



## Josephine "Pepsi" Monello

November 27, 1928 - December 19, 2020

Josephine "Pepsi" Monello, loving daughter, sister, aunt and great aunt, died peacefully after a short illness at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y., on Saturday, December 19, 2020, at age 92.

Born on November 27, 1928, in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to Maria Curro Nastasi Monello and Frank Monello, she was the fourth sibling of seven sisters and one brother.

While she worked for several decades in the restaurant industry at a number of Syracuse area establishments, she was responsible as the primary caregiver to her infirm mother for many years before she died in 1969, a role for which she performed selflessly and for which she was cherished by her family.

She was loving and generous and beloved, especially by her many nieces and nephews, and was always open to visiting, to sharing a meal or to talking on the telephone.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sisters Louise (Edward) Izzo, Josephine (Edward) Dalton, Concetta (Carl) Piazza and, Frances (in infancy), and her niece Lisa Piazza.

She is survived by her siblings Olivia (Nicholas) Lombard, Mary (Carl) Gagliardi and Joseph "Joey" (Valerie) Monello. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews, including: Maureen (Robert) Pingaro, Janice (Robert) McFarland, Jacqueline McDermott, Edward (Cheryl) Dalton, Walter (Kelly) Dalton, Susan (Kevin) Cummings, Nicholas (Hattie) Lombard, Mark (Mary) Lombard, Craig (Janet) Lombard, Carl (Kathie) Gagliardi, Alan Gagliardi, Gary Gagliardi, Ronald Gagliardi, Sheri Monello, Allan Monello, Jackie (Jack) Monello Felton, Karen (Keith) Monello Grymes, and many devoted great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also beloved by her close and very devoted friend of 42 years, Brenda Daddario, and her children Michelle, Stephen, Michael, Gina and Kathy, and her friend and highly

regarded caregiver Mike Bianchi.

Graveside service will be held in Assumption Cemetery.

# Cemetery

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## **Assumption Cemetery**

2401 Court Street

Syracuse, NY, 13208

# Comments

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“ I am so sorry for your great loss I remember her when I was young my mom was her friend Kate Nappi now their are in Heaven together msy she Rest In Peace and god speed her to Heaven to see my mom god bless you all from Patricia Nappi and Family



patricia a Nappi - January 15 at 09:08 PM

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“ Ohhh how I loved Jo and her cookies, I spent a lot of time hanging out around her, the many conversations and awesome meals . She will never be forgotten

Elisa Herne - December 26, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ Amie Noeller lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Pepsi" Monello



Amie Noeller - December 23, 2020 at 01:31 PM

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“ Joe you will be missed and always remembered by my family  
You had beautiful soul, kind, fun and so thoughtful  
You will always be part of our family even in death  
We will remember the great memories we shared with you.  
RIP beautiful lady

Rosemarie Heick - December 23, 2020 at 08:45 AM

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“ Although it's been years since I've seen or spoken to Jo, I'll never forget her kindness. She was a sanctuary to me growing up. She always made extra dinner for anyone over, assuming that you were hungry. We watched Matlock, Golden Girls, and sometimes the t.v. guide if you fell asleep. Love you, Jo. May you rest in a sweet slumber.

Heather Tremaine - December 22, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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“ My sweet Jo. You have been there for me since the day I was born, you taught me how to crochet at 4 years old. Every sick day or post doctors appointment was spent at your house and we'd make pizza and eat anchovies out of a can together. You taught me how to stuff artichokes. You'd let me play with your hair even if you just left the salon. You taught me how to dance the jitterbug and we'd watch Richard Simmons every day together and even went to see him live. I called you every week to see how you're doing and every single time you'd tell me you're sitting with the blanket I crocheted you and how much you loved it, even though we both know I could never make one as nicely as you could. We loved watching game shows together, especially the old school ones like Pyramid. You passed your recipes on to me. Every time I'd visit you when I'm home you'd hold my hand and I'd ask if there's anything I could get u and you'd laugh and say you were just happy I was home. You have been such a positive light in my life and I could never thank you enough for the love and happiness you have given us all just by being you. I'm so happy you got to meet Vincent and that you loved him. I will miss the way you answer the phone, your playful spirit even in your 90's, your unconditional love and your humor. But most of all I will miss our weekly conversations that would last nearly an hour most times, mostly because we didn't know how to hang up and would fight over who loves each other more. I love you forever and will always keep your memory alive. Thank you for being a hybrid of a grandmother, a mother, a best friend all wrapped into one. Say hi to Grandma and Mark for me. Love always, Alexis



Lexi Pennisi - December 22, 2020 at 08:00 PM

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“ Pamela Latocha lit a candle in memory of Josephine "Pepsi" Monello



**Pamela Latocha** - December 22, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Dear Brenda and family, we are so saddened to hear of the passing of Jo. I remember her from living upstairs in the Flachslands house and she would talk at the fence to my mom, Her 2 little white dogs would always come with her. She was so sweet and funny, too. I know she will be missed greatly by Brenda and all who knew and loved her.

With sincere sympathy,

Pam and John Latocha

**Pamela Latocha** - December 22, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine "Pepsi" Monello.



December 22, 2020 at 09:23 AM