me my boots were out of style and your Mom stood up for me and said "don't mind her, Judi, she's always like that. By the way, I did "retire the boots"!

Judith Fowler - July 24, 2016 at 01:29 PM

GO

*To the Simbari Family,
I'am so sad to hear about the loss of Nancy, I remember her as a child on Elizabeth St. and did not see her for years. Later while working for the housing authority's AmeriCorps program I ran into Nancy and we talked about my childhood days, it was so nice to see her again after so many years. Nancy was a wonderful woman and through my three years with the AmeriCorps program we saw each other many times and had some great conversations. Nancy will be missed by so many people she made her mark in the community, Nancy may you rest in peace. Gary Ollerenshaw*

Gary ollerenshaw - July 24, 2016 at 05:43 PM

GL

Sam ("Bear"), Dave, Becky, Jeff: What a beautiful tribute to "Nan Nan" today! That picture on display was just beautiful and one that will always stay in my mind. The love, care, concern and affection for "Nance" was on display in fitting proportion at mass today. Who ever knew that when I was around 8 years old, I would move to a new house and just two doors down, find a beautiful soul whose life would intersect with mine/my family and last a lifetime. To say that I was blessed to have a Godmother who was not only a great friend, but a true mentor and inspiration is an understatement. Someone like "Nan Nan" only comes once in a lifetime, and I/we were lucky enough to be blessed by God in bringing her - and you all - into our lives. With so many special, heartwarming and fun memories it is hard to imagine the days ahead without wanting more but thankfully we have all that we do to sustain us in our sadness and loss. We all have a choice in life - we can take the road of not getting close to people and developing loving and lasting relationships - or we can choose to love hard, love unconditionally and love fully.....and although it hurts much and the pain of losing her is intense, I am beyond thankful that I chose the later with Nan Nan!! Rest in the peace and fullness of God's Kingdom Nan Nan; I only hope that I can live my faith as you did and one day be with you again. Love your Godchild, Gina

Gina Luce - July 25, 2016 at 10:00 PM