



MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI

June 5, 1947 - April 28, 2026

Mary "Liz" Modafferi, of Solvay, passed away on April 28th, in the arms of her loving husband and daughters, due to complications after surgery.

A proud Irishwoman (and converted Italian), Liz lived her life with an open door and an even more open heart. Whether you walked into her home for the first time or the hundredth, you were immediately greeted with a hug, a seat at the table and a genuine interest in your life. She had the rare gift of making everyone feel like family the moment they met her.

Family was her pride and joy. She was extremely involved in her community, volunteering for her daughters' numerous school events and cooking and baking throughout their school and college years and beyond. She also devoted many years with the Solvay Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary, of which she was a past president. She enjoyed baking and participating in the weekly coffee hour after Mass at St Marianne Cope Parish.

She was the first one at your door with meals or goodies in times of need, or just because. It's just who she was.

Lizzie took after the example her mother set for her, surrounding herself with children and love. While staying home to raise her daughters, she babysat and became a surrogate Nana to several children. She returned to work as a pre-school teacher at Learn As You Grow Childcare Center, where she continued to nurture and care for children. Her love and compassion for others was immeasurable.

Her grandchildren were her life. She would often be found with her husband

on the side lines or in the bleachers of their sporting events, or in the audience for a chorus, theater, band, or dance production.

Born in Potsdam, NY to Edgar and Eileen (O'Sullivan) Kilcoyne, she graduated from St Lawrence Central High School, then moved to Syracuse, where she studied at CCBI. While working for MONY, she met the love of her life, Tony Modafferi. Together they built a life of laughs, love and support that was unyielding.

Liz was predeceased by her parents, her twin brother, Donald, her sister, Doreen (Bob), and brother-in-law, Bob Griffith.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Tony "Butch"; children; Gina (Joe) LaPlant, Angela (Mac) Sutton, Amy (Russ) Stanton; grandchildren; Brooke, Garrett, Trevor, Bryce, Bryant, Mason, Jesse, Blake, Brayleigh, Connor and Dominique; sisters; Gail (Larry), Barbara (Bill), Connie, Maryann (Tom) and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 PM Monday May 4, 2026 at St. Marianne Cope Parish - St. Cecilia Church 1001 Woods Rd., Solvay New York 13209. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 9:30 AM Tuesday May 5, 2026 at St. Marianne Cope Parish - St. Cecilia Church 1001 Woods Rd., Solvay New York 13209. Private entombment will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay has care of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in her memory to St Marianne Cope Parish Food Pantry, Solvay High School Music Boosters, or a local charity of your choice.

Please share online tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

GREENLAWN MEMORIAL PARK - PRIVATE ENTOMBMENT

2932 Warners Rd.
Warners, NY 13164

Previous Events

Family and Friends

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH
1001 WOODS RD.
SOLVAY, NY 13209

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

FW

“ Tony and Family; I am very sorry to learn of the passing of Liz. I send you my prayers and condolences to you and all your family.

Fred Weinheimer - May 13 at 09:30 PM

JA

“ To the Modafferi family, I am very sorry for the loss of Liz. May memories of happier times with her bring you comfort. God Bless

James Avery - May 13 at 03:17 PM

CM

“ Chuck and I wish to express our sympathy and prayers to the Modafferi family on the passing of Mary Modafferi We are sorry for your loss Sincerely Chuck and Denise McCarty

Chuck and Denise McCarty - May 04 at 02:34 PM

LJ

“ Love Sara, Joanna and Jesse purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.



Love Sara, Joanna and Jesse - May 04 at 08:41 AM

DD

“ *Debbie & Dave purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*



Debbie & Dave - May 03 at 02:24 PM

BO

“ *I remember all the fun and the laughter we shared when Liz would visit us in the summer. Our condolences to her family.*

Barry O'Connor - May 02 at 04:55 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*



May 02 at 01:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*



May 01 at 01:20 PM

KR

“ Tony,

My deepest sympathy. May the memories you created with Liz during her lifetime bring you comfort during this difficult time.



Kimberly Richardson - May 01 at 11:16 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.



May 01 at 10:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.

May 01 at 10:03 AM

CW

“ Christine W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.

Christine W. - May 01 at 09:40 AM

CW

“ I can't begin to say how heartbroken I am for all of you. Liz was the kindest soul, always staying in touch with me on Facebook, and when I saw her, it was as if no time had passed. I feel blessed to have always seen her at dance recitals and loved how much she loved her family. You are all in my heart and prayers. I know angels led her in....

Christine Werbeck - May 01 at 09:38 AM

MP

“ So sorry to hear about Liz. You could always count on a beautiful smile when you saw her!
Mike and Sharon Pellizzari, Chuckey TN

Mike Pellizzari - May 01 at 07:57 AM

ML

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. We are thinking of you and sending prayers to help you all thru this devastating time. I know that your love, and beautiful memories of each other, will comfort you all through this.

Marcia and Jack LaManna

Marcia LaManna - May 04 at 09:20 PM

TL

“ The Hobson Family with Love purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.



The Hobson Family with Love - May 01 at 07:50 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss! Liz was a lovely lady. Sending you all prayers and strength during this difficult time.*

Meg Cornish

Meghan Cornish - May 01 at 07:31 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*



April 30 at 09:13 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*

April 30 at 09:13 PM



“ *Tony, Gina, Angela & Amy,
Heaven has welcomed a very special lady. My mentor, wallpapering partner and devoted friend. Always there for us.
Tony and I wish you comfort and peace in the days ahead.*

Carol Ascioti

Carol Ascioti - April 30 at 08:36 PM

GG

“ Guido & Georgia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.



Guido & Georgia - April 30 at 08:11 PM

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“ Guido & Georgia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.

Guido & Georgia - April 30 at 08:11 PM

BB

“ Liz will be missed beyond words. Her involvement and dedication was given without a second thought. Tony and girls my heart and prayers are holding you all.

✝️🙏💖 Betty & Mike

BettyJane Darrow Block - April 30 at 07:31 PM

CS

“ Tony and family, we send our condolences. The few times we were with Liz, she was always gracious, Liz rest in peace.

Arne & Christine Sandness

Christine Sandness - April 30 at 06:36 PM

LM

“ *Linda M. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of MARY "LIZ" (KILCOYNE) MODAFFERI.*



Linda M. - April 30 at 06:25 PM

CH

“ *Tony and family.... Tom and I are heart broken to hear of the loss of Liz. We have such fond memories of her... the taking down of your Christmas tree parties, our NASCAR trips and all the Fire Department parties. She was my special Irish girlfriend. We are so upset that we can't attend her service but she will remain in our hearts forever ♥️♥️ All our love to you and your family. Tom and Carolyn Halton.*

Carolyn Hslton - April 30 at 05:55 PM

TS

“ *We met at a conference where Lizzie and I sat together on a bus tour. We instantly clicked and built a beautiful friendship. Our friendship will continue on through Tony. Two very special people. Loved you dearly Liz. Rest in peace and fly high with the angels my sweet friend.*

Therese Stabb - April 30 at 05:44 PM