



Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito

July 24, 1933 - June 17, 2022

UTICA - Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito, age 88, peacefully went into the arms of the Lord as she passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022 surrounded by her supportive and loving family.

Born in Utica on July 24, 1933, Rose Mary was the daughter of the late Antonio and Carmella (Valenti) Conino. Ro attended Brandegee Elementary School and T.R. Proctor High School. At one time she was wed to Edwin D. Sperry and to that union came the blessing of two sons. She entered into a second union in 1971 when she married Dominick R. Azzarito. They shared in a mutually compassionate relationship and blended their additional children. Dominick passed away on February 14, 1981.

A longtime associate at Jet Cleaners, Ro was precise and devoted in her duties. Her job performance was “second to none”, a testimony offered by a great number who knew how much she loved her work.

As the matriarch of her family, Ro expressed her love in many ways as a caregiver. She prepared and cooked for family gatherings, especially on Christmas Eve and the Feast of the 7 Fishes, an Italian tradition appreciated and propagated by her mom and dad during her childhood. Ro’s heart and home were open to all and numerous loved ones knew of her unconditional hospitality. She was appreciated for her loving concern and efforts. She always rose to the occasion because she was a truly selfless woman with a caring heart.

Ro practiced her Catholic faith as a communicant of St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and kept the Lord close to her heart. Her greatest blessing was her children who graced her life and so often spoke the words "I love you" to their beloved mom who returned the sentiment in kind ~ words that will carry on to the next generation.

Rose Mary is survived by her children and their spouses, Ronald J. Sperry, Andrew J. and Michele Azzarito, Fred R. and Christine Sperry, and René M. Azzarito-Larkin and her husband Tom; her grandchildren, Brian and Bonnie Sperry, Christina and Joe Fritzinger, Craig Sperry; Angela and Erin Kelly, Andrew Azzarito; Stephen and Deanna Polera; Nicole and Steve Sarcone, and Dr. Rachel Sergott; and great-grandchildren, Ian; Levi, and Gabriel; Andrew, Joseph, and Olivia; Giovanni; Zoë; and Maxon. She is additionally survived by her sisters and brother-in-law, Joanne Spinks (and her late husband Charles), and Patricia "Patty" and Bruce Olmstead. She was preceded by her siblings and their spouses, Theresa and Vern Wild, Nancy Conino-Santucci and her husband Charles, and Andrew D. Conino. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Carol Conino; and the many friendships that blessed Rose Mary throughout her life. She was predeceased by her special friend, David O. Rossi, Sr. who passed away in 2019.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Toby Taylor who was efficient and compassionate, and his staff, especially Dyan/RN who was so special; the 5th Floor staff at MVHS at St. Luke's Campus who provided personal and special attention to Rose Mary's care, with special mention of Debbie (Kupiec) Sellars/RN. A special thank you is extended to Rev. Joe Salerno for sharing the Anointing of the Sick Sacrament with such grace.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rose Mary's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning, June 23, 2022 at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Rose's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate, or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation online at www.jdrf.org

w.jdrf.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *DiNigro Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito*



DiNigro Family - August 08, 2022 at 10:54 PM

ES

“ *Renee and Family,*

So sorry to read about your mothers passing. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Cherish the memories.

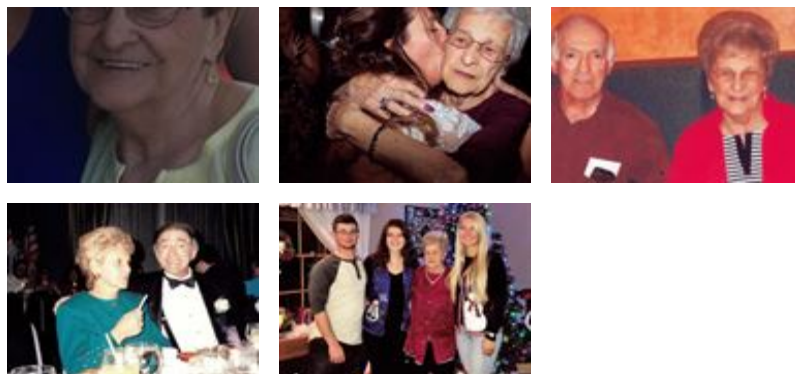
With deepest sympathy

Jim and Evelyn Schiavetta

Evelyn Schiavetta - June 28, 2022 at 12:02 PM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 22, 2022 at 02:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito.



June 21, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ She was such a strong spirited woman that truly loved her family. I love you cousin Rose Mary and will miss you dearly. Until we see each other again May you Rest In Peace. Now you can be with those that you've missed for so long. Thoughts and prayers to all of your loved ones.



Love Josette

Josette Lucenti - June 20, 2022 at 11:28 PM



“ Renee, I am so sorry to hear about your Moms passing. My prayers are with you and your family. The memories you share will last a lifetime. May she Rest In Peace.

Debbie Barbero - June 20, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ Michelle Argen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Michelle Argen - June 20, 2022 at 02:29 PM

TO

“ Tonya lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Tonya - June 20, 2022 at 11:38 AM

DO

“ Doreen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Doreen - June 20, 2022 at 10:10 AM

DW

“ Donna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Donna Williams - June 20, 2022 at 09:38 AM

RB

“ Robin Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Robin Bailey - June 20, 2022 at 09:23 AM

TA

“ Tammy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Mary (Conino) Sperry Azzarito



Tammy - June 20, 2022 at 09:02 AM

PH

“ Rosemary was more than a mom to her family , she always made you feel at home with her loving ways. Family gathering's at Fred and Chris's was always and will be a special occasion to reflect on the good times we enjoyed each other's company. I will hold her memories close to my heart and remember her for the person she was. I was fortunate enough to have a special bond with Rosemary over the years with her pasta fagioli dish.

Rosemary I will miss you and our special b\$\$\$ breaking ways with each other.

May you Rest In Peace knowing that your work is completed here and your family will carry on with the memories you left for all of us.
Pete Huckabone

Peter Huckabone - June 19, 2022 at 09:28 PM

RO

“ May you rest in peace Aunt Rose Mary give my mom a hug.love
Robin

Robin - June 19, 2022 at 08:44 PM

LM

“ I will always remember the times we would get together at Dianes and talk and laugh. Rest easy Rosemary, love Bubbles.💖

Louise Medallis - June 19, 2022 at 02:43 PM

RF

When RoseMary was a teenager, she stayed with us for a while. She was truly part of our family. Our deepest sympathy to all those dear to her.

*Our parents, two brothers and a sister have also passed on.
May RoseMary Rest In Peace. She had a heart of gold.*

Dolly(LaBella) Testa & Rose(LaBella) Freedan

Rose Freedan - June 24, 2022 at 11:56 AM