



Marie Theresa Gruninger

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Marie Theresa "Chickie" (Sansone) Gruninger, of Syracuse, passed away Wednesday at Upstate University Medical Center. She was born on August 30, 1933 in Norfolk, VA. Marie attended St. John the Baptist School where she met and married Ronald J. Gruninger on September 3, 1955. She was employed with Excelsior Insurance Company as a Commercial Underwriter for 26 years. Marie enjoyed life: she loved baking, cooking for family and friends, SU basketball, playing cards, trips to Atlantic City, yearly visits with her son, grandsons and friends in Florida. The highlight of her days were watching her great-granddaughters and spending holiday gatherings with family. Marie was the most caring, thoughtful, nurturing, understanding, non judgmental, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She will be truly missed but remembered by us all. She was predeceased by her brother, Anthony Sansone and sister, Anna Lucchesi. Marie is survived by her loving husband of 57 years, Ronald J. Gruninger; daughter, Linda Gruninger; son, Ronald J. Gruninger, Jr. of Bonita Springs, FL; granddaughter, Amy Battilana-Meyer (Hans); grandsons, Ronald J. Gruninger, III and David Gruninger; great-granddaughters, Ava and Gwentyth Meyer; sister, Louise (William) Chrysler; sister-in-law, Rosalie Sansone, brother-in-law, Angelo Lucchesi, brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Marie Gruninger along with many wonderful nieces, nephews, and devoted friends of many years both near and far. Services will be held on Monday at 8:00 am at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME and 9:00 am in St. John the Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to CNYSPCA and/or St. John the Baptist Church.




Events

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Visitation

 **Sunday**, May 20, 2012


 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


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

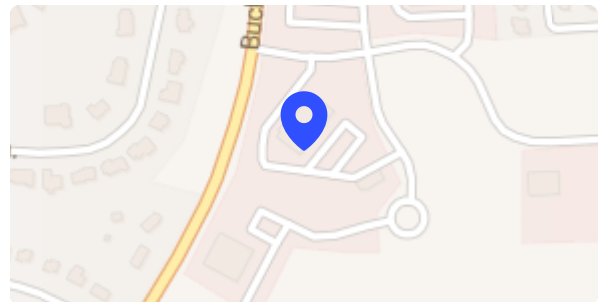


Service


 **Monday**, May 21, 2012


 8:00 AM ET


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

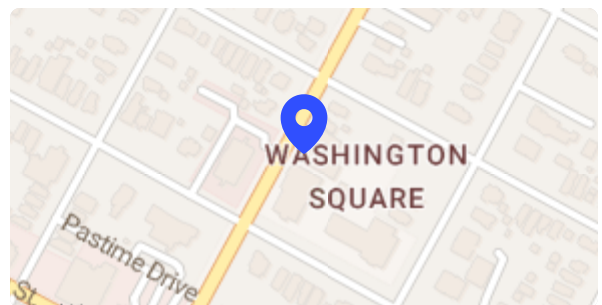


Funeral Mass


 **Monday**, May 21, 2012

 9:00 AM ET

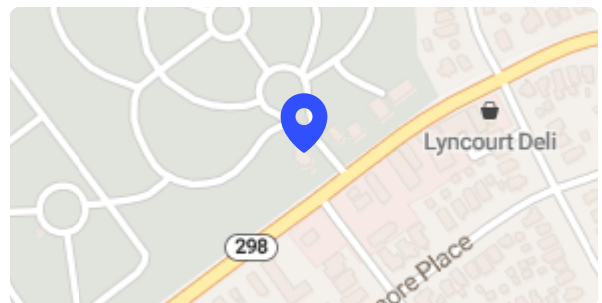
 **St. John the Baptist Church**
406 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208



Cemetery Details

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

 **454-3841**





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



May 15 at 8:00 PM



Joe Headd posted:

To Marie's Family,I worked with your wife/mom/grandmother/great-grandmother for years at Excelsior/Peerless and seeing her photograph on the Pirro website brought a smile to my face with memories of what a kind, warm, gracious, and fun woman she was. I know I speak for all my co-workers who spent time with Marie in letting you know how lucky and blessed we all feel for the opportunity to have worked with her. I'm sorry for your loss and will keep Marie in my prayers.Joe HeaddFayetteville, NY

May 25 at 9:11 AM



Linda Distaola posted:

Ron & Family,I had the pleasure to work with Marie for many years at Excelsior.She was a very kind person who was always pleasant & enjoyable to be around.My thoughts & prayers are very much with you & your family at this very sad time.Linda DiStaolaSyracuse, NY

May 23 at 4:30 AM



Marianne Vaughn posted:

Ron, Linda, Ronnie & family,I will miss your mother so much! Our families have been so close over the years. Marie was such a wonderful person. The memories of my mother and her having coffee together all time will never leave me. They are probably having coffee together up in heaven too! I know she will be watching out for you. Cherish your wonderful memories of her and believe that you will see her again.Marianne Vaughn

May 23 at 3:31 AM



Linda Marie Gruninger shared an album called **New Album Name**.



May 22 at 3:50 PM



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KW

Kathy Weinheimer posted:

Ron, Linda, Ronnie & families: I was so sad to hear of Marie's passing. I have many fond memories of our time together at Excelsior Insurance Co, including the fun parties in your kitchen! Linda, I'm so glad you brought your Mom to our last Excelsior "reunion". I was out of town last week and sorry that I was not able to pay my respects in person. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Kathy Weinheimer

May 22 at 5:50 AM

JC

Judy Loperfido St Daniel Church lit a candle in honor of Marie .



May 21 at 11:27 AM

SB

Sandra Buck posted:

My sincere sympathy and prayers to you all I have many memories of marie when we were younger

May 21 at 8:01 AM

NM

Nick Mastry posted:

Ron and family. I was very sorry to hear of Marie's passing. You and your family will be in my prayers. Nick Mastry Roanoke, VA

May 20 at 4:15 PM

AM

Angie Maio lit a candle in honor of Marie .

Linda I'm very sorry at the loss of your mom. Angie



May 20 at 5:58 AM

SA

Susan Van Allen posted:

Linda, I was very sorry to read about your Mom. I know how close you were. I miss the days of you and I working together. Sue Van Allen

May 20 at 1:49 AM



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AM

Amy Battilana-Meyer shared an album called **New Album Name**.



May 19 at 10:16 AM

CL

Christine (Buckley) Larish posted:

Chickie has been a part of our family since I can remember. Though I personally lost contact with her mom and dad have always kept me updated. I want to express my deepest condolences to all the family. I know she will be greatly missed by all. Chris (Buckley) Larish and family

May 19 at 7:43 AM

DG

Donna Gibbs lit a candle in honor of Marie .

I am so sorry for your loss Linda. your Mom was a wonderful woman!! I have a great memory of her at last years picnic...helping you get those precious little granddaughters out of the van with little Gwen on your Moms lap, and Ava by her side as we all made our way to the park... And I was privileged to be the one pushing them in the wheelchair! She will always be with you Linda, and guaranteed, you will see her again. Prayers for you and your family.



May 18 at 2:43 PM

KC

Kimberly Capriotti lit a candle in honor of Marie .

Marie was a wonderful person and I can not put into words how much she meant and will be missed. Cherish the memories and my thoughts and prayers are with her family.



May 18 at 2:29 PM

RB

Ron And Lori Buckley posted:

It is so difficult to express with mere words the feelings we have for Chickie and Ron and their family. The years went by so quickly. We will sorely miss her. She will ever be a part of our lives. Ron and Lori

May 18 at 2:00 PM



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Katherine Capriotti lit a candle in honor of Marie .



May 18 at 1:45 PM



Katherine Capriotti May 18 at 1:53 PM

Marie was the best friend, neighbor, mother, and grandmother ever. She lived and loved for her family and friends. She would do anything for anyone that is how special she was. She will truly be missed. She will be cooking and baking in heaven while my mom is doing the flower beds. She is at peace now with Jesus and his Angels. Jesus needed another angel at his table in heaven and called Marie home. May you R.I.P. MY FRIEND WITH ANGELS WINGS. We loved your laughter, smiles, hugs, opinions and suggestions. You were there to comfort me when I needed someone to talk to when my mom passed away 14yrs ago and you were there like an angel to comfort and support me in my time of need. The wonderful memories of macaroni and cheese cause the boys liked yours better and the goodies and treats you sent up for the boys. The memories of sitting outside and talking laughing. I will never forget you Marie. You were the best!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Love you Kathy Capriotti



Elaina Maccollum posted:

Louise and family, Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. From what I have heard and from talking to "Chickie" on the phone while at work she seemed like a wonderful lady with a big heart. She's an angel in heaven now watching over you all. May she rest in peace. Love, Elaina & Jonathan

May 18 at 10:31 AM



Chuck Sinclair May 19 at 2:41 AM

Linda, I'm so very sorry to hear of your Mom passing, I know how much she meant to you and your family ! My sincere condolences and prayers go out to your family. Sincerely Chuck Sinclair



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JR

Judy Runfola posted:

Aunt Chick there are no words to describe what you have meant to my family and I. You have always been an inspiration to me in how you conducted your life being such a loving, caring, kind and considerate person to anyone you came in contact with no matter if you knew them for awhile or just met them, I will try to lead by your example going forward in my life in hopes you look down on me with a smile being proud of the person I have become. You have given me the strength to get through the most difficult times in my life and I will always be forever grateful. I promise to take good care of your family I will be so lost without your guidance at times but know your in a better place now but will be guiding me now from above. We love you to the moon and back, love you to bits. Love Jeff, Judy, Ryan, Sarah, Rufie & Sophie

May 18 at 9:20 AM

MS

Marguerite Seeber lit a candle in honor of Marie .



May 18 at 5:30 AM

NC

Nichol Conklin lit a candle in honor of Marie .

I'm honored to have met and spent some "Florida" time with such a wonderful woman. To watch her with her son and hear her talk about her girls back home was magic.



May 18 at 4:30 AM



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Dennis Zielinski posted:

There are no real words to describe such a tremendous loss. All we can do is cherish the memories and remember the impact Marie had on everyones life she came in contact with. She was the greatest mother to everyone, the best wife a man could ask for and everyones best friend. Who will ever forget her leaning on her chair in the kitchen overseeing something in the oven that she always shared with someone. Christmas will never be the same without trays of cookies but we will be able to move on knowing that at least we have the memories of having known such a wonderfull woman. Know that you are in our thoughts and even I will say a prayer for Marie and your family. Dennis Andrea and Buddy

May 17 at 2:12 PM



Marguerite Seeber May 18 at 5:29 AM

Chickie, We're friends forever! Love, Marguerite {Sansone} & Earl Seeber



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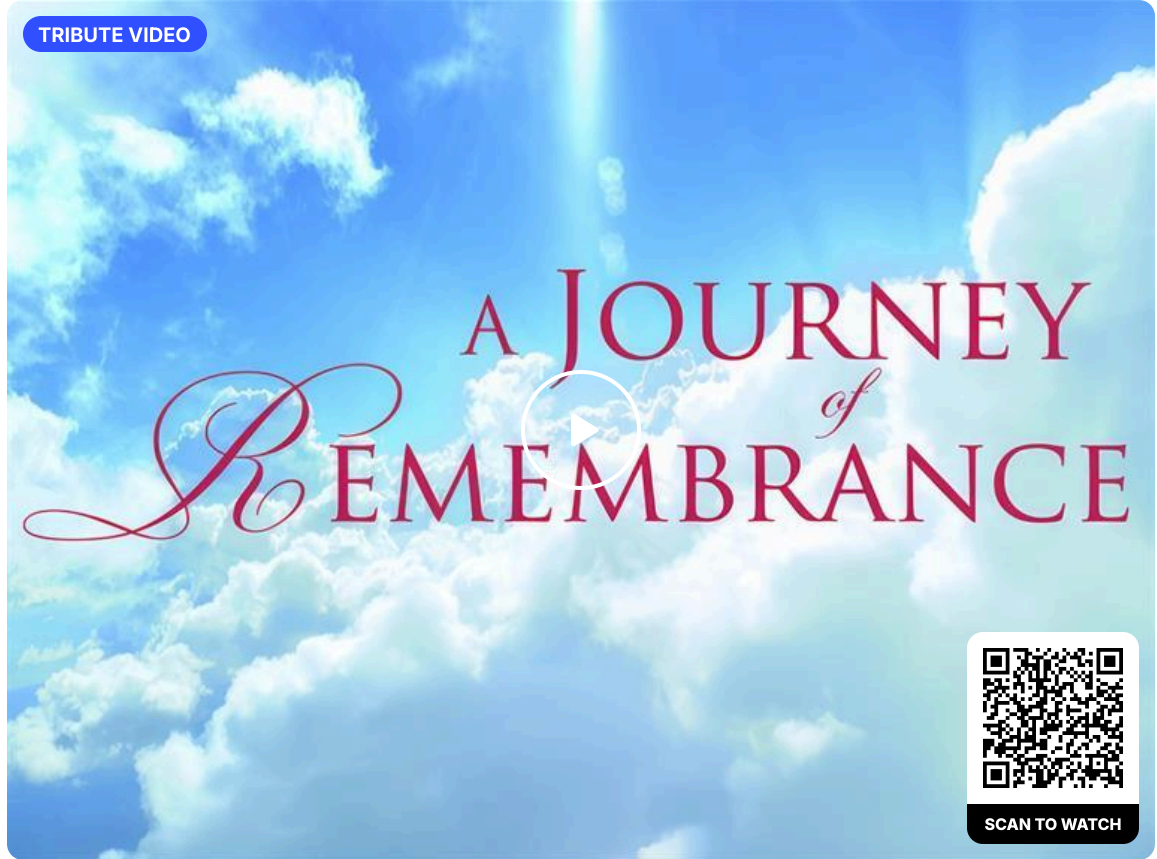
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Ava & Nannie



Memories only last if you share them

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



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