Anna Marie "Abby" (Pietrafesa) Bahouth

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Anna Marie “Abby” (Pietrafesa) Bahouth, 97, of Syracuse, took peaceful leave of this world on March 13, 2017 among family at the Francis House.

She was born on October 9, 1919 in Syracuse. A lifelong Syracusan, she attended The Convent School and Syracuse University.

Abby was a fashionista before the term was coined. Legendary designer Bonnie Cashin, an Abby friend, said “Chic is where you find it.” In Syracuse, chic found itself beside Abby. Her discernment in antiques, art, clothing and design was unmatched. As was her ability to spot trends. In 1966, she became a then-rare female entrepreneur. While others flocked to the suburbs, Abby opened Mia Boutique with her sister in law, Hermine Bahouth, transforming an aging James Street Italianate townhouse into a King’s Road-style salon. Bright pink bags led to the hot pink front door. Clothes from Geoffrey Beene, Versace and Pucci (who offered Abby a job) hung on chains rather than racks. Friends and customers used to gather in the kitchen of the salon for coffee and lunch. Abby’s sharp eye, as a trendsetter, introduced Cashin and Joan Vass to Syracuse long before they topped the fashion mags. She donated many items from those days to the Genet Collection at Syracuse University. As clientele shifted in the 90’s she reinvented the store as an interior design haven, inviting customers to “revisit “ Mia’s James Street Carriage House. Later, sensing a change in habit, she returned to clothing, hosting Worth/Carlisle trunk shows in her inimitable, personal style.

In 2013, Syracuse University’s College of Visual and Performing Arts honored Abby for her fashion contributions to Syracuse, a benefit for Crouse’s Breast Health Center.

In addition to her artistry, gifts and talents, Abby was inspired by nature and in turn was a tremendous inspiration. She was a teacher and guide to young people or anyone younger than herself. One of her greatest attributes, she could have a conversation with anyone, regardless of age, ethnicity or culture. Brimming with warmth and humor she was considered a marvelous and fabulous legend for her time.

She is predeceased by her parents, Anthony and Louise (Delmonico) Pietrafesa, and her siblings Robert, Richard and Elizabeth (Jones). She was married to Frank Bahouth, Jr. (deceased) for 35 years.

Abby is survived by four children: Candace of Somerset, England, Mark of Syracuse, Peter and his wife, Katherine M. Barringer of Atlanta, GA, and Lisa of Los Angeles, CA; one grandson, a great-granddaughter, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A funeral mass will follow in mid-May. In lieu of flowers, Abby would appreciate donations to the Francis House, 108 Michael's Ave., Syracuse, N.Y., 13208.

Abby was timeless....

Events

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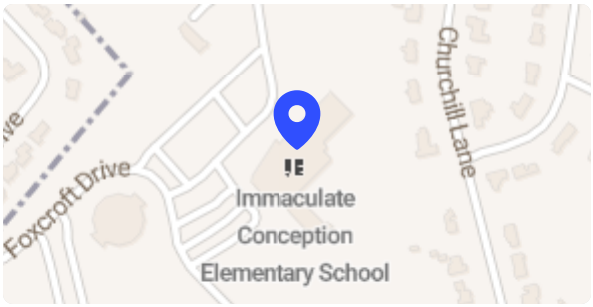
Funeral Mass

Friday, May 19, 2017

10:00 AM ET

Immaculate Conception Church
400 Salt Springs St., Fayetteville NY 13066



Interment

Friday, May 19, 2017

11:00 AM ET

Immaculate Conception Cemetery
Fayetteville NY

Cemetery Details

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NR

Niki Robinson posted:

I am so pleased that Yma was able to meet Abby and has received some of the magical energy she brings to everyone around her. A true inspiration ...and true style icon!! I can't be there today...but Yma is with you nonna. All my love... Niki

May 19 at 4:15 AM

Anonymous sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the (Pietrafesa) Bahouth family.

May 18 at 3:19 PM

CB

Ccandace Bahouth shared an album called **New Album Name**.

March 27 at 4:06 AM

TH

Theresa posted:

I am Theresa Moloney Schafran, daughter of Eleanor Eagan Moloney. I loved your mother. She was so kind and easy to talk to. She could always make Me feel so special. I wish that there were more people like her. But I feel God broke the mold after He created the one and only Abby. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

March 22 at 12:17 PM

LH

Lon Haber lit a candle in honor of Anna Marie.

March 21 at 3:07 AM

LH

Lon Haber posted:

Abby, aka Grandmahouth is one of the most special women in my life. In fact, I can hardly remember life without her. Since I was a little boy, we'd get together with the family and friends in New York, either Syracuse or Manhattan and from there adventures, laughter and tears (usually and mostly of joy) were on the menu du jour. From deciding to go to the movies on the UWS late at night and putting fur coats over our pajamas, to cruising the caribbean and trying to buy an abandoned castle in St Maarten, pepperoni soup, fashion shows with costume changes at the best 2nd hand store in Syracuse and I can just go on and on. All my love to the entire family, especially to my dearest Lisa, Candace, Mark and Peter and to Joe as well, across the pond(s). I am now putting on my Grandmother's mink coat to do the gardening and preparing apple pie, pepperoni soup and mounds and mounds of "gar" to go on everything. Abby lives on forever - all her best parts are watching over us and we are grateful for this.

March 21 at 3:07 AM

Betty Pringle March 22 at 1:11 PM
My grandmother was a Pietrafesa and married Leonard Fiiippi. They were wonderful people. I met Abby only once with James Delmonico when they were promoting their book 819 Kirkpatrick St. and I bought a copy' which I love. Your description of Abby and her fun loving ways made me think she was like a women like Rosiland Russell in '"AUNTIE MAME" May she rest in heavenly peace. Betty Pringle [Filippi]

HJ

Herbert Jones lit a candle in honor of Anna Marie.

March 20 at 11:26 AM

HJ

Herbert Jones March 20 at 11:32 AM
Aunt Abby you were the one of best Aunt's anybody could have. Such fun to be around and so real to be with. All those yummy dinner parties & good food was a great recipe for many laughs and was well shared to define what family means. I'll miss you & always carry you in my heart & prayers. God bless & give my love to all that you have reunited with. Herbie!.

PM

Patricia Mills posted:

I met Abby when I sold the Worth Collection just about 16 years ago. She was wonderful inside and out.Patricia Mills

March 20 at 8:35 AM

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AV

Ann Vaccaro posted:

My condolences to all of Abby's family. She was truly a GREAT LADY. My time spent with her selling the Worth Collection was a fun, crazy experience. Her eye for fashion and style was unsurpassed. She will be missed but never forgotten. Sincerely, Ann Vaccaro

March 20 at 6:41 AM

JT

Jean (Terry) Thompson posted:

What a wonderful lady! She was a longtime friend of our family and always such a delight. With her help, I had the most fabulous trousseau any girl could have wished for! I wish I still had that fabulous coral Bonnie Cashin coat! Then after my first husband was killed, she completely outfitted me for my second wedding.....including my wedding dress! It was such fun to work with her and I am so happy that I was able to call her a friend. The whole Pietrafesa family was the best.....My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.Jean (Terry) Thompson

March 20 at 5:17 AM

JK

James Kostarelos posted:

My condolences to the Bahouth family.Such a nice woman.James Kostarelos and Family.

March 19 at 5:32 PM

JD

Joanne Delmonico posted:

I remember Abby as so fashionable and lovely. She was always with my Aunt Betty, they were such good friends and seemed to have a lot of fun together. I also remember Mia Boutique. Mostly though, I remember Abby as being very friendly and warm. She has great children who also were always very kind and also, like Abby, artistic and interesting. May she rest in peace. Joanne Delmonico

March 19 at 4:07 PM

SF

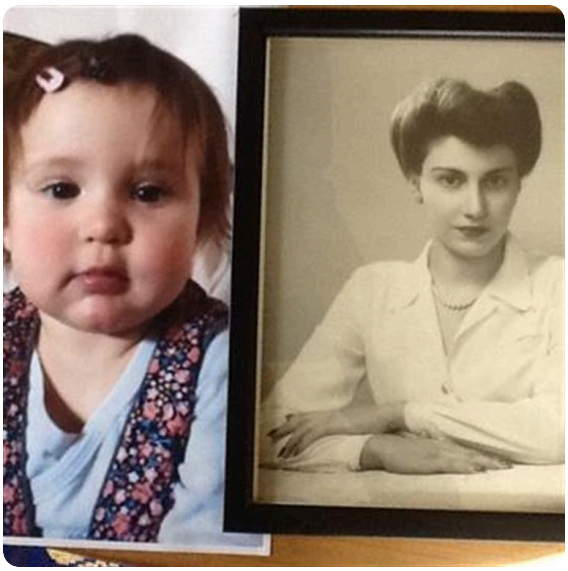
Sue Fiero posted:

Abby was one of a kind. I loved to go ito Mia Boutique with my aunt Jane Colella to view all the wonderful cloths and accesories. Abby took such delight in showing her goods..She was a wealth of knowledge and a fun lady....RIP dear Abby.Al and Sue Fiero

March 19 at 4:07 AM

CB

Ccandace Bahouth shared 3 photos to the **New Album Name** album. March 27 at 4:06 AM



Great granddaughter, YMA

Moms shoe

Shrine to mama

Memories only last if you share them

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

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