



Rosemarie (Pagano) Bundy

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Rosemarie Pagano Bundy, 87, of Dewitt, passed away on December 16, 2023. Born in Syracuse, she was the daughter of James V. and Catherine (Basil) Pagano. As an early brilliant student, she and her brother, Guy, appeared locally on the radio program, “Quiz Kids”. She was a graduate of North High, in 1958, at Le Moyne College, received a degree in chemistry and pursued further graduate studies at Marquette in Milwaukee. Owing to her fierce independence, and against her father’s negative opinion of women attending college, she financed her own way through college. She was active with the Pompeian Players in her teen years and also proved to be an accomplished seamstress producing many articles of clothing and especially formal dance gowns. Her “piece de resistance” was fashioning her own wedding gown. After marriage to her husband, Bob, they resided in Rochester for a number of years and began a family resulting in 3 children. Owing to career changes they returned to the local area with Rosemarie continuing to live in Dewitt until her death. Those who knew her well knew she had many quirky behaviors. Among them being her gifting of “good” chocolates, which were on the discount counter. Her mechanic, mail man, friends and family looked forward to receiving snow men at Easter, Easter eggs at Halloween and pumpkins at Christmas! Her local grocery store loved her penchant for dented cans. These behaviors all pointed toward her extreme dedication to recycling in all areas of her life. In later years, circumstances dictated drastic life changes with one necessitating Rosemarie finally gaining her driver’s license. She then found employment at Carrier Corporation, where her talent for writing and synthesizing volumes of information were put to good use. She produced product- operating manuals after conferring with engineers. After receiving an advanced degree in Library Sciences from Syracuse University in 1992, she worked as a librarian at SUNY Upstate Medical University. In 1995, she was honored during Women in Medicine Month by the American Medical Women’s



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Association for her outstanding contributions to medical student education and leadership in the medical profession. In 1996 and 1997, she was also presented with the President's and Chancellor's Awards for excellence in Library Science. Rosemarie has positively influenced her community through her active commitment to several organizations: Peace Action of Central New York, New Environmental Association, and the Executive Council of United University Professions, Syracuse Chapter. She is a prolific opinion writer and has submitted hundreds of letters to the editor, many of which have been published in the Post Standard. Her name signifies a defense of the little guy, a criticism of establishment and always, an argument for fairness and justice.

She was predeceased by her parents, her son Robbie (and wife Kathy); brothers, Guy and James (and wife Patricia). She is survived by her children, Mark (Carol), Kathryn: brother, Nick (Marie) and sister-in-law, El Nora Pagano, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to thank her friends: Pat, Charlotte and Katherine for their constant support and love. Also, special thanks to John Henneberry, who helped make the final push to empty her house in order for sale a reality and her ultimate move to The Nottingham.


A Memorial Mass will be held at All Saints Church, 1340 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, NY on February 2, 2024 at 11:00 am. The service will be live streamed at www.Allsaintssyracuse.org.


In lieu of flowers, the family gratefully requests contributions in memory of Rosemarie to the ROSEMARIE PAGANO BUNDY SCHOLARSHIP FUND AT LE MOYNE COLLEGE, Le Moyne College 1419 Salt Springs Road, Syracuse, N.Y. 13214.


Rosemarie was eccentric, head strong and opinionated but was funny, generous, loving, a good friend and we will all miss her.

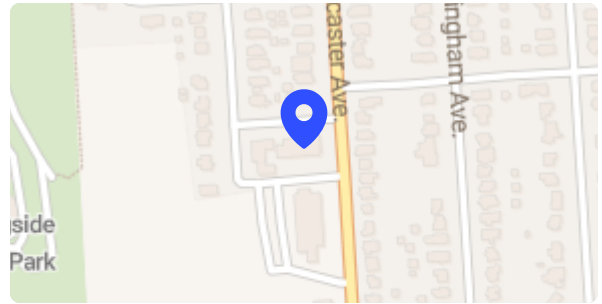


Memorial Mass

 **Friday**, February 2, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

 **All Saints Church**
1340 Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse NY 13210





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WC

William Corcoran posted:

Mrs. Bundy was my first teacher on taking care of the environment. As an 8 year old neighbor, Mrs. Bundy taught me how to save a rusty tackle box. She also taught me a huge lesson on the perils of eavesdropping. She always had something to teach us despite my awful manners. She raised a brilliant family. Chores came first and it was the tax I paid to gain access to her amazingly gifted son, Mark. Her daughter Kathy was equally brilliant and she worked hard to correct my countless and irritating foibles. I am forever Blessed to have learned so much about landfills and farming. I always think of how important Mrs. Bundy was to me and I am eternally grateful to have been so fortunate to know her.

February 26 at 10:15 PM

LG

Lee Greenw posted:

Rosemarie became a cherished friend after my husband died. She was a great support, inviting me to join her at movies and listening to my struggles in a new job. The part of her obituary about recycling struck a memory. When we both were working at Upstate Medical Center, the physicians would have luncheons put on by various vendors. There always was a large amount of kale used as a garnish that no one ever ate. But Rosemarie knew I loved kale so every so often I would find a plastic bag full of kale left on my doorknob. She collected the kale at the end of the event. One of the best things we did was travel to Florence, Italy together with another friend. She never traveled much but her family convinced her she couldn't pass up the opportunity. We had a great time wandering around seeing all the famous art work. I have missed her in recent years and hope see is at peace now.

January 25 at 3:33 PM

PS

Patricia Louise Stempel posted:

Rosemarie and I were roommates for many UUP conferences. Her sense of humor and knowledge of many subjects made her a delightful companion. She gifted me many pieces of fabric from her stash as she would relate how she came to buy each piece. I will miss her greatly. Pat Stempel

January 23 at 2:29 AM

LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

January 22 at 7:08 AM



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Sarah Grimes posted:

While home from college one summer, I helped Mrs. Bundy with her gardening. She was such a spirited person and she shared many stories about her life with me. We kept in touch for a few years, exchanging letters and phone calls. She even gave me some lovely yellow linens, knowing it was my favorite color. I always kept an eye out for her opinions in the Post Standard whenever I visited my family in Syracuse. May she rest in peace. My condolences to her family. -Sarah

January 21 at 3:20 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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