



Frances Ruffolo D'Amato

July 20, 1939 - August 13, 2024

Frances D'Amato, age 85, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home in Lawrenceville, Georgia on August 13, 2024. Her last words, spoken with her son Mario, were The Lord's Prayer. She was born Francesca Maria Ruffolo in Marano Principato, Italy on July 20, 1939. She immigrated to Blue Island, Illinois with her father at the age of sixteen. In the Spring of 1963, Frances met Antonio "Tony" D'Amato, who had recently immigrated to the United States from Italy. That August they were married and settled in Blue Island where they raised their three children. In June 2019, Frances and Tony moved to Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Frances had the gifts of being compassionate, non-judgmental, and skillful in showing her love through her amazing talents in the kitchen, as countless people who have visited their home over the years would attest. Guided by traditional family values and her deep faith in Christ, Frances was a pillar of strength and support for her family and many others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michele and Cristina Ruffolo. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Antonio D'Amato, and their three children, Michael D'Amato, Rosetta (Anthony) Johnson, and Mario D'Amato; and her sisters, Gloria Ruffolo, Gemma (Vito) Sinisi, and Antoinette (Patrick) Davis.

Frances will be laid to rest at Honey Creek Woodlands (on the grounds of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit) in Conyers, Georgia. Graveside Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 23, 2024, at the Honey Creek Woodlands.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities USA at [https://
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Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG **23**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Honey Creek Woodlands
2625 Highway 212 SW
Conyers, GA 30094

Tribute Wall

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“ My husband, the Late Deacon James Burns and I were so Blessed to have Fran and Tony in our lives, where we served as a Deaconate couple at St. Donatus in Blue Island, IL They were so welcoming when we arrived, and once you taste Fran's cooking...you can't stay away! Fran and I served in our Prayer Group at St. Donatus and served on different committees in the parish. Even after the prayer group disbanded, Fran and I continued to meet for prayer, and I got to know her beautiful family! We continued to meet until Jim and I relocated to Valdosta, GA. Fran and I prayed for our families, friends, the Church, World Peace, The Poor, each other, etc. Fran had a warm spirit and genuine smile and loved to laugh! She was kind, talented, a lovely homemaker and first and foremost, she loved The Father, Son and Holy Spirit! She would let it be known Jesus Christ is her Lord and Savior! It is no surprise her last words were the Lord's Prayer. Fran serves as a true follower of Christ and we will always be together in Spirit, as she continues to live on in all of our hearts!



Heartfelt love and sympathy to Tony, Rose, Mario and Michael, and family. May God Bless you with cherished memories, as she lives on in each of your hearts

God Bless,
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Marian Burns - August 22, 2024 at 11:11 PM