



Virginia E. (Alekonis) Durrigan

August 2, 1931 - November 8, 2024

UTICA – Virginia E. (Alekonis) Durrigan, age 93, passed away on Friday, November 8, 2024, surrounded by her loving family and friends.

Born in New York Mills on August 2, 1931, Virginia was the daughter of the late Frank and Helen (Andreski) Alekonis. She was raised in Utica and attended Utica Free Academy. One of Virginia’s fondest memories as a child was when she was honored to crown the Blessed Mother on the church altar; she often recounted this story with great pride.

On May 26, 1951, Virginia married the love of her life, Eugene F. “Gene” Durrigan, Sr. The couple shared over 67 years together prior to Gene’s passing on April 26, 2018.

At one time, Virginia worked in the domestics department of the Stars Department Store, but the majority of her life was spent dedicated to raising and nurturing her children and grandchildren. She was an excellent homemaker and took immense pleasure in preparing meals and get-togethers for family and friends, especially for the Christmas holiday. Many happy memories were created at Virginia’s Christmas Eve parties; friends, family, and any guest who was lucky enough to attend were greeted with Virginia’s warmth and all the delicacies of her labor in the kitchen. Virginia also loved dancing, singing, and drawing beautiful artwork. Virginia cherished attending

her sons' Gene and Paul's softball games and was affectionately referred to as "Mrs. D." She was known by all due to her vivacious nature and loud cheers. She also followed The Magnificent Yankees Drum Corps, of which her son Michael was a member. Virginia and her daughter shared many special moments together watching old movies and growing the unique bond that only a mother and daughter can share.

Virginia is survived by her daughter, Virginia Ann Durrigan; and sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sandra Durrigan, Eugene, Jr. and Marlene Durrigan, and Paul and Denise Durrigan. She will live on in the hearts of her grandchildren and their spouses, Melissa and Joe Green, Gina and Daryl Braun, Gabrielle Howell, Alexandria and Nate Crist, Trevor Durrigan, Colin Durrigan, and Victoria Durrigan; and great-grandchildren, Raeyonna, Ariel, Michael, Mireya, Grant, and Elijah.

Virginia cherished the memories of her sisters who preceded her, Josephine and her husband Ray, Dorothy, Frances, and Patricia. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Suzanne Durrigan (the late Francis J. Durrigan); and former daughter-in-law, Angela Durrigan.

Virginia was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Francis and Edith (Weed) Durrigan; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Ed Strzepek; and best friend, Betty Cook.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Virginia's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85803697269>. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Gene, Marlene, Paulie and Denise - we are so very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. Our hearts are with you all during this time - many hugs and prayers . All our love Mike and Deb Griffin

Deb Griffin - November 24, 2024 at 06:30 PM

DA

“ Virginia I am so sorry to hear you lost your Mom. I feel like I knew her with all of your little stories, the laughs and heart to heart stories you've shared with me thru the years. There is no love or friendship that can compare to that shared with your Mom. Praying you find peace in knowing all were you to her- but now she's back with the love of her life, until you meet again. My sympathies to you and your family ❤️ Donna A

Donna Aumiller - November 15, 2024 at 11:28 PM

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“ I'm so sorry for the passing of Virginia. My condolences goes out to the family. She was a very special talented woman. May she rest in peace with the good lord and never be forgotten. May god give the family strength to live on with great loving memories. Pat

pat morreale - November 11, 2024 at 05:46 PM