



OLGA (DiGIANFRANCESCO) PTAK

August 13, 1930 - April 27, 2020

Olga Marie (DiGianfrancesco) Ptak died after a brief and unexpected illness (not Covid-19), just shy of her 90th birthday. Olga could have been a character in a Frank Capra film. Though she spent her entire life in Solvay, NY, her reach was far, as she touched the lives of so many through her volunteer work as a PTA mom and Girl Scout leader, and then the head of the girl's CYO group (Sodality) at her local parish, St. Cecilia's. There she was production manager of the most incredible high school musicals one could imagine.

Olga also reached deep into the community through her job at Geddes Federal Savings and Loan, where she started as a teller in 1967 and retired as Sr. Vice President in 2010. More than anything, Olga enjoyed the company of family and friends-and with her husband of 63 years, Joe B. Ptak, welcomed all to their home for coffee, cards, and conversation. Their travels took them all over the U.S. and on cruises with friends. The lesson she taught her family and friends, through both words and actions, was to share one's time and talents with grace, kindness, and love. Over the years, she would remark at how surprised she would be when random people would stop by to visit or call to chat. Her daughter Andrea would tell her of the Beatles' song that ends with the words "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." She has taken boxcars full of love with her now.

Olga was preceded in death by her husband, Joe, and her daughter, Valerie LaMont; sister, Irma DiGianfrancesco Nicolini (John B.); and brother, Albert DiGianfrancesco (Peggy). Survivors include: daughter, Andrea Ptak (Aaron

Houseknecht) and granddaughter, Dakota Houseknecht, of Seattle, WA; grandsons, Andrew LaMont (Amanda Barrett Smith), of Pittsburgh, PA, and Kyle LaMont, of Seattle, WA; niece, Sandra Nicolini Rosenfeld (Neil), their daughter, Monica Rosenfeld Morehouse (Chris) and their children, Natasha and Olivia, and their son, Josh Rosenfeld (Tarah) and their children, Giovanni and Alessandra.

Because Olga touched the hearts of so many, the family plans to wait until a later date to hold services and honor her with the celebration of life she deserves.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Olga's memory to: Symphoria at 234 Harrison St, Syracuse, NY 13202 or <https://experiencesymphoria.secure.force.com/donate/?dfld=a0ni0000000jYeNAAU>

Family and friends may call from 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday September 17, 2022 at St. Marianne Cope Parish-St. Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Rd Solvay, NY 13209 with a Memorial Mass to be celebrated at 9:30 AM. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Warners.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME has care of arrangements.

Please share online tributes and memories at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

2932 Warners Rd.
Warners, NY 13164

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 17. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

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

Memorial Mass

SEP 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

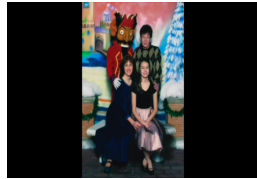


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January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Olga's Life



Andie Ptak - September 13, 2022 at 08:08 PM



Beautiful pictures and memories of a beautiful woman. How I miss my friend Olga.

David Colelli - September 14, 2022 at 12:44 AM



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“ *My condolences to the whole family. I have so many great memories a Olga. 4 years of the musicals, trips to Beaver lake, and all the times that I would see her at the bank. She always had a smile on her face , and a hug for me. She truly was a bright light for everyone. She will be missed!*

Barb Winchell Benjamin - May 06, 2020 at 12:00 PM

AS

“ Deepest condolences to Andrea and the family. Olga was a bright light in this world. She always had a welcome smile and always asked how you and your family were doing. Olga will be missed. Here’s to a life well lived. May memories of her comfort you.
Angela & Dick Simiele

Angela Simiele - May 06, 2020 at 07:52 AM

JM

“ My condolences to the family.

We met Joe and Olga ages ago when we found out we were cousins. They were gracious and it was interesting to learn about another part of our extended family.

Sadly, I moved from central NY and we fell out of touch.

She will be in our prayers.

Joe Mylie

Joseph Mylie - May 04, 2020 at 03:18 PM

CC

“ Olga was a dear friend of my mother's. She was such a lovely, kind woman. I always admired her career at Geddes Bank. Sincere condolences to her family.

Carla (Fruscello) Cecconi - May 03, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SO

“ Dear Andi and all the Family, Olga was a terrific person, always a smile and kind word from her, she always dressed to the nines and looked like she stepped out of a magazine. Here’s to you Olga to A life well lived. God Bless Sorry for your loss.
Sue Tacy Ostuni

Sue Tacy Ostuni - May 03, 2020 at 07:23 PM

LC

“ I have so many fond memories of Olga growing up. Olga was one of my mom’s closest friends. She was always so kind and always welcomed everyone with a smile. My mom and I often visited her at the bank. Olga and Joe and my parents had so many wonderful times together. She will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy to her family. LouAnne Cristoforetti

LouAnne Cristoforetti - May 03, 2020 at 06:24 PM

EC

“ Went as chaperron on many CYO trips and she was always great - Friends with her Joe and my Joe . Wonderful times and memories - Many jokes about "scotch" .Just a beautiful person.
Liza Cavedine

Elizabeth cavedine - May 03, 2020 at 11:46 AM

MB

“ Mrs Ptak was the leader of our Sodality more than 50 years ago . I ran into her at a party a couple years back and she remembered me. We chatted for quite a while . Wonderful lady who will be missed by many !

Marilou Barry - May 03, 2020 at 10:47 AM

SC

“ Dear Andi and Family,
Your Mom was like a second mother to me during my high school days. So many great memories of her with Sodality. I will always remember going to Beaver Lake with Sodality. Our freshman year all the rookies got to go to the dump to take out the trash. Little did we know Fr. Lauducci was waiting for us dressed like a bear. Almost peed my pants I was so scared. Such wonderful memories and your Mom was always part of them. May she rest in our Lord's peace with your Dad now. May God bless you.
Sue Cottrell

Susan Cottrell - May 03, 2020 at 09:47 AM

NK

“ We're so sorry to hear of Olga's passing. I sat next to Olga at the Senior Citizens lunch in Dec of this year and she was so nice ! We made plans to get together at her home. I had always seen her at the bank but never talked to that extent. I found her so interesting! Jack and I extend our condolences to her entire family.

Natalie Kinsella

Natalie Kinsella - May 03, 2020 at 08:09 AM

DC

“ Olga is a very important person in my life. Being one of my mothers closest and dearest friends, Olga was a very positive influence on all of our lives. I have many very fond memories of our families spending time together and creating a lasting bond that will continue forever. Whenever I would visit or call her we would have many quality conversations. She loved her children and grandchildren deeply and spoke of them often. Their triumphs were her triumphs. I called Olga while in the hospital and she told me she was playing a game called the Smile Game. Whenever someone entered the room she would smile at them to show them love and kindness. She explained that no matter what their reaction was she would continue to smile and show them love and kindness. What an amazing woman she is. I say “is” and not “was” because Olga still is around us. Her beautiful spirit will always remain in our lives and yes we will see her again and what a reunion that will be.

David Colelli - May 02, 2020 at 08:58 PM

RJ

“ Beautiful tribute to your amazing Mom! That Lennon~McCartney quote is and has always been my email signature. It's my favorite too and I attempt to live up to it ❤️

Rhonda Jourdonnais - May 02, 2020 at 02:14 PM

DM

“ Andrea and family, we are so sorry to hear of Olga's passing. She was a pillar at the bank for ever. She was a wonderful person and she will be greatly missed. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Dan Mathews and family.

Dan Mathews - May 02, 2020 at 08:34 AM

RO

“ To Olga's Family,
I can't tell you how much I enjoyed talking to my Mom Madges Friend Olga (I think cousins too) for about the last year & a half. Knowing Olga from a mere child thru all the years that my parents visited John & Irma in Solvay even at the Hardware store. I would see Olga at the bank whenever I was in the area as I would stop & say Hi to her. We always shared a laugh even the last year that we have been talking. I am so glad that I called her after all the years of not seeing her or talking to her. She was always a bright spot in my life because we talked about Madge & Irma & her and the good times that they had together. I could go on for a while about Olga & Joe but I have great memories of her & our Solvay trips with my parents. Rest In Peace Dear Friend and may God Bless You & your Family too. And oh do me a favor & say Hi to Madge & Irma & John too.



RobbieWells/LasVegas - May 01, 2020 at 09:37 PM

PF

“ To a lady that was the leader to making my professional career: and was always a best friend: Olga was the heart of Geddes Federal and had a big part in the success of Geddes: Her kindness and wisdom will be missed: Patti Orioli Fanelli

Patricia Fanelli - May 01, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ Olga was a force of nature...I will always have fond memories of our time in Sodality (Dude Ranch, anyone?) and all the times we ran into her at the bank and in and around the village. She will be missed...sending thoughts of comfort..strength...and peace. Love, Bev Armani

Beverly Armani - May 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM

TO


“ 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 Caryl (Alumni Office) - May 01, 2020 at 11:44 AM

JT

Olga was elegant and a lady unto her final days . My condolences to her family and many friends .

Josephine Thomas - May 01, 2020 at 09:01 PM

 Christine Gilbert

We are so sorry for your loss Andrea. We have great and fond memories of going to the Ptak's house on Freeman ave. for Christmas Eve and staying well past midnight. First time I ever had kielbasa and perogies, must of been Uncle Joe's favorites. We loved Aunt Olga and visiting her after little league baseball and her parties for August 15 and watching fireworks at her house. She will be missed. Love you. Chrissy and Donny Gilbert, Nicole and Jack

Christine Gilbert - May 02, 2020 at 09:25 AM