



Rose Marie "Grandma Ro" Humphreys

May 3, 1929 - February 14, 2024

UTICA – Rose Marie “Grandma Ro” (Stoio) Humphreys was called home to the Lord, at the accomplished age of 94, on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, after being attended to by family throughout her illness.

Born in Utica on May 3, 1929, Rose Marie was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary Theresa (Salvatore) Stoio. She was a proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

On October 7, 1950, she was wed to David R. Humphreys. They were respectful and loving to one another, and the birth of their adored daughter enhanced the love of family, which was important to them. Rose Marie and David shared nearly 53 years together until his passing on September 9, 2003.

Rose Marie was employed by the Utica City School District as a teacher’s assistant. She will be remembered for her dedication and longevity at the various locations she worked at, including Wetmore, General Herkimer, Seymour, and Jefferson Elementary Schools. Her last position was at Jefferson where she was responsible for assisting children in the library. In retrospect Rose Marie was so proud to have worked until the age of 88! It was genuinely believed that her vocation kept her motivated and certainly gave her purpose, providing her with quality in her life.

Rose Marie was admired for being a helpful person and having a caring heart. The greatest gift she ever received was her daughter and son-in-law who watched over her. She had no idea how her grandchildren and great-grandchildren would fill a space in her heart that she never knew was empty – they truly were her jewels.

Rose Marie loved to visit with others. And before you knew it, the card games began, and laughter was constant. She was a fabulous Italian cook and baker. Everyone enjoyed the great meals she prepared, and she was grateful for their compliments.

Rose Marie found immense joy in knitting. A few years ago, she lovingly knitted 100 pairs of mittens to donate to Notre Dame Elementary School. All her family and dearest of friends have treasures that she made for each of them. Rose Marie treasured her group of friends who affectionately called themselves “The Club.”

Her forte was preparing for the Christmas season and making sure that her family knew of the love that only a traditional holiday meal could provide.

Rose Marie is survived by her devoted daughter and son-in-law, Karen Ann and Walter J. Parzych, Jr.; her grandchildren, Michael Thomas and Christina Parzych, and Steven Joseph Parzych; and a group of great-grandchildren who charmed her heart, David, Samantha, Christopher, Ryan, Evan, Jennifer, and Aaron. Rose Marie was preceded in death by her siblings and their spouses, Jennie and Dominic Muto, Cora and Peter Agnone, Delores and William Shaw, Anthony “Tony” and Mary Stoio, Louis and Philomena Stoio, Thomas “Tommy” and Cecelia Stoio, and Carl Stoio. She further leaves her memory to her sister-in-law, Angela Stoio; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, as well as many friends that blessed her

throughout her life. She is further predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Michael and Catherine (Roberts) Humphreys, and two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Eleanor Lobernz, Catherine Hamlin, and Robert Humphreys.

The family would like to extend special thank you to Dr. Wayde Hunt, Rose Marie's long time personal physician, and the MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, who provided excellent care and many acts of kindness for Rose Marie and her entire family.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Rose Marie's honor may be made to Notre Dame Elementary, 11 Barton Ave., Utica, NY 13502; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rose Marie's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Committal Services and Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum (located at the main entrance) at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

HU

“ We are sorry to hear the loss of Aunt Rose. Sending our condolences to all her family during this time. Love, Richie, Heather, Bobby, & Alexis Uriah.



Heather Uriah - February 20, 2024 at 07:37 PM

DS

“ So sorry for your loss, I had the pleasure of working with Rosemary at Wetmore and Jefferson School . She was the first person I met when I started teaching at Wetmore in 1989, she was kind, encouraging and positive in every way. She was a bright light at the Jefferson school library daily . She not only encouraged the students , but the faculty daily with her kind words and beautiful smile. RIP until we meet again. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel.
Devra Stalker

Devra Stalker - February 20, 2024 at 11:45 AM

DS

“ Don & Teresa Johnson and Frances Stoio purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rose Marie "Grandma Ro" Humphreys.



Don & Teresa Johnson and Frances Stoio - February 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM

CA

“ I’m so sorry for your loss....i had the pleasure of taking care of her she was definitely my little lady absolutely loved her and she knew it....the short time i had the pleasure of knowing her will always be cherished she will definitely be missed

Chastity (her aide) - February 18, 2024 at 10:58 AM

BG

“ So very sorry for your loss. Rose was a wonderful person. I remember her and her family very fondly. She was kind and caring. Condolences to the family.



Bill Guy - February 18, 2024 at 08:43 AM

EP

“ I am so very sorry for your family's loss. As one of her previous principals, I can say she always went above and beyond and for decades gave so much love to ALL the students and staff at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School (Utica City School District). Jason Gugnacki said it the best, she truly became every student and staff member's grandma. RIP Ro and thank you for your 50+ years of dedicated service, sensitivity and understanding, and most importantly for motivating all children to become good humans and lifelong readers. I will forever remember you and your special stories and delicious foods you shared. Until we meet again, I will miss you! ❤️

Elizabeth A Paul - February 18, 2024 at 06:40 AM

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*Liz and Mike Paul
Utica, NY*

Elizabeth A Paul - February 18, 2024 at 06:34 AM