



## **ELIZABETH "BETTY" KATONA**

July 7, 1925 - March 17, 2020

Elizabeth "Betty" Katona, 94, is the seventh child of sixteen. Daughter of Frank and Anna (nee Fronek) Katona, she was predeceased by seven sisters: Katherine, Pauline, Josephine, Anna, Mary, Theresa and Rosemarie, six brothers: Frank, Anthony, Stephen, Pasquale, John and Valentino.

She is survived by her brothers, James and Paul (Carolyn) and many nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

Elizabeth (Betty) lead a very full life. Betty retired after a long and rewarding career as a Registered Nurse (MSN). She retired from Community General Hospital as the Director of Staff Development. She was an Adjunct Professor at Syracuse University Nursing Program. Betty served as a Head Nurse at the VA hospital in Manhattan, Director of Education at Saint Luke's Hospital, New York City, Supervisor of the Emergency Department at Cincinnati General Hospital, staff nurse and a nurse cadet at Philadelphia General Hospital.

Betty began her education in a one room school house in Buck Mountain, PA and Saint Nicholas School in Weatherly, PA. Betty's family moved to Philadelphia where she graduated from Simon Gratz High School and started her nurse training at Philadelphia General Hospital where she received her Registered Nurse certification. Betty continued her education at the University of Pennsylvania (BSN), Columbia University, (MSN) and completed post graduate work at Syracuse University. Betty is published in Lippincott Sawyers Medical Research book and has a research article on Colostomy Care published in the Journal of the American Medical Association. Betty was a

member of the Sigma Theta Tau National Honor Society, AMA National League for Nurses, Senior American Care Society, an Honorary member of The American Cancer Society and a founding member of the Syracuse Colostomy Association.

Betty was a long-time resident of Solvay and was actively engaged in her community. She was a communicant of Saint Marianne Cope Parish—St. Cecilia Roman Catholic Church and a member of its Altar and Rosery society. Betty was dedicated to helping people grow through reading and education and was a founding member of the Friends of Solvay Public Library. She was also a member of the village town watch. Betty was always active; she enjoyed daily work-outs at Curves and later at the Solvay-Geddes Community Youth Center. She was an avid reader, golfer, bowler and was only a few flight hours away of obtaining her pilot's license.

Elizabeth Agnes Katona was always the quint-essential nurse. She had many interests in life and accomplished many things, however, she will be remembered by most for her loving, caring and generous nature. She was as nurturing as she was intelligent and made all those who she encountered feel her special kind of love. She will be greatly missed.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Friday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Avenue. Due to the circumstances with COVID-19, the number of visitors will be restricted at any given time per NYS guidelines on Mass Gatherings.

Betty's Funeral services, Mass of Christian Burial and Entombment in St. Mary's Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum, DeWitt, will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her memory to St. Marianne Cope Parish, 105 Stanton Ave. Solvay, NY 13209.

Please share online tributes and memories at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.

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# Tribute Wall



“ ELIZABETH "BETTY" KATONA

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *I have known Betty for many years, both through our membership in the Solvay Library Book Discussion Group as well as through various activities at St. Marianne Cope Parish. She was a tireless volunteer and participant. And oh so stubborn! She insisted on climbing stairs with two canes, going out in forbidding weather, and dragging herself in general these past few years so she could participate.*

*She was a wonderful and interesting woman who relished the memories she had of growing up in a large, but close-knit family. My mother, Rose Eason who died two years ago considered her a close friend.*

*As I'm sure you know, hers was a life lived to the fullest. I'm happy to have had her in my life.*

*Gloria DiFlorio*

Gloria DiFlorio - March 20, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ *We will miss Betty terribly. She was our wonderful next door neighbor for 25 years! We are out of state so won't be at her wake. I am so sorry we had to miss it. RIP Betty💕!!*

Kathy and Tom Lawyer - March 19, 2020 at 04:50 PM

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

Tracy - March 19, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY" KATONA.



March 19, 2020 at 10:55 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of ELIZABETH "BETTY" KATONA.



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“ It was always a pleasure to sit down and talk to gentle Betty over a number of years. By far she was the kindest client we ever had. I enjoyed every time we sat down on her front stoop and discussed her landscape, the state of libraries, and how a broken heart can mend. She shared memories from her youth that I carry with me to this day. She made a meaningful impact during her time on this planet, and at the end of the day, that is all one can ask for. Betty made me a better person. Jim Sollecito

Jim Sollecito - March 19, 2020 at 07:49 AM



“ *I am so sorry to see that Betty had passed. She was a very sweet person. Patti T.*

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**Patti Tuori** - March 18, 2020 at 11:05 PM