



Joanne Vadala

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Joanne (Rosemellia) Vadala, 85, of Baldwinsville, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Carbondale, PA, the daughter of the late Pasquale and Clara (Gretto) Rosemellia. Joanne worked at Julius Resnick Pocketbook Factory for 13 years until they closed in 1980. She enjoyed cooking for family and friends. Family was Joanne's main focus throughout her life, especially spending time with her beloved grandson.

She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony P. Vadala in 1998; her son, Anthony Joseph Vadala in 1947; her daughter, Patricia Ann Vadala in 1960 and seven of her siblings. Joanne is survived by her daughter, Michele (Daniel) Giarrusso of Baldwinsville; her son, Anthony M. Vadala of Fayetteville; her grandson, Nicholas A. Giarrusso of Baldwinsville; her sister, Claire (Daniel) Fofi of Wisconsin along with numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews, great-grand-nieces and nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 10:30 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 11:30 am in St. Augustine Church, Baldwinsville. Entombment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice of CNY, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or American Cancer Society.



Events

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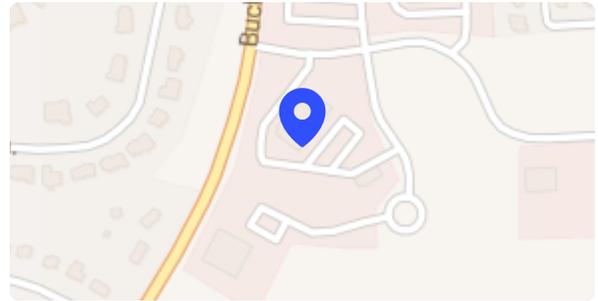
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Visitation

Friday, December 20, 2013

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Service

Saturday, December 21, 2013

10:30 AM ET

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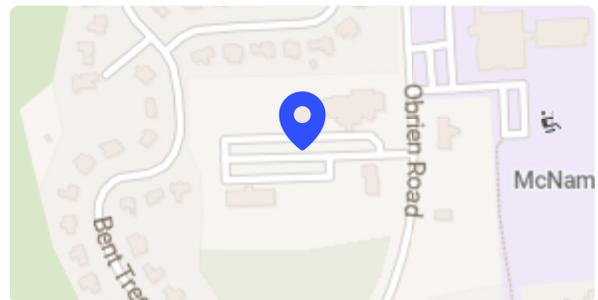


Funeral Mass

Saturday, December 21, 2013

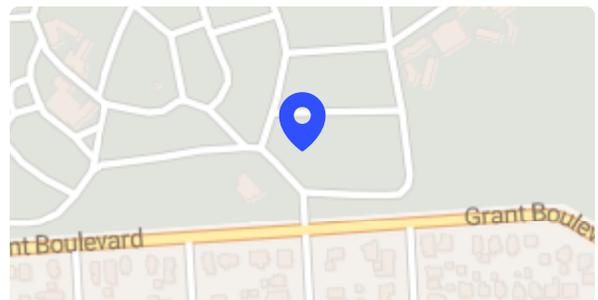
11:30 AM ET

St. Augustine Church
7333 O'Brien Road, Baldwinsville NY 13027



Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum
800 Grant Boulevard, Woodlawn Cemetery &
Mausoleum NY 13203





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GT

Gina Tolerico posted:

Michele and Family and Tony, I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Aunt Joanne. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers always. Love Gina Rosemellia-Tolerico

January 1 at 10:25 AM

SP

Shirley Perry posted:

MICHELE AND FAMILY I AM VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT AUNT JO. DJ CALLED AND GAVE ME THE NEWS. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN AND WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU AND CLAIREMISSY (djs mom)

December 21 at 11:06 AM

LC

Lisa Langlois Corso posted:

Michele, Dan and Nick - I am so sorry to hear about Michele's Mom. Please know you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers. - Lisa and Larry Corso

December 20 at 3:57 PM



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TO

Tom posted:

Tony and The Vadalas, Sounds like a doo wop group from the 50's! IN this time of mourning may you grieve in your own way but find the time and space to honor your Mom for the woman she is by laughing about her and sharing stories of how much fun she was. When people cross over one of the common things that get reported back to this side of the veil is how much the deceased are at peace and how much happier they are to not be in an old body, struggling with daily tasks and our pal, gravity. They want for us to be happy. To celebrate. To rejoice in their life. Said best by Dr. Suess: "Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened." Your Mother's life was a great one and she produced her children who in turn produced people like me (an OCC graduate who is out living his dreams in the world, thanks to Tony being an AMAZING teacher). Tony, Your compassion, loving heart, kind disposition and stern conviction of a strong and true moral compass is old school and an example for all to live up to in a world where people would rather take short cuts than the scenic route. I am so grateful to know you, to have you be one of my teachers, to call you a friend and for all the amazing memories I have from our time together in Syracuse. To all that, I thank you Mom as well. For her greatest production was the show I tuned into for years... being a cast member in your life. To those family members reading this, I met Joanne a few times and like the good little Italian ladies in my family she was all of 4'9" from what I remember and full of spunk, pizzazz and any other old timey word that describes women you treat kindly because you DO NOT want to cross them. She was sweet and kind and made killer sauce. She is at rest now and at peace. Having lived a full life. Remember... the best way to honor our parents, living or passed onto the other side, is to have an amazing life. So be happy. Laugh often. Love much. And live in her honor by making the time you have left a tribute to the joy of living. And do what I do when I lost my grandma... do something each week that she loved to do. AS a little secret tribute. Dance in the living room. Clean something. Take a walk. Talk to strangers. Volunteer your time. Pick up trash. Those things always make her appear before me and keep her in my heart. God speed Joanne. 85 amazing years. How lucky we all are to have known/met/been graced by you. love, (Tom) Boise in Los Angeles

December 19 at 2:40 AM

MS

Mandi Salsbury posted:

From the entire EMC Department at OCC... We send our deepest condolences and wish you peace, comfort, and love in this difficult time.

December 20 at 6:01 AM

GC

Gladys Cleland posted:

Dear Tony and family, Wishing you peace of heart and many blessings during this sad time. With sympathy and friendship, Gladys & Mike Cleland

December 20 at 4:45 AM



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Neil And Joan Agrasto posted:

Joanne was the best neighbor we ever had. She was a delight to know. we lived in the same building at village green and couldn't wait to have some of her Christmas cookies. We just looked up her address yesterday to send her this years card. God Bless her and her dear family neil and joan agrasto

December 19 at 2:40 AM



Phyllis Vadala November 2 at 12:18 PM

isn't it interesting how long it took me to write this. Aunt Joanne was my favorite Aunt, hands down. She would always sit next to me at parties when I was little because I was shy, and she would make me laugh. She taught me how to make sauce, and helped me learn how to swim, and we shared many many giggly jokes behind menus at family functions. I STILL miss her and always will. Every time I make sauce I speak of her. (sorry Dad! :-).....



Dale Drypolcher December 21 at 1:40 PM

tony - so sorry to hear about your loss. your mom' s obit was very interesting. obviously she was a hard worker and a lady who loved her family very much.. you are lucky you had her in your life for so long. please accept my sincere condolences.dale drypolcher



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joanne by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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