



MARY (LEONE) SEMAK

July 30, 1927 - February 24, 2021

Mary Theresa (Leone) Semak, age 93, of Syracuse, passed away Wednesday February 24th at The Crossings at Garden Grove. She was born in Syracuse, graduated from Blodgett Vocational High School, and worked at Morrisville State College (EOC) in Syracuse as Executive Secretary. Mary and loving husband John Sr. were married June 11, 1949 and enjoyed 43 wonderful years together before his passing in 1992. She enjoyed her family and loved spending time with them. She was remembered as a kind heart, so sweet and generous to everyone. Mary was an excellent ballroom and country western dancer, performing dances at senior centers, the NYS Fair, and in Florida with companion Adolphe and also with dance partner "Gus." Mary was a member of Wagon Wheel's Sr. Center and the Moose Club and was a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church of Syracuse.

Mary was predeceased by her loving husband, John E. Semak Sr., sisters, Adeline Terranova and Helen Dominski, brothers, Sal, Tony, and Frank Leone, her parents, Natale and Angelina (Giannotti) Leone, nephew, Danny Leone, companion, Adolphe Schweiwiller, and dance partner, August "Gus" Harms. Surviving are her daughter, Karen M. (William) Vangel, of Syracuse, sons, John E. Semak Jr., of Syracuse, Matthew R. Semak, of Greeley, Colorado, granddaughter, Jennifer L. Gero, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, sister-in-law, Mary Ann McCarthy, and many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends may call from 9:15 am to 10:15 am Saturday, February 27th at Blessed Sacrament Church, 3127 James St. followed by a Mass of

Christian Burial at 10:30 am. Mary will be laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery, Syracuse. Facial coverings and distancing are required and NYS guidelines on gatherings will be observed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Blessed Sacrament Church, 3127 James Street, Syracuse, NY 13206-3090 or the American Heart Association, 2 Clinton Square, Suite 305, Syracuse, NY 13220-3049. Please share online memories and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

WOODLAWN CEMETERY - PRIVATE

800 Grant Blvd.
Syracuse, NY 13203

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 27. 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
3127 James St.
Syracuse, NY 13206

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 27. 10:30 AM (ET)

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3127 James St.
Syracuse, NY 13206

Tribute Wall



“ *MARY (LEONE) SEMAK*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dear Karen, Bill, Johnny, and Matt,
TJ and I will never forget Aunt Mary and the wonderful memories we hold dear. So many times at the camp with everyone. I always enjoy looking at the pictures I have of all of us, including Uncle John. Aunt Mary was a sweet, wonderful lady who enjoyed life. We will miss her.*

Love, Sandy and TJ

Sandy Vanderhoff Dobs - March 02, 2021 at 05:07 PM



“ *Karen and family...we are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. The time you spent together and the lifetime of memories made will always be with you. May they offer you peace at this difficult time. Sending you prayers, love and hugs. Love, Todd, Nikki & kids*

Nicole Lynch - February 27, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *Karen I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I do remember how close you were. I know how much you will miss her. I know the good memories will stay with you to carry on and keep her with you always.*



Cindi Segovis - February 27, 2021 at 12:03 AM

JG

“ Dear Karen I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. Thinking of you & sending peace & love. Jeannine, Art and Michael.

Jeannine Goodwin - February 26, 2021 at 08:44 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MARY (LEONE) SEMAK.



February 26, 2021 at 05:51 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of MARY (LEONE) SEMAK.



February 25, 2021 at 06:26 PM

KM

“ Karen, John, Matt and Bill,

We miss Aunt Mary, and of course Uncle John, and the great times we had together at your home. In the basement playing pool then into the kitchen for Aunt Mary's delicious cooking. Even her tossed salad was so good that we stood around and had to ask her about it. She showed us how she poured the olive oil around the upper inside edge of a wooden salad bowl rather than pouring it into the center of the salad. She thought that it was the funniest thing that we wanted to know about it. We still pour olive oil that way.

And in recent years we enjoyed your visits when Aunt Mary and you guys came over to our Mom's house during the Christmas holiday and during the summer. We'd sit around the table, catch up on family history, show photos of all the wildlife that were in our back yards, mention topics of the day and tell stories back and forth. All the while eating goodies from Harrison Bakery that you brought.

And our Mom said that she was a young girl (Aunt Mary and Uncle John were 9 years older) your parents were dating and they'd take her places, always include her, buy her stuff. So sweet.

We miss Aunt Mary. She's been a delight to be around, always considerate in asking about how others were doing, very thoughtful, good conversationalist, very loving.

We are blessed to have had her in our family.

The McCarthys

Kathleen McCarthy - February 25, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Heavenly Light was purchased for the family of MARY (LEONE) SEMAK.*



February 25, 2021 at 05:11 PM



“ *May your memories of the wonderful times you shared with your loved one comfort you and your family, today and always.*

American Heart Association - February 25, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ *That smile just melts me and helps me to see why the children she has are beautiful just like the her picture. I have been very close to the family for many years and they all reflect the beauty, compassion and love that was learned from their parents. May she rest in peace in her husbands and our Lords kingdom. My prayers go out to the family that they be surrounded by loving family and friends during this hard time.*

Joseph J Ilacqua - February 25, 2021 at 08:36 AM



“ *Aunt Mary, I remember how you got my grandma involved at the Moose and how much you loved dancing. I will miss your cards and your love for all of us.*

Karen, Matt, and John- Sending love and prayers to you.

The Sauciers: Heidi (Dominski), Chris, - February 24, 2021 at 06:33 PM

PM

“ Aunt Mary we are sad to hear of your passing. The great memories we'll have when we would visit it the past. Johnny, Matt and Karen we send our condolences and love to all of you. God Bless.



Pamela and Louis Matteson - February 24, 2021 at 06:14 PM

PD

“ Aunt mary ❤️😔🌹 May you rest in peace. You are the greatest and most beautiful aunt anyone could have. I remember growing up you were always there. You have the kindest ❤️ You / uncle John raised the most beautiful family. I always loved going to your house. Loved watching you dance your heart away 🌹 We are going to miss you dearly Araya sends her love. God bless you johnny. Karen. Matt we love ya"ll

Patricia dominski - February 24, 2021 at 02:50 PM

JO

“ Karen, John, and Matt, I am so sorry for all of you. I would be there with you but with the borders being restricted right now it's very difficult. Please give your mom a good bye for me and know that you are all in my prayers.



JohnDominski - February 24, 2021 at 02:44 PM

TJ

“ Aunt Mary I remember as a young boy coming to your house and spending the night and sleeping on the living room couch and watching you at the island in the kitchen reading the newspaper and falling asleep and almost falling off the stool I love you and I'll miss you rest in peace love Tony Junior

tony leone jr - February 24, 2021 at 01:32 PM

FP

“ *John, Karen, Matt and Bill. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Mrs. Semak was a wonderful neighbor and friend to all of us. She raised a beautiful family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers always.*

Love,

Mike, Florence and Michael Pikulinski

Florence Pikulinski - February 24, 2021 at 01:25 PM