



## Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos

November 28, 1933 - May 30, 2016

Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos, age 82, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 30, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Sadie was born in Dekwaneh, Lebanon on November 28, 1933, the daughter of the late Elias Tohme and Vergenie (Al Hamouche) Abou Nader. At the age of 17, in Lebanon, she entered into an old-fashioned marriage with Anthony “Tony” Bolos. It was a union arranged by the two families with a shared concern for their children’s future. Soon after their wedding, she immigrated to the United States to join Tony and settled in Utica. As husband and wife, they shared a strong and indelible bond. Sadie was selfless and loyal to Tony and honored him in so many ways, even to her very last day. Their successful journey of marriage celebrated 62 years.

At one time, Sadie was employed by the Chicago Market on Kellogg Road in the Bakery department; everyone would ask for her because she was the one who always had a smile on her face. Most of her life, she was a homemaker, a job she embraced with joy. Sadie loved America and appreciated its opportunities. As an immigrant, she embraced the American way during her first year in this country. She became fluent in the English language and she learned how to drive a car. She became a naturalized citizen in 1957 which was an honor and highlight in her life. Sadie was a woman ahead of her time in so many ways. She was also a proud woman, well appointed in appearance and attire and beautiful, inside and out. Her softness, generosity, and genuine

love were among her greatest attributes. It was only natural that her children grew in her good graces to be as loving and patient as her. Sadie was a peacemaker and her children respected her and honored her by staying together in harmony and regard for one another. Her greatest blessings in life were her kind-hearted children who made her so proud, her grandchildren who revitalized her life, and her great-grandchildren who were little points of light that brightened her house and warmed her heart.

All were welcome at Sadie's home to share in her savory Lebanese spreads which were second to none for authenticity and taste. The children often admired her ability to cook up all her ethnic foods from scratch. She pushed herself to please everyone, and no one was ever disappointed. In a pinch, she was always able to take something from the "Magic Freezer"! For Sadie, having her family by her side at her table and the love of her children and her grandchildren who affectionately called her "Situ", meant the world to her. She often quoted the phrase "there is nothing like family".

Sadie was of the Maronite faith and praised God as a parishioner of St. Louis Gonzaga Church. From the age of four, she sang for the Lord in church and she was always on pitch. As an adult, she was devoted to the choir and she gave it her all. Her husband often remarked that she sang like a bird. A prayer warrior, a candle was lit at all times for the intentions of her loved ones. Her heart emulated Christ because of her softness, kindness, patience, and love. She became a proud member of the Tabouli Club, a social group, and throughout the years she was active in many of the parish's religious organizations. She graciously entertained parish clergy and fellow communicants at her home.

Sadie is survived by her husband Tony; her children and their loves, John and Renee Bolos of Columbia, SC, Missionary David and Debbie Bolos of Arequipa, Peru and Yorkville, Mark and Tina Bolos of Clinton, Peter and Sandra Bolos of Remsen, and her only daughter, Theresa Bolos of New Hartford. Situ was always proud of her 23 grandchildren and their families, John Jr., Michael, Joanne, Laura, and Samuel; Chelene, Jessica, Andrea,

Anthony, Nathaniel, Josiah, and Timothy; Katrina; Mark, Christopher, and Rhiannon, and their mother Wendy Bolos; Rachel, Heather, Jazmin, Zechariah, and Elizabeth; and Peter Jr., and Amanda; and her adored 19 great-grandchildren. She will also be remembered by her sister, Takla Abou Nader Bou Chaaya of CA; her many nieces and nephews who she opened her home to as they made their way to America; her great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was blessed with many wonderful friendships throughout her life, too many to singularly mention. She was predeceased by her siblings, Selim Abou Nader, Mitri Abou Nader, Tohme Abou Nader, Martha Abou Nader Hajj; in-laws Toufek and Ardell Bolos; Mary Ann Bolos; Thomas and Anna Abounader; and John and Susan Hagan; as well as several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank Joyce Showalter, Sadie's niece, who loved her aunt as a second mother and interacted with her daily; the family is also grateful to the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the personnel of the Yorkville EMT's for their compassionate care.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger St. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Sadie's honor may make a donation to the New Hope Children's Home in Arequipa, Peru, an orphanage that was established 20 years ago by Sadie's son David and her daughter-in-law Debbie; envelopes will be available at the service or be directed to New Hope Children's Home, P.O. Box 107 Yorkville, NY 13495.

Sadie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:30 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Rev. Alaa Issa and concelebrants Deacon Paul Salamy and Deacon Peter Hobaica. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.



# Cemetery Details

## Holy Trinity Cemetery

1500 Champlin Avenue  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-6019

## Funeral Service

JUN 3. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-6019

# Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my sincerest regrets for your great loss. Though, I never met the late Sadie, I met her husband Tony over 40 years ago back in Lebanon and in Utica in 1977. He spoke very highly of her and his family. I even met her family in Lebanon in Dekwane' and Mansourieh. I've been living in Australia since 1987. I just came across the obituary through my cousins Paulette Abounader and Sandra Moses, as we are working on our family tree. May God bless her soul and rest it in peace. My sincerest sympathies to the whole extended family. Tony, I can be contacted by email on [tonybounader@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybounader@hotmail.com) Tanios (Tony) Elias Bounader, originally from Baskinta.

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**Tanios Bounader** - June 30, 2016 at 03:30 AM

MA

“ this is Monday 6/6 just this minute found out that Sadie had passed we had not seen her since tonys 80th birthday party. Tony was my boss for years in the food business. It is so hard to find the words to say. Sadie was a class lady and we wish the very best for tony and the whole beautiful family. We wish we had known because we would liked to have been at the visitation . Love to all Neil and Joan agrasto

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**M/M neil Agrasto** - June 06, 2016 at 08:05 AM

“ Dear Aunt Sadie,

*The night before you were called on your final journey, we spoke: you, me and Mary Ann. We always talked. Even when we did not exchange words, we communicated, but that last call was different. You were calmer than usual. You had just returned from the hospital, and you were no longer in pain. You did not complain, nor were you anxious. You were just happy to be home, and you were in the moment as if anticipating the unforeseen. You were telling me about your ailment, and you were worried about Tony. Perhaps you were omniscient, and yet unaware, that this would be your final story and your last episode. You told Mary Ann that you loved her, and she told you how much she also loved and admired you. And you told me how much you and Tony both loved me and cherished our history together. Of course, you knew the feeling is mutual. You and I talked at length as we always did. We reminisced about many things. We remembered people and events, the past and the future, Lebanon and the sweet memories, the good days and the not so good ones, your family there, the living and the departed. That night we spoke about Tony, about your beloved children, and especially Theresa. You live in your children and in their children. We spoke about life and death, and you suddenly paused and told me that as for you, you wanted a quick departure when the time came. You never said that before. You were always full of optimism, hope and cheerfulness. You were not sad. You were just freely expressing your thoughts and feelings. You were giving and receiving. I made you promise that such time was in the distant future, and we did not need to address it now.*

*You said: “George, you know me; I don’t want to burden anybody or bother anyone.”*

*I replied: “This is you, as always. You take on everyone’s troubles and carry everyone’s burden because you possess this huge capacity for love, tolerance and compassion.”*

*Little did we know that this would be our last conversation in this world and that you really meant it when you said: “a quick departure.” You always knew things ... You have always had remarkable faith, and your faith has been your salvation and guiding*

*light even in the darkest moments. Your spirit permeates that special corner of the universe where you have lived and breathed even unto your last day.*

*You have not only been a mother to your beloved children, whom you adore, you have also been a mother to a host of young Lebanese would-be immigrants who were encouraged to sail to these generous shores because of your love and Tony's compassion. Your heart and your home were always open and giving. You have a unique capacity for love. Your big heart, glowing smile, loud laughter, beautiful voice, and generous hands have given hope to many wanderers and wayfarers who knocked at your door in the seasons of need and in the nights of loneliness. You and Tony have always been a beacon of hope, an oasis of tranquility, and a refuge and safe harbor for the lost flock. You represent the best of Lebanon and the best of this gracious country. Your spirit has been endowed with a scent from another dimension, from a parallel universe known only to the elite few*

*I am sure that the many who love you and who will be meeting you on the opposite bank of the river of life are already joyful in this happy reunion. Lucky are they. Go on ahead of us and continue your endless conversation, for now you have all the time you need. As for us, we derive faith from your faith, love from your love, and joy from your joy to sustain us as we shoulder the weight of your departure. We have hope because we know that we shall meet again.*

*May your last journey be blessed, and may you find the peace that is only with Christ. Thank you for all you have been in our lives. Until we meet again, give my parents a hug for us, too. We will always love you.*

*George Nicolas El-Hage*

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**George Nicolas El-Hage** - June 05, 2016 at 02:42 PM

SD

“ Mark, Pete, and family. My deepest condolences to you, and your entire family, on the loss of your mother. I know I never met her, but the moral fiber, and warmth, that you have shown so many times, makes me understand where you all get that from. You both have been very good friends, as well as very kind to other's feelings, and the trust you have in your fellow man. I lost my mom last September, and watching her in the last few months of her life, was something I will never forget. Stay close to each other, and relish your family, as long, and as much as you can, as life is fleeting, but love will endure. God bless.....

Sonny Dee.

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Sonny Dee - June 02, 2016 at 06:53 PM

ML

“ Theresa and family, The sadness of the passing of a loved one is felt by many. May the thought of knowing that friends share in your sadness be of comfort to you. May beautiful memories of a life lived to the fullest linger and the shadow of pain be lessened each passing day. Richard & Mary Lynch

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mary lynch - June 02, 2016 at 04:52 PM

PM

“ Thinking of all of you. One day I will get to meet this amazing lady. I pray that our LORD will comfort you at this time.  
Peggy Moran



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peggy moran - June 02, 2016 at 04:41 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



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June 02, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*

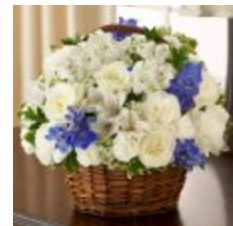


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June 02, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *Mark and Amy Coffey purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



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**Mark and Amy Coffey** - June 02, 2016 at 02:23 AM



“ *Cindy & I send our sorrow & prayers in the PASSING of SADIE!!! We wish to extend our feelings to SADIE'S FAMILY WITH OUR LOVE & CARING!!!!!! MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!! RICH & CINDY ABDOO*

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**RICH & CINDY ABDOO** - June 01, 2016 at 11:36 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



June 01, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



June 01, 2016 at 04:07 PM



“ *Tullio and Joy Dell Aquila purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



**Tullio and Joy Dell Aquila** - June 01, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



June 01, 2016 at 11:49 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



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June 01, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ *Tony, Mark, John, David, Pete, and Theresa*  
*We are so sorry for your loss. We are sending prayers to all of you in this difficult time. May god bless you all.*  
*Russell and Sandra Brown Rockwood*

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**Sandy Brown-Rockwood** - June 01, 2016 at 08:14 AM



“ *What a lovely woman! Inside and out. Sadie, you will be deeply missed by friends and family.*

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**Sandy Gingras** - June 01, 2016 at 07:56 AM



“ *Dear Tina, Mark and family., we are so very sorry for your loss.... Please know you'll be in our thoughts and prayers... Always Charlene and Chuck Pixley*

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**Charlene & Chuck Pixley** - June 01, 2016 at 06:03 AM



“ *May God bless her beautiful soul... Apparently she was one Amazing Woman... Sorry for your loss. RIP Mrs. Sadie.*

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**AJ** - June 01, 2016 at 03:57 AM

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“ *Your cousins Ghalia, Monzer, Mariam and families purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Sadie (Abounader) Bolos.*



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**Your cousins Ghalia, Monzer, Mariam and families** - June 01, 2016 at 03:14 AM

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“ *Come Saturday morning, I automatically push my auto dial # 1 on my phone and start my weekly chat with my optimistic and cheerful aunt.*

*Oh no, earth does not have direct lines to heaven. But I will be talking to the spirit of my wonderful, fun loving aunt on my walks on the beach and singing with her our favorite Arabic songs of Fairuz, the same ones she used to sing with my Mom during her visits to Lebanon.*

*Rest in peace aunt Saide, and as your son Peter said: we are happy for you because you are resting in heaven with Jesus, but we are sad for ourselves because we are going to miss you.*

*My family and I will miss you dearly.*

*Abdo, SAMAR, Jade and Nicole Hage.*

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**Abdo Hage** - May 31, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ Just wanna say that my heart goes out to you all im.so sorry your mother was a GEM like no other I remember the very first day I went into there home to help care for her dear husband. . I had a tattoo on my neck and was trying to hide it bc I didn't know how she would feel and I didn't want her to think bad of me bc back in the day tattoos were not out like now so she looks at me and says honey is that a tattoo on your neck I looked down in shame and said yes she looks at me with a beautiful big smile.and says no worries honey my grandson owns a tattoo place ..I will never forget the way she welcomed me as her own family from the very first day also she was the best cook and I still can remember her trying to show me how to make that wonderful.cheese. .and how we would we sit and cut parsley for a hr and than I would say to her I'm I doing it right and she would say there is no wrong way as long as it's small I could go on and on but there is no need bc I have all the memories in my head and heart I love you and always will...PS we celebrate the same birthday 11/28 I will always have a extra candle on my cake for you beautiful. ..



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**Melissa Marie** - May 31, 2016 at 08:05 PM