



## MARY CATHERINE GANDINO

June 21, 1948 - November 5, 2025

Mary Catherine Gandino, 77, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2025. Mary Catherine lived an admirable and principled life that was dedicated to serving those in need in the Syracuse community. After working for NY Telephone for 13 years, Mary Catherine left to become an integral member of Unity Kitchen for decades, where she cooked for, served meals to, and supported people experiencing homelessness and housing instability. While continuing to volunteer at Unity Kitchen, Mary Catherine worked as the office manager of NAMI Syracuse for 29 years, where she was described by her colleagues as “the rock” of the organization. Dedicated to NAMI’s success, Mary Catherine continued to support individuals with mental health needs and their families even after her retirement, volunteering for the organization on a weekly basis for the last two years of her life.

Mary Catherine was known for her strong Catholic faith and her generosity. A dependable family member and friend, Mary Catherine remained close with many of her classmates from St. Brigid’s Grammar School and St. Patrick’s High School throughout her life. Tins of Mary Catherine’s home-baked Italian Christmas cookies were staples for dozens of friends and family members during the holidays.

Mary Catherine was predeceased by her parents, Peter and Tina (DeBane) Gandino.

She is survived by several cousins, close friends, and godchildren.

Family and friends may call from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November

12 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. Entombment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay, has care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Syracuse at [namisyracuse.org/donate](http://namisyracuse.org/donate), or to St. Patrick's & St. Brigid's Food Pantry at 217 Schuyler St., Syracuse, NY 13204.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

800 Grant Blvd.  
Syracuse, NY  
(315) 479-5826

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV 12. 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM (ET)

Cathedral Of The Immaculate Conception  
259 E Onondaga St  
Syracuse, NY 13202

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 12. 9:30 AM (ET)

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
259 E. Onondaga St.  
Syracuse, NY 13202

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary didn't just read the Gospels, she didn't just learn the Gospels, she didn't just speak the Gospels, she lived the Gospels. Love you Mary! Janet and Darlene*

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**Janet Frye** - November 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM

PA

“ *Sincere condolences to family and friends. I came to know Mary through NAMI Syracuse. She connected me to the services that proved to be beneficial to me and my family. I can still hear her calming voice in my mind. Her compassion was commendable and helped many in times of need. May she be at peace.*

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**Patty** - November 11, 2025 at 12:56 PM

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“ *Mary was the "rock" of NAMI Syracuse for 30 years. She offered comfort and support to many of us. Her humor, "no drama mama" attitude and kindness made a difference to me. She was reliable, organized, knowledgeable, and resourceful. She will be missed . RIP your life had purpose and followed Christ.*

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**Marla Byrnes** - November 11, 2025 at 10:12 AM

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“ *I'll remember vacationing in Cape Cod and visits to Maureen's home on the lake. Rest in peace.*  
*Linda Sabha*

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**Linda** - November 07, 2025 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Nancy and Linda purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MARY CATHERINE GANDINO.*



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**Nancy and Linda** - November 07, 2025 at 02:32 PM