



Colonna (Orso) Russo

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Colonna (Orso) Russo, 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 18. She struggled for many years battling a variety of illnesses. Colonna is now at rest with her beloved husband, Joey. He was her soul mate and best friend through 60 years of marriage. Joey passed away in January 2012. Colonna tried her best to remain here for her family, but her heart was truly broken. She was a courageous woman of strong will and determination.

Born June 30, 1931, Colonna was a lifelong resident of the Syracuse area. Devoted daughter of the late Anthony and Josephine Orso, she grew up on the "Northside". Colonna graduated from North High School. She married Joseph Russo in 1951. Husband and wife worked side by side in the Produce Business for most of their married life. In later years, in sickness, their devotion to one another never wavered.

Colonna was active in her community, serving as President and officer in the Daughters of Columbus. She was also a life member of the St. Camillus Auxiliary. Colonna enjoyed being around people. She was a take charge kind of person and liked being involved in any projects-large or small.

One of her favorite things to do was getting together with the "ladies" to play cards.

Colonna was a wonderful baker. She welcomed family and friends into her home for a visit and delicious desserts. Colonna also loved to sew and was a very talented quilter. She leaves her family with many beautiful quilts that were made and given "with love".

Last, but not least, Colonna was devoted to her family. Being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother was a commitment that she took seriously and held close to her heart. She could not rest at night unless she knew that all of her family was safe for another day. Colonna's admirable legacy as a woman of strength and courage will live on forever in all the hearts of her family and friends.



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Time to be at rest, in peace...

Colonna was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Russo in 2012 and parents, Anthony and Josephine Orso in 1989.

Surviving are her daughters, Mary Jo (Don) Cook of Liverpool, NY and Jo Anne (Michael) Parent of Hilton Head, SC; grandchildren, Erin (Jason) Lachut of North Syracuse, NY and Todd (Kara) Cook of Clay, NY; great-grandchildren, Maxwell and Josephine Lachut and Landon and Parker Cook; sister, Marie (Frank) Scicchitano of Erie, PA, along with several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 11:00 am in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Burial will be private. Family and friends may call from 8:30 to 10:00 am on Monday, December 22, 2014 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

The family is grateful for all the kindness and professional care shown to Colonna and the entire family throughout the years. We especially acknowledge Nicole for her years of loyalty and devotion to Colonna and Joe.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Golisano Children's Hospital or SPCA of Central New York.




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Visitation

 **Monday**, December 22, 2014

 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM ET


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

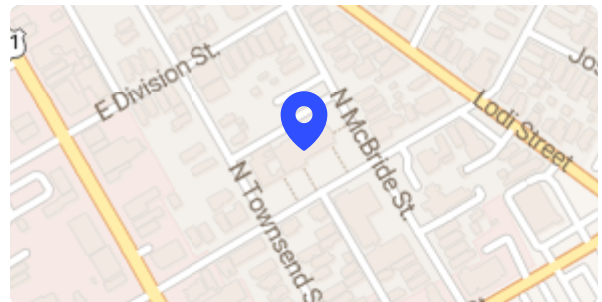


Funeral Mass


 **Monday**, December 22, 2014

 11:00 AM ET

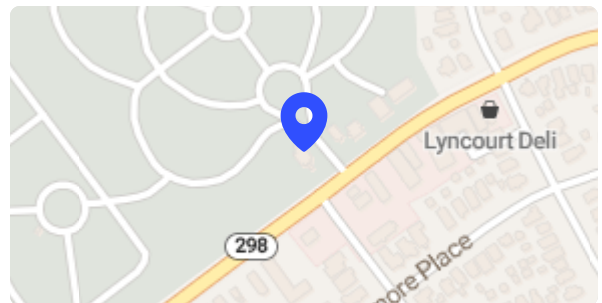
 **Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church**
301 Ash St., Syracuse NY 13208



Cemetery Details

 **Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

 **454-3841**





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RW

Robbie Wells posted:

To The Russo Family, My sincere condolences go out to you all in the passing of Colonna a very beautiful lady. I knew her and Joey starting back in the 60s when I worked at the market. She was so respected in the business and for a woman that was such a feat in a man's world. Rest in Peace Colonna and may God Bless You & your family too.

December 21 at 7:42 PM

MC

Mary Beth Condon posted:

Mary Jo, Joanne and Family, you were blessed to have had such wonderful, loving parents. The grands and great grands were such a great source of pride and love. I was lucky enough to have enjoyed her delicious baked goods and had a wonderful time playing cards with her. She is an inspiration to all who have medical issues as she was always so upbeat and courageous. I am glad to have fond memories of such a beautiful family. MaryBeth Condon Vero Beach, FL

December 21 at 10:45 AM



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LW

Linda And Tom Werner lit a candle in honor of Colonna.

To our Dear Jo Anne , Michael and family, We are here in Hilton Head, Hugging and loving you both and knowing there aren't words- because there is no right one- Jo-Anne- your Mom's beauty shines in your lovely face and loving soul, how lucky you both were to have one another-and now to find comfort knowing she is with your Father and is complete, whole and without pain- it's those left behind that suffer greatly and there is no timeline for grieving- love and memories and powerful gifts-love again to you two and the pups and also to your family-Linda and Tom



December 19 at 7:51 PM

MO

Marilyn Oconnor January 1 at 1:12 PM

Dear Mary Jo and Joanne....I just learned today about your Mom's passing and I am so sorry I missed her services. I have wonderful memories of hanging out, and growing up on Parsons Drive. Your parents were always so kind and generous. Mrs. Russo was such a role model for us and we admired her so. Her love for you girls and Mr. Russo was always obvious. What a wonderful family legacy you have, and in this, you shall find comfort. My sincere sympathy to all your family on this very sad loss. What a beautiful lady!!! Marilyn Wadach OConnor

AG

Al Gidari December 28 at 6:27 AM

Joanne and May Jo, my father gave me your mother's obit over Christmas when we were visiting Syracuse. I'm so sorry to hear it and wish you the peace of knowing she joins Joe in happiness forever. It is so hard to watch this generation pass yet they teach us so much about age with dignity and tenacity. Some of my fondest high school memories were at your house, Joanne, talking to your parents on the front porch. They were both wonderful people. My thoughts are with you through these holidays. Al

MS

Mary Shanley December 26 at 12:25 PM

Mary Jo and Joanne and families. we were truly heartbroken to hear of Aunt Colon's passing. We, Haleys, have so many memories from our lives together and are forever intertwined. If it wasn't for Aunt Colon and Uncle Joe, I wouldn't have fallen in love with miniature dachshunds, because they gave me the first one when I was just 4. I am so happy that my mom and Aunt Colon recently spoke (and shared tears) on the phone, it made the miles and years apart disappear. Our collective hearts and prayers go out to you and the family. love, Mary Margaret (Haley) Shanley and Mom (Mary Haley)

NP

Nicole Powless December 20 at 1:51 PM

To a loving family: I'm sorry for your loss of such a strong loving woman. I have always admired the way your family shows love and affection to one another from the daily calls to kissing each other good bye and saying I love you. I am blessed to have had the chance to know and love Joe and colon over the years. My thought are with your family during this holidays season and the ones to come. -Love Nicole



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ES

Ellen Stottlar December 20 at 11:49 AM

Dear Mary Jo and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers this holiday season. Sincerely, Ellen (Krupka) Stottlar and Steve

PD

Penny Delaughter December 20 at 6:48 AM

I am terribly sorry for your loss...I know how much you cherished your mother and I hope you will be comforted by your many wonderful memories of her. With much love, Penny

JE

Joseph Egitto December 20 at 5:33 AM

Erin, Jason and Family, I am sorry to learn of the loss of Your Grand Mother. Our prayers to You all.

JM

Joanne Mento December 20 at 5:03 AM

Mary Jo and Joannel am so sorry to read about Colon passing but I know she will be peaceful at last. So happy I was able to chat with her a few times at the beauty shop. I am in Orlando for the winter but my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I have many happy memories of Joe and Colon from our years in the produce business.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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