



ROSE (GRIFFO) TOMCZAK

November 19, 1921 - July 30, 2017

Rose (Griffo) Tomczak, 95, of Camillus, passed away Sunday, July 30th at Van Duyn. She was born in Syracuse to the late Raffaele and Maria (Cilluzzi) Griffo in 1921. Rose was a librarian at Holy Family School for nearly 40 years before retiring. She was a longtime communicant of Holy Family Church and past member of its Altar and Rosary Society. She was predeceased by her husband, Anthony, daughter, Frances Mary, sister, Pauline and 6 brothers, Greg, Sam, Ralph, Frank, Joseph and Leo.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law; Mary and John Downey, of Camillus and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 9:15 am Thursday, August 3, 2017 at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME and 10:00 am at Holy Family Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. The Rite of Committal and burial will follow in Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Syracuse. Family and friends may call from 4 to 7 pm Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Holy Family School Annual Fund, 127 Chapel Dr, Syracuse, NY 13219.

The family would like to thank the 6th South Staff at Van Duyn for the compassionate care shown Rose during her stay.

Please offer online tributes for Rose at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13215

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.
2601 Milton Ave.
Solvay, NY 13209
(315) 468-2431
steve@bagozzitwinsfh.com
<https://www.bagozzitwins.com/>

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 9:15 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Church
127 Chapel Dr.
Syracuse, NY 13219
(315) 488-3139

Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of ROSE (GRIFFO) TOMCZAK*



BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - August 02, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *ROSE (GRIFFO) TOMCZAK*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dear Mary and Family,
I am so glad that I had the opportunity to get to know your precious Mother. We had so much fun visiting and hearing about her life .
She truly enjoyed every day and had such faith and a positive outlook on life ! And , oh how she loved you !! I will certainly miss her. My heart felt thoughts and prayers to you.
Mary Sears*

Mary Sears - August 03, 2017 at 08:01 PM

KC

“ As a student at Holy Family school, I have such fond memories of Mrs Rose Tomzak. She was always so kind hearted and took such great pride in her work. I recall helping to organize the shelves and she always engaged with the students. She was an exemplary role model and one-of-a-kind lady!!

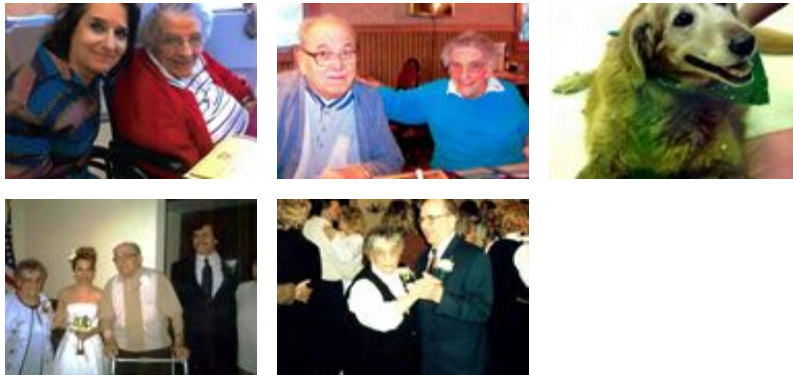
Such a first class lady!! Thank you for all your service to the school. Your contributions live on in my memories!!

KATHY TRAUB

kathy contratto - August 02, 2017 at 09:13 PM



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BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - August 02, 2017 at 09:14 AM

MW

“ *My heartfelt thoughts to Mary and John. They have always been great neighbors to me. I currently live in the house that Rose and Tony raised their family. Having met Rose only one time, I know she will be dearly missed. A new generation of love and laughter carries on in her house, as she did so well, as I raise my daughter here.*

Matthew Webster - August 02, 2017 at 03:58 AM

CG

“ I have such fond and wonderful memories of Mrs Tomczak while a student at Holy Family. She is the reason I fell in love with reading and pursued a degree in literature. Mrs. Tomczak was a kind and special person who touch the lives of so many. May she Rest In Peace.

Colleen (Scully) Greene - August 01, 2017 at 09:46 PM

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“ To the Tomczak Family: Mrs. Tomczak holds such a special place in my childhood memories from Holy Family School. She would welcome us into the library with a huge smile and always encouraged a love a reading. I'm so sorry to hear about her passing. She was such a wonderful woman who holds a special place in many hearts! Sending many thoughts and prayers.

Allison (Goffredo) - August 01, 2017 at 06:22 PM

MS

“ Mary, so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. She was a lovely lady. When I lived one street over from you on Cotton Street I used to come over to see Frances. You were a little girl then and I was in grade school in Holy Family. Thank you for your nice note when my Mom passed away in March. My condolences to all of your family.
Mary Ellen (Amedro) Saladin

Mary Ellen (Amedro) Saladin - August 01, 2017 at 02:45 PM



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“ *Mary: There's a special place in our hearts for our mothers, just like there's a special place in every mother's heart for her children.*

Continue to carry her memory in that special place in your heart. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort during this very difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Lorri Caloia



Lorri Caloia - August 01, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ *To the family of Rose Tomczak: I have very fond memories of Mrs. Tomczak from when I was a young girl at Holy Family. She was always so sweet and kind and made it a joy to visit the library! I will keep you all in my prayers. God Speed Mrs. Tomczak! Thank you for being a part of my memories.*

Christine Werbeck - August 01, 2017 at 08:19 AM

DR

“ *Mary:
So Sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was a wonderful woman known by all particularly those who attended Holy Family school and visited the great Librarian!!! May she rest in peace.*

Dick Ruane

Dick Ruane - August 01, 2017 at 07:26 AM

TR

“ *Hi Mary,
I was so saddened to learn of you Mom's passing. You were the pride and joy of her life just as she was the pride and joy of any kid who passed through the halls of HFS. She is deeply embedded in the fabric of our lives and she will remain with us always.
Deepest condolences to you and your family and she and you will remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tom Ruane

Tom Ruane - August 01, 2017 at 06:22 AM

DC

“ *Rose was a kindred spirit, a feisty friend and fellow "sister of Italy" for my mom when Mom moved to the 6th floor of Van Duyn. I saw her now and then when I would visit Syracuse, and she was a firecracker! I had no idea she was so connected to my home church, Holy Family Fairmount. I am glad her suffering is over, and I send thoughts and prayers to her friends and family. I am grateful for her friendship, however brief, with my mother.*

*Sincerely,
Diane Coloton*

Diane Coloton - July 31, 2017 at 08:54 PM

BB

“ I worked with Rose for only a year, but she made you family from day 1. When my mom was put in van dynn she was a few rooms from Rose. I asked her to visit my mom, who couldn't get around. She did of course. I thank her for that. God bless her.

Barbara Barker - July 31, 2017 at 08:16 PM

PK

“ Rose was such a wonderful woman! She loved the children at Holy Family School and they loved coming to the library. She was so full of joy! She loved to hear all about our families, especially if you sent her a handwritten letter! Then she would keep those letters and reread them. Rose was the first person I met when I interviewed at Holy Family School and we kept in touch all through the years. My prayers are with her daughter, Mary, who lovingly cared for her parents. We all have wonderful memories to treasure of a woman who lived a full life.

Patti Kelleher - July 31, 2017 at 08:07 PM

M(

Dear Mary,

Your mom was a wonderful woman and very loving mother. Remember we used to hang around before I got married way back in the late 70's. I used to visit you at your house on Sawyer Street and you and I worked at the same insurance company. Even after our lives drifted in different directions, I was shocked and thrilled to find a beautiful baby gift on my desk at work from you and your mom. That baby is now almost 38 and he and his wife made us grandparents this March. I think the last time I ran into you, Mary, was at a candle, Tupperware it Home type party at a conference room at some hotel. You were engaged to become Mrs. Downing. I had a classmate for awhile at Sacred Heart named Victoria Downing in 1969. Your mom lived a very long life. I know you will miss her dearly. So sorry for your loss.

Mary C. Redmond (Devereaux) - August 01, 2017 at 09:49 PM