



Irene Ann (Solazzo) DiFlorio, Ph.D.

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On Tuesday, October 24, 2023, Irene Ann (Solazzo) DiFlorio, Ph.D. passed away peacefully surrounded by her family. She was 84 years old. Irene was born on February 6, 1939, in Syracuse, NY to Joseph and Teresa Solazzo. Irene was the youngest of 9 children.

She graduated from St. Joseph's College of Nursing as an RN then continued to Boston College where she graduated with a BS in nursing. Irene then received her master's degree in nursing from Boston University. Irene was a professor of nursing at Syracuse University where she earned her PhD in Instructional Design, Development and Evaluation.

In 1964, Irene married Dr. Robert E. DiFlorio. Their love survived 58 years of marriage. They found joy in making aprons they sold at the State Fair, renovating and painting their children's houses, to traveling the world together. Irene and Bob drove cross country twice to visit all 50 states and would spend months every year in Florence, Italy.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by 7 siblings.

Irene is survived by her husband, Bob DiFlorio and 4 children, Therese Brennan (David), Julie Albanese (Frank), Robert DiFlorio (Lori) and Linda Rodriguez (Joe) along with 12 grandchildren, Natale, Joseph, Stephen, Francesca, Angelo, Adriana, Daniel, Andrew, Rocco, Vincent, TJ and Alessia; her sister, Antoinette Romano, and several nieces and nephews.

Her grandchildren were her pride and joy. She would bake cookies, make pies, pasta, anything, and everything they wanted! Her famous homemade pizzas, and her NY State Fair award-winning peach pie were amongst the favorites.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 10:00 – 11:45 A.M. in Holy Cross Church, 4112 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. A Funeral Mass in celebration of Irene's life will follow at



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12:00 P.M. in the church. She will be laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Irene's name may be made to a charity of one's choice.




Events

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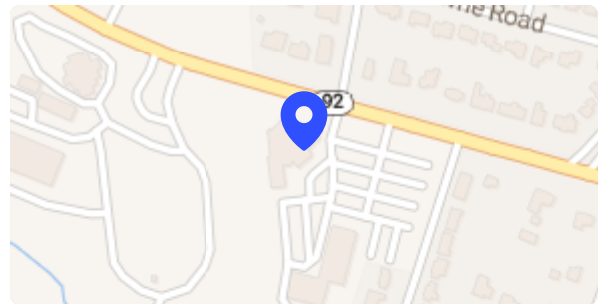
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Visitation


 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:45 AM ET

 **Holy Cross Church**
4112 E. Genesee St., Syracuse NY 13214

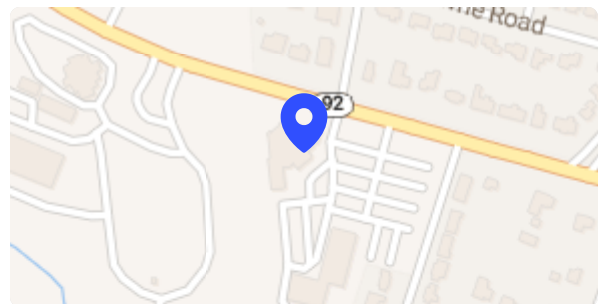


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, October 28, 2023

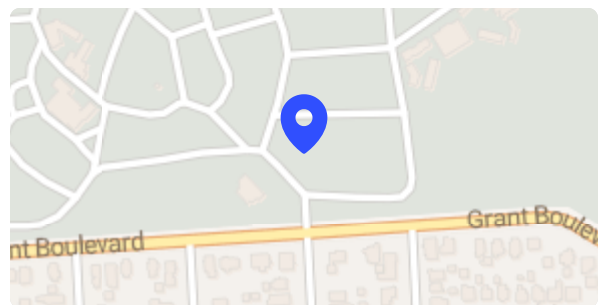
 12:00 PM ET

 **Holy Cross Church**
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Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Mausoleum**
800 Grant Blvd, Syracuse NY 13203





Tribute Wall

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



October 26 at 1:27 PM



Joygerm Joan E. White posted:

Good Night, Irene. It was a song title many years ago. But, dear Irene, cherished friend of over 50 years and phenomenal neighbor for almost 40 years... those words can no longer be applied to you. Soon you will be welcomed into God's Kingdom where there will be no night; no darkness. You will be housed forever in His Circle of Light. At this moment it's more than likely the Celestial Choir is holding a special gathering, preparing for your entry; others are readying the ring, the robe and preparing the banquet menu. 50 Plus years of 'beyond grateful' I carry in my heart. Cherished memories of family gatherings which included Bevy and me. Thank you for the gift of you. Essence of Irene won't be sold on the open market but I shall indulge myself in a dab or two a day to keep you ever near. My tears, today, mingle with those of yours, Bob, Therese, Julie, Rob, Linda (Lacuna) and family. We know in time, however, there will be great rejoicing when we are united, once again, for eternity. Meantime, my ongoing love and prayers as we continue 'walking one another home.' (Joygerm) Joan E. White

October 27 at 8:50 AM



Marie S. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Irene Ann.



October 26 at 1:34 PM



Andrea Strano posted:

She always, always had a smile on her face. I'd leave her company feeling seen and loved. Her accomplishments were an inspiration. I'm so sorry she's left us. She left the planet a better place. Sending my love and hugs and prayers.

October 26 at 7:44 AM



Sarah posted:

I remember working on the craziest puzzles down the shore with her and Linda ❤️

October 25 at 6:22 PM



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Lisa Donati Carlisto posted:

Sending you all prayers for comfort and peace. Your mom was a wonderful lady and always very kind to me. I have great childhood memories of living up the street. It is so very painful when a parent leaves us to go to Heaven. Thinking of you all and sending love.

October 25 at 3:20 PM



Erin Lanning posted:

I have nothing but peaceful, happy memories of Aunt Irene. She was kind, intelligent, and I enjoyed talking with her. She reminded me of her sister Mary (my grandmother). Aunt Irene was a wonderful person. May she rest in peace. My prayers are with Uncle Bob, Therese, Julie, Rob, and Linda and their families. Love and peace to you all. May the Lord comfort you. ~Erin Leo Lanning

October 25 at 2:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the (Solazzo) DiFlorio, family.



October 25 at 1:25 PM



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Media

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Elaine Lostumbo October 27 at 12:55 PM

Beautiful tribute video made by Pirro's. Glad I was able to view it and see pictures of the beautiful nurse we will honor tomorrow with the CNY SYRACUSE NURSES HONOR GUARD. Special service for me as Holy Cross Church is my home parish. Your loss is Heaven's gain. My deepest sympathy to this family. Elaine Lostumbo, RN



Memories only last if you share them

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



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