



Virginia (Cammuso) Stamey

July 17, 1923 - March 19, 2021

Virginia (Cammuso) Stamey, 97, of Syracuse passed away peacefully under the wonderful care of the staff at Elderwood of Liverpool on Friday March 19, 2021.

She was born in 1923 in Syracuse, the oldest of five children of Alphonso and Andreanna (Mandara) Cammuso. Her sisters, Angie (John) Crosier, Mary (Joseph) Sacco and her brother Sam predeceased her. She is survived by her sister Anna (Louis) Cecconi of Fayetteville.

Fiercely independent, supportive and generous, she raised three sons on her own, and is survived by her sons Mark (Shari) of New York City, John of Syracuse and Bob (Paulette) also of Syracuse, along with a niece and several nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A living example of devotion, Virginia faithfully served as the primary caregiver for her parents as they aged until their passing.

“Ginny” was a lifelong resident of Syracuse growing up on the city’s Northside. She graduated from North High at the top of her class in 1941 and went on to graduate from Syracuse University in 1945.

Upon graduation, she began a 40-year teaching career with the Syracuse City School District, teaching at Bellevue Elementary, Salina Elementary, Jefferson Elementary and finally Franklin Elementary School where she taught 6th Grade for more than 25 years until her retirement in 1985.

Always the educator, after retirement she answered a request to substitute teach at her parish elementary school and donated her salary to the parish. She was an active member of the Syracuse Teachers Association, the Retired Teachers Association, her Neighborhood Watch and was a faithful and supportive communicant of St. John the Baptist parish for over ninety years. In addition, she enjoyed organizing and attending reunions with her fellow North High alums.

Known for her wonderful self-effacing sense of humor, she loved spending time with her

sisters, friends and neighbors. She was an avid reader and particularly enjoyed Erma Bombeck, Donald Westlake and anything celebrating the history and culture of her Italian roots in Syracuse. She especially enjoyed going to the movies and theater with her friends Pat and Kate.

Ginny was a lover of crossword puzzles and was a talented Bridge player and although she herself did not drink, whenever it was her turn to host a card party, she would improve her odds by plying her unsuspecting opponents with Whiskey Sours and deal off the bottom of the deck. She was a terrible but adventurous cook. She was terrified of anything with feathers and loved bargain hunting and garage sales.

Not one to sit still, she traveled extensively in throughout the US and Europe with her friends Jane and Libby, sister Mary and her “favorite” niece, Elaine. She was most noted for her spontaneous car trips throughout New York and beyond, travelling often to see her children and grandchildren or relatives in Seneca Falls. A self-confessed slow-poke, she never traveled on the interstates and would occasionally reach a top speed of 45 MPH.

Her family would like to thank the wonderful staff of caring professionals at Elderwood in Liverpool and especially our dear friend Mary Cutrone who provided exceptional loving care to her and daily support to us.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. followed by a funeral service at 11:30 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Road (corner of Buckley Road) in North Syracuse. A private burial will take place at Assumption Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her name to the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center Baltimore, MD, to which she was eternally grateful.

Cemetery

Assumption Cemetery

2401 Court Street
Syracuse, NY, 13208

Events

MAR **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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

MAR **Funeral Service** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - March 25, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ Oh Mark, John and Bobby,
I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs to all of you,
Liz Belden Handler

Elizabeth Handler - March 26, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ John & family: I am so sorry to read of your mother's passing. Your mother's obituary and the loving comments show what a smart and giving person your mother was. A full life and a life well lived! Nonetheless, it is hard to say good bye to our loved ones. I am thinking of you and keeping your mother and all of your family in my thoughts and prayers. My condolences. Sincerely, John Brown (NHS '68)

John P Brown - March 24, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ Ginny - Terry and I (Molly) loved visiting with you when we brought you cookies every Christmas! We will miss you <3

Molly - March 24, 2021 at 11:27 AM



“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Stamey! I attended Franklin elementary School 1968 - 1969. Mrs. Stamey was next door to Mrs. Kraft, my homeroom teacher. She was a very nice person and a dedicated teacher, as were the rest of the 6th grade team, including: Mrs. Kraft, Mr. Collins, Mr. Beyer and Mr. Gentile.

She would say hello every day as we passed her room while walking to one of our classes. They were more than just teachers back then, they treated you like members of a family. I was glad that I was able to attend Franklin instead of Salina Elementary, even though I had to walk from North Alvord/Danforth Street area.

Because of these teachers, and my aunt and uncle who also were teachers, I knew in sixth grade that I wanted to become a teacher! Who would have thought, that I would end up teaching in the Syracuse City School District at Lincoln Middle School for 33 years!

Thank you Mrs. Stamey and my close friend and one of my former teachers from Franklin, Bob Gentile, for sending this information!

My deepest sympathy to the family! I will always remember her with smile!

David Muolo
Former Student
Retired SCSD Teacher
Sarasota, Florida

David Muolo - March 23, 2021 at 02:01 PM



“ Bob,
I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. It's difficult no matter what your age.
Please accept my deepest sympathies.
Sincerely,
Jennifer Perrone Jenkins

Jennifer Jenkins - March 23, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ John, Mark and Bob. I remember your Mom so well from growing up in Lyncourt. She was such a sweet lady always welcoming us kids in. How very fortunate you are to have had her so long. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
GOD BLESS YOU.

Fred Almonte / Leesburg, FL

Fred Almonte - March 23, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Bob and Family,
I was so sorry to hear you lost your beloved mother. May her memory be eternal.

Mary K Sullivan - March 23, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ Fly high Virginia!! I was blessed to share your company, hear your stories and laugh with you. I will cherish the memory of your wit and that smile. You will be missed!
Maria



Maria - March 23, 2021 at 09:56 AM



“ Mark & John and Family,
My sincere condolences go out to you to and the rest of your family also. I still remember your mom when we were kids and you lived on the street behind us and we will see and play quite a bit when we were younger. We lost contact along time ago but I so you remember your mom with that Great Smile. She was always so nice when we were kids and I really enjoyed seeing her almost daily. Rest in peace Mr. Stamey as you were one of the good ladies from my childhood.



RobbieWells/Las Vegas - March 23, 2021 at 12:41 AM



“ To the family of Mrs. Stamey.

I had the privilege of being a 6th grade student of Mrs. Stamey at Franklin school in the late 50's. She was a wonderful teacher who always encouraged me to continue to learn new things and to put into practice what I had learned. She was kind and I remember she always had a minute to stop and talk with me in the hallways of Franklin before or after school. She was never too busy and always had time to listen and offer words of encouragement and to give help with understanding a difficult lesson. She was a wonderful example of what a great teacher is. Thank you for sharing her with me and all her students.

May the Lord give you comfort and peace at this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Jean DeGrazia-Curinga

Jean M Curinga - March 22, 2021 at 09:58 PM



“ I taught with Ginny, Pat and Kate at the beginning of my career. I loved them all. Ginny was as sharp as they come and always had a great comeback or humorous line. She was kind, caring and a wonderful mentor. I have thought of her and all of them many times. Having retired myself almost 8 years ago it is hard to believe all this time has passed since the early 80's. Ginny fly high with the angels beautiful lady.

Marie Pampinella - March 22, 2021 at 07:47 PM



“ Aunt Virginia was a beloved Aunt, to my husband Daniel, myself and our four children, Jayson, Emily, Kathryn and Michael. She was fun, always happy, smiling, kind, and never missed special events or moments for our family. Our memories are many, and we are thankful for all the time spent with her, and the love and warmth she gave us. She was special. RIP Aunt Virginia, until we meet again. Love you! Daniel, Carla Cecconi and Family.

Carla Cecconi - March 22, 2021 at 01:23 PM



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Lou Cecconi - March 22, 2021 at 08:43 AM



“ To the Stamey Men,

I am so sorry to see this, what a long and wonderful life she lived! I always enjoyed her the most out of all Aunt Ann's sisters lol. My love goes out to all of you. I am out of town or I would certainly attend services. I will be there with you all in spirit.

Betsy Goudy - March 22, 2021 at 07:54 AM