



Yolanda (Canestraro) Halpin

MAR 5, 1928 - MAR 3, 2023



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Yolanda (Canestraro) Halpin passed away peacefully on March 3, 2023, two days before her 95th birthday. She had been a resident at the Jewish Home of CNY. Yolanda was born in Syracuse, daughter of the late Angeline and John Canestraro. She was a long-time employee of Niagara Mohawk and started as a dance instructor with the Arthur Murray Dance Studio. She would give in prompt-to dance lessons who were so inclined.

Yolanda was a family icon. A hilarious matriarch who loved pasta and champagne. Wherever she was, a celebration broke out. Family was everything to Yolanda except when she was pulling the lever at her favorite casino. She loved to travel and would hop a plane in a moment's notice. Her favorite place on earth was Las Vegas where she once dined in the company of Frank Sinatra. Her sisters remember her as a class clown and free spirit. Above all, she was loving and considerate as any sister could wish for. To family and friends, she was a mentor who could both challenge and affirm. Yolanda was a trusted confidant to all who sought a sympathetic ear.

She could contemplate on the stars above and dance her heart out at a bar. That was Yolanda. Larger than life with an even larger heart.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Charles Edward Halpin, and her sister, Faye Pitonzo McCallister.

Yolanda is survived by sisters, Ann Leone, Josephine Polito and Annette Tesoriero. She never had her own children, but she was a second mother to her many nieces and nephews who adored her.

Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 10:45 am – 11:45 am at Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church, 301 Ash St., Syracuse, NY, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Yolanda's life at Noon, with burial in Assumption Cemetery.



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In lieu of flowers the family asks instead to donate to Francis House or to CNY Alzheimer's Association of Syracuse, NY.



Events


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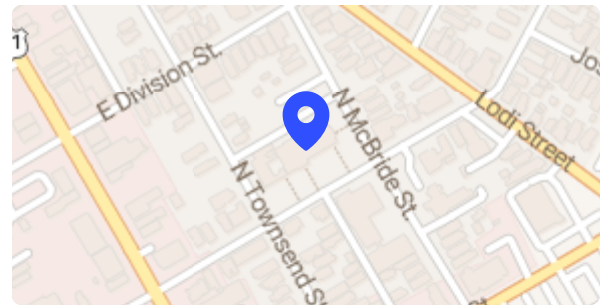
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Visitation

 **Thursday**, March 9, 2023


 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM ET


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

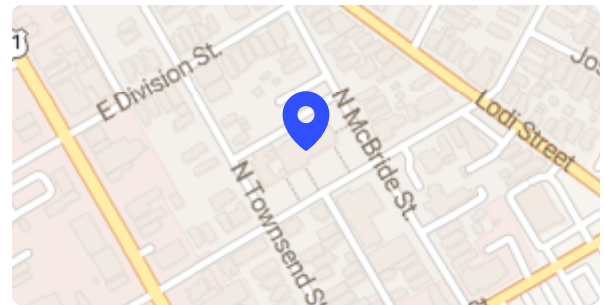


Funeral Mass


 **Thursday**, March 9, 2023

 12:00 PM ET

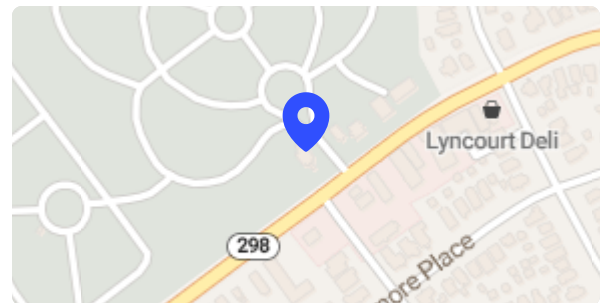
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Cemetery Details

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

 **454-3841**





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Derek Araujo posted:

Mary, Josephine, and Annettel was a privilege to have known your sister Yo. What a beautiful, vibrant, intelligent lady she was. She always had such a positive outlook and the most fantastic sense of humor. I always looked forward to seeing her on Fridays, she always made my day. I am so sorry for your loss.

March 25 at 8:07 AM



Debra Dence lit a candle in honor of Yolanda.



March 6 at 12:35 PM



Tony Russo lit a candle in honor of Yolanda.



March 5 at 2:34 AM

AT Annette Tesoriero March 22 at 12:03 PM
Thank you Tony.



Antoinette Pallotta lit a candle in honor of Yolanda.



March 4 at 6:52 AM

AT Annette Tesoriero March 22 at 12:04 PM
Thank you so much.



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Patricia Nappi sent a virtual gift in honor of Yolanda.

To Yolanda family maybe you do not know but at one time she was a very close friend of my Parents Pat and Kate Nappi I have fond memories of her and how she was always at Casa Di Nappi restaurant and her teaching dance lessons for Arthur Murray such a nice person and was very kind and funny May she meet my parents in heaven and May she Rest In Peace god bless her and god help you all find Peace in your great loss from Patricia A Nappi /Dery and Family it was a honor to have known you growing up so sad 🙏🙏🙏♥



March 3 at 3:44 PM



Annette Tesoriero March 5 at 7:29 AM

Thank you for your kind words. They are very comforting.



Memories only last if you share them

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



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