



Rita A. (Donardo) Bova

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Rita A. (Donardo) Bova, 88, of Camillus, passed away February 24, 2023 at Francis House surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Syracuse, daughter of the late James and Mary Donardo. Rita graduated from North High School and worked as an executive secretary at GE for many years. She enjoyed golfing, bowling, and watching her children and grandchildren play sports. Rita loved cooking, and her breakfast on weekends was open to all. Her biggest joy was being a homemaker and taking care of her family; everyone looked forward to her delicious sauce.

In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother, Anthony (Barbara) Donardo.

Rita is survived by her husband of 63 years, Daniel Bova; five sons, James (Mary Beth) Bova, Paul (Maureen) Bova, Daniel Bova, John Bova, and Anthony (Monica) Bova; eight grandchildren, Stephanie (Egemen) Alici, Jimmy Bova, Victoria Alivero, Captain Elizabeth Bova, USMC, Jack, Daniel, Michael and Sophia Bova; three great grandchildren, Paige and Carter Alici, and Bryson Estrada, along with many nieces and nephews that she loved.

A Funeral Mass in celebration of Rita's life will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's Church, 216 N. Lowell Ave., Syracuse, NY, with burial to follow at Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208.



Events

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Visitation


 **Wednesday**, March 1, 2023

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


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

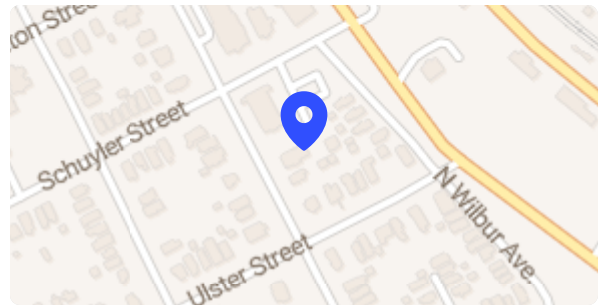


Funeral Mass


 **Thursday**, March 2, 2023

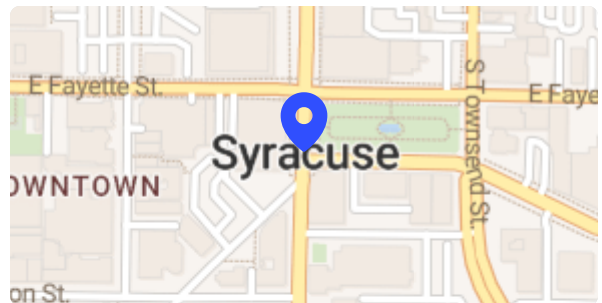
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's Church**
216 North Lowell Ave., Syracuse NY 13204



Cemetery Details

 **Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
4069 Howlett Hill Rd., Syracuse NY 13215





Tribute Wall

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



March 1 at 6:03 AM



Mary Connell posted:

Dede, Thinking of you and your family at this very sad time. Sincerely, Mary Connell (Jack's daughter)

March 3 at 5:05 AM



BD

Barbara Davis posted:

John, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Barb Davis

March 3 at 4:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the (Donardo) Bova family.



February 28 at 4:16 PM



NW

Neil Wilcox posted:

Dede ...I'm very sorry for your loss ..Thinking of you and your family .. Your friend Neil Wilcox

February 28 at 1:55 PM



PF

Patrick And Natalya Read & Family sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the (Donardo) Bova family.



February 28 at 9:01 AM



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Kevin Kenney posted:

Dede Jimmy Paul and family I am so sorry to hear that Rita has passed My thoughts and prayers are with all of you I am sorry to miss the service as I am out of town RIP Rita Kevin Kenney

February 28 at 6:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the (Donardo) Bova family.



February 28 at 3:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the (Donardo) Bova family.



February 27 at 1:30 PM



The Abreu Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the (Donardo) Bova family.



February 27 at 9:02 AM



Caroline Stanistreet posted:

We are so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. May she rest in peace. With our sincere sympathy, Dan and Caroline Stanistreet

February 27 at 8:21 AM



Steve Needham posted:

To the Bova family. Our condolences on Rita's passing . She will be in our prayers. Steve and Cathy Needham

February 27 at 6:57 AM



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RH

Robert Hayes posted:

MR. BOVA, Jimmy,Paul,Dan,Tony,John and family, I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF MRS.BOVA, EACH & EVERYONE OF YOU HAVE A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES OF HER. SHE IS SMILING DOWN ON EACH OF YOU & WILL ALWAYS BE WATCHING OVER YOU. SHE RAISED A GREAT FAMILY. GOD BLESS HER.BOBBOY HAYES

February 27 at 4:37 AM

JD

Janet Dolan posted:

Dede, Jimmy, Paul, Danny, Johnny and Tony, we are so saddened to hear about Rita. The Dolans have such wonderful memories of our years on Canterbury Dr. Please accept our deep condolences to you and your families! Janet and Pat Dolan. Cheryl, Jill and Mike too! ❤️

February 26 at 5:18 PM

JZ

Jeff Zure posted:

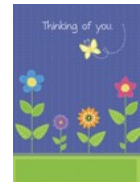
So sorry to hear about Rita Jeff Zurek

February 26 at 8:15 AM

PB

Peter B. sent a sympathy card to the (Donardo) Bova family.

February 26 at 7:16 AM



NS

Napa Syracuse sent a Beautiful in Blue to the (Donardo) Bova family.

February 25 at 12:01 PM





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SB

S. Bova. B. Bova posted:

Dede, Jim, Paul, Dan, Tony, Johnny and family, We are sincerely sorry for the passing of Rita. She was one of the sweetest people on earth. Gates are wide open for her 🙏. We feel so lucky to have her in our lives. She will never be forgotten 😭🙏

February 24 at 5:22 PM

RR

Rick Romano February 28 at 4:10 PM

Dede and entire Bova family. The Romanos send our deepest condolences to you all. Our parents generation of friends were a fun-filled group that made us laugh, raise our eyebrows, and perhaps do a few of the same stunts along the way. Your wife and mom was all class and tried to keep the boys in check, sometimes fruitlessly! Rita is in a good place in heaven with many of the group accepting her with open arms. Be at peace. ❤️ Rick and Bonnie Romano

MM

Mary Fahey Maybee February 28 at 6:27 AM

To the Bova Family, So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Keep the memories of the good times close.

DS

Dan Sullivan February 27 at 6:22 AM

DeDe and Family. There are no words to fill the void of losing Rita. You all have a beautiful family and she will continue to shine her light on all of you. Deepest sympathies and prayers for you all. Dan Sullivan (son of Anne and Tom)

SB

Sandy Smith Buchanan February 27 at 6:05 AM

Dede, Jimmy, Paul, Danny, Tony and Johnny, You were my neighbors on Canterbury Drive for many years. Rita was a sweet and wonderful neighbor. We had many conversations while hanging our laundry. She was an inspiration. Watching her raise 5 boys gave me courage in raising my two! Your family will be in my prayers. Sandy Smith Buchanan Fairport, New York

JR

Jeff And Donna Randall February 27 at 5:00 AM

To Dan. We hope that love and prayers will help you and family thru the coming days. We are sorry for the loss of Rita and wish you comfort and healing .

PK

Patricia Kelley February 26 at 1:05 PM

Dear Tony & Monica and the entire Bova family. My memories of Rita bring you peace during this difficult time. Monica spoke so highly of her Mother in Law. As she told me Rita was just one of those people you want in your life. May today's tears of sadness bring you some healing comfort knowing Rita is at peace. Jim & Patricia Kelley Monica's Aunt/Godmother

RK

Ray Keough February 26 at 5:03 AM

To the Bova family, May the good Lord grant you peace, comfort, and understanding at this difficult time. Ray Keough



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MW

Matt Wall February 25 at 8:36 AM

To the Bova family, I'm sorry to learn of the passing of Mrs. Bova. My thoughts and prayers are with you all

KK

Kathy Klamm February 25 at 7:35 AM

Dear Dede and family, Rita was a good friend to all of us! Never an unkind word was spoken by this lovely woman! Rita has earned her Angel wings! Fly high my friend and go with God. God rest your beautiful soul! Blessings to your beautiful family. Kathy and Bobby

TC

Tom O'connor February 25 at 7:20 AM

Dede and Family, We were very sad to hear about Rita. She was a great woman and built a great family. Our prayers are with you. Tom & Marilyn O'Connor

JB

John Snd Rita Beard February 25 at 5:00 AM

Dede and Jimmy and family we are sad to hear about your loss and our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. 🙏🙏

JK

Jim Kerwin February 25 at 4:44 AM

Dede and entire family, Please except my warmest condolences and sympathy. Jim Kerwin

MB

Mike Bova February 25 at 4:13 AM

So sorry Dede and boys, Aunt Rita was the best, she will be missed!! Mike and Molly

JK

John Kavanaugh February 25 at 2:56 AM

Dede and family, With My deepest sympathy and a prayer.



Media

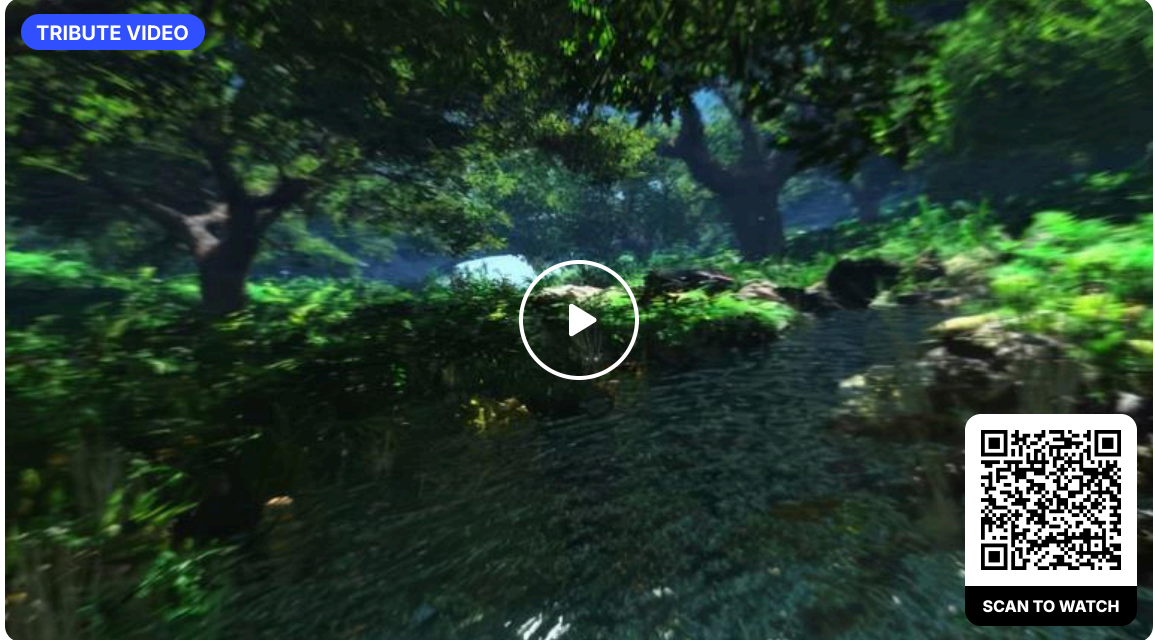
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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