



Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario

September 18, 1946 - September 1, 2021

UTICA - Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Vincenzo Mario, age 74, was reunited with her husband on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 when The Lord called her home. At the time of her passing, those she loved most were in her heart.

Born in Utica on September 18, 1946, Shirley was the daughter of the late Anthony and Antoinette (Giglio) Fanelli. She attended Brandegee Elementary School and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1964. A cherished moment came to Shirley's life when she married Philip F. Vincenzo, Jr. in 1967. They were blessed with 3 children, and sadly, Phil's untimely passing in 1973 left Shirley as a single mom. On July 4, 1980, Shirley wed Robert P. "Bob" Mario and the joining of their hearts and family was exceptional and filled with love. This wonderful union lasted until Bob's passing on April 25, 2004.

In her younger years Shirley held a position as a Telephone Operator for the New York Telephone Company. Shirley's main priority was raising her family. As her children grew older, she was employed at Excellus Blue Cross Blue Shield. Seasonally, she enjoyed working the Coat Room at Alfredo's Ristorante along with her husband Bob who was tending bar. During this venture, they made many lasting friendships.

Shirley was a strong loving woman and had a smile that came from her heart. She was a great listener and was careful with her words before she spoke, as she guided her kids like only a mother could. Shirley had a great sense of humor; she and Bob were a "comedy act" and played perfectly off each other.

The holidays were always a fun family affair, and summers at Sylvan Beach and Lake George made many memories. During her spare time, Shirley enjoyed knitting and attending ceramics class, where she inadvertently created the world's largest Nativity Scene (according to her children). She enjoyed volunteering her time at the annual bazaars at her home parish and taking trips to Atlantic City with the "crew". The way Shirley conducted her life was extraordinary. She was loved by so many for her kindness and warm empathetic nature. All her grandchildren had a special place in her heart, ... and they always brightened the sparkle in her eyes. She shared a special bond with her granddaughter, Kayla, who was always "glued to her Nonna's hip". Shirley's children and grandchildren were the pride and joy of her life, and the legacy of her kind and gentle soul will live on through them.

Shirley was a communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church. She held a strong Catholic faith and trusted in the Lord.

Shirley is survived by her children, Philip F. III and Janine Vivenco, Krista A. Vivenco, Anthony M. Vivenco, and Marissa A. Mario; grandchildren, Zachary Vivenco, and Hayley Vivenco; Kayla Humphrey and her dad Steven Humphrey; Sofia Vivenco, Anthony Vivenco Jr., Michael Sigal, Caleb Sigal, and Jocelyn Sigal, and their mother Teri Taurisano; and her sister, Joan Mancuso. She will be reunited with her sister and brother-in-law, Camille A., and Bill LaFleur; and her brother, Anthony M. Fanelli, Jr. She also leaves her nephew; James Mancuso III; nieces, Karen Burton, Renè Wright, and Lisa Lewis, and many great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. Shirley has been a forever friend to Sharon Mazza; and in their sisterly relationship, they loved each other dearly.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Lutheran Care/Saul Unit for the love and outstanding care they extended to Shirley during her stay. Also, a special thank you to her niece Karen who was an advocate for her aunt which was so appreciated.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 10, 2021, from 4:00- 5:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Shirley's funeral service and Celebration of Life

will follow immediately after visitation at the funeral home. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

GF

“ So sorry to hear about Shirleys passing. I was just talking to my mother about her the other day. One of the kindest and funniest people we knew.
Bless her in her journey home.

Gootie and Family - September 18, 2021 at 07:24 AM

MI

“ Michael purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario.



Michael - September 08, 2021 at 05:25 PM

BL

“ I remember growing up next door to Shirley on Albany St. We were funny little girls. Played till dark, and we're loved by our families. I never knew Shirley as an adult, so I'll remember her fondly as my little friend next door. God bless you

Barbara Parisi Lambright - September 07, 2021 at 08:28 PM

JC

“ I have so many childhood memories with this beautiful family. You were a gentle soul and you will be missed dearly. I love you.

Jillian

Jillian Calabrese - September 07, 2021 at 09:10 AM

FF

“ Rest easy cousin. God bless your immortal soul.

Frank and Jomarie Faccioli - September 05, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario.



September 04, 2021 at 10:54 PM

TA

“ Sending our thoughts, my Grandma Rose was so fond of her niece Shirley. I remember babysitting for you 'kids' and so many nice family memories at camp and w Aunt Antoinette. Thinking of everyone 💜

tina ambrose - September 04, 2021 at 10:26 PM

CC

“ Anthony and Family

We are very sorry for the loss of your mother.

Joe , Danielle and Chris



Christopher Coco - September 04, 2021 at 10:16 PM

DV

“ All, I'm so very sorry to hear about Aunt Shirley. I remember he fondly from when we were kids and I would hang out at your house. She was such a sweet lady m. My god bless you and your family

Dina Ventura - September 04, 2021 at 07:16 PM

CH

“ Chris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario



Chris - September 04, 2021 at 04:30 PM

CH

Its been a long while. I remember Shirley from grade school.

Chris - September 04, 2021 at 04:32 PM

FD

“ Phil, Krista Marissa and Anthony and family, Shirley was a special friend. I have so many fond memories of she and Bob and Tom and I especially when you kids were little. The dimbal, bubbleloaf, trips to Lake Chalet, working at Alfredo's with Shirl in the coatroom. So many laughs. She suffered many health issues but always smiled. May she rest in peace now with Bob whom I know she missed terribly. She will forever be your guardian angel as she loved all of you dearly. Hugs to all of you , Flo and Amanda.

Flo Desimone - September 03, 2021 at 05:21 PM

TJ

“ Tjsaladino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley A. (Fanelli) Mario



tjsaladino - September 03, 2021 at 04:50 PM