



Mrs. Rose Grace (Costello) Tanzi

April 12, 1923 - August 27, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Rose Grace (Costello) Tanzi, age 97, passed away in peace and was reunited with her husband in heaven on Thursday, August 27, 2020.

Born in Utica on April 12, 1923, Rose was born to Italian immigrant parents, the late James and Viola (Papa) Costello. Rose had fond memories of her childhood with her 5 siblings, living a simple life at the family homestead on the corner of South Street and Culver Avenue. They had pride in their roots, and from their humble beginnings, they knew how to cultivate an abundance of the produce they nurtured from their land. She was privileged to attend T.R. Proctor High School. On September 7, 1946 Rose married James "Jim" Tanzi with whom she shared 52 years in a loving relationship. Her beloved Jim passed away on May 11, 1998.

Rose's 'claim to fame' and a topic she often talked about was her career as a Switch Board Operator at Broadacres Nursing Facility where she worked alongside her late friend Janet, until the age of 70. She was an energetic woman who had the endurance to care for everyone in her circle of life. She loved to make people laugh by her funny, perfectly-timed comments. Spunky and spirited, Rose lived her life her way until her last days.

The matriarch of her family, her daughter was her best friend and her "everything", and she was very proud of her granddaughters, their accomplishments and the women they came to be. She had a wonderful relationship with her great-granddaughter even during the last portion of her life when her mind was fleeting; Gracelyn Rose "Gracie" made her happy, right

to the very end. She was the greatest joy in her life.

A lifelong parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, attending Sunday Mass with her friend Lenore was a must when they were able to be about.

Rose lived her faith and cherished the simple things in life.

Rose is survived by her daughter, Barbara Tanzi; her grandchildren, Carla Rose Sinisgalli, and Christine and Scott Richards (who Rose loved as a grandson); and her great-granddaughter, Gracelyn Rose "Gracie", her pride and joy. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, especially Judy and Lucille, Donna and Cos, Violet, John and Tracy for their special visits that always uplifted her; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Rose Rasile; and friends. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Antoinette Costello, Frank and Rose Costello, and Ralph and Mary Costello; sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Michael Taurisano Sr., and Mary and John Tanzi; and her in-laws, Theresa and Anthony Lombardi, and Phil Rasile.

The family is grateful to the Brooklyn Household staff at the Masonic Care Community; Dr. Kevin McCormick; nurses, especially Patty and Galina; CNA's, and staff for the compassionate care and love they gave to Rose; it was as if they were angels at her side, to the very end.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rose's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday at 12:00 noon at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks are required, and contact tracing will be implemented. In lieu of floral offerings, those wishing to do so may offer memorial contributions in Rose's honor to the Masonic Care Community Brooklyn Household online at masonichomeny.org or by mail to 2150 Bleecker St., Utica, NY 13501; or St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church online at stanthonystagnes.com or by mail to 422 Tilden Ave., Utica, NY 13501; envelopes will also be available at church. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Please take a moment to connect with Rose's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

“Grandma, thank you for all that you have done for us, and all the memories.

You will live in our hearts forever.”

Your loving granddaughters, and Gracie.

<https://youtu.be/6cY-2jyLvJs> — Isle of Capri by Frank Sinatra

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Rose Grace (Costello) Tanzi*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - August 29, 2020 at 01:06 PM

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*Barbara & family,
My sincere sympathy to you and family! Always enjoyed visiting with you and Mom! She was a funny woman. Mary Lynch*

mary lynch - August 30, 2020 at 08:57 AM

JC

“ *Like my sisters, Judy & Lucille, I remember Aunt Rose for her sharp wit and gracious story-telling. She is in my thoughts and prayers as is Barbara and family. Rose was a wonderful lady. Peace and Love, Jim Costello*

James A. Costello - August 30, 2020 at 01:41 PM

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“ Our Aunt Rose was a pistol who spoke her mind and always managed to make us laugh. We felt connected to our family history whenever she reminisced about her childhood. She was a warm, caring person who will be sorely missed.

Our sincere condolences to Barb and family who took such good care of her.

Love,
Judy and Lucille

Lucille Costello - August 30, 2020 at 01:08 PM

JC

“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Tanzi family. I remember her from church. May your memories ease the heartbreak of your loss. God Bless you all.

Jeanne Castronovo

Jeanne Castronovo - August 30, 2020 at 12:29 PM

PC

“ Patricia M Conkling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rose Grace (Costello) Tanzi



patricia M conkling - August 29, 2020 at 06:20 PM

PC

Rose brought such joy to me as she was a wonderful humble person- always kind and caring. Rest in peace rose-you will always be in my heart.

patricia M conkling - August 29, 2020 at 06:23 PM



“ *Grandma Rose., you will be missed. Your stories will forever be burned into our memories. I loved that you were a straight shooter and always spoke your mind no matter if anyone agreed. Not to mention you swore like a sailor and we loved it. Rest easy sweet rose. Love michelle tom , Brody and Marilyn.*

Michelle Foster - August 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM