



## Rose Mary Ciaccio

July 11, 1928 - March 23, 2020

Rose Mary Ciaccio, 91, of Kankakee passed away Monday, March 23, 2020 at Citadel Care Center.

She was born July 11, 1928 in Chicago, the daughter of Samuel and JoVinnia (Celano) Pesco. She married her husband of 58 years, Anthony, at Santa Maria Adorata Church in Chicago.

Surviving are her three sons, Joseph (Kathy) Ciaccio of Bourbonnais, S. Nicholas (Nancy) Ciaccio of Champaign and Gary Ciaccio of Kankakee; nine grandchildren, Christopher (Brooke) Ciaccio, Jennifer (Lois) Ciaccio, Nicholas Ciaccio, Sarah Ciaccio, Megan (Tony) Zumpano, Elizabeth (Chris) Doughty, Natalie (Rune) Ciaccio, Andrew Ciaccio, and Jillian Ciaccio; and nine great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers-in-law, Francis (Sandy) Ciaccio, and John (Jimmie) Ciaccio; sisters-in-law, Barbara Ciaccio, Lenecia Ciaccio and Ann Ciaccio; daughter-in-law, Mary Chris Ciaccio; many special nieces and nephews, and her special friend, Anne Wheeler.

Rose Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Anthony in 2005, two brothers Joseph Viscuso and Frank Viscuso; daughter-in-law, Sheila Dorsey Ciaccio; brothers-in-law, Sam Ciaccio, Leo Ciaccio, Joseph Ciaccio and Dominic Ciaccio; sisters-in-law, Mary Ellen Viscuso, Frances Viscuso, Theresa Ciaccio, Donna Ciaccio and Sister Josphine Ciaccio CND. Her career in retail included being a clothing buyer and fashion consultant for Alden's Department Store for 31 years and later owning Secrets Boutique for 10 years. Her customers will remember her welcoming personality and

excellent sense of fashion.

She enjoyed helping her community and was involved in numerous church and volunteer activities. She was a member of St. Rose of Lima Church for 70 years, serving as Eucharistic minister and member of the Parish Pastoral Council. She was past president of St. Rose CCW, 2006 Woman of the Year; past president of St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary; board member of Kankakee Diocesan Deanery; past president American Cancer Society; past president Kankakee Valley Symphony Orchestra Woman's board; board member of the Joliet region Easter Seal Society; member of the Christian Women's Club and Zonta International; long-time member of the Sons of Italy; volunteer at Provena St. Mary's Hospital and Catholic Charities.

Burial was held at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kankakee.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021 at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Calvary Cemetery

2000 E. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Rose of Lima Chapel  
486 W. Merchant  
Kankakee, IL 60901

# Tribute Wall

PW

“ *My Mother worked with Rose Mary at Alden's in the sixties. It was always nice to see her when my Mother would bring us to purchase our school clothes. She was the sweetest person I have ever met. Much love and prayers to the family.* ”

Perry M Walsh - July 08, 2021 at 02:01 PM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio* ”



Tom & Judy Andersen - July 07, 2021 at 03:55 PM

MT

“ *Hugs n prayers for God's peace and comfort.* ”



Mary Thomson - April 13, 2020 at 08:16 PM

EJ

“ *"Very heart felt condolences to the family of Rose Mary.' Susie and I are praying your comfort.* ”

Ernest Jefferson - April 11, 2020 at 01:36 AM

RA

“ *Robin Anstrom lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



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**Robin Anstrom** - April 09, 2020 at 05:54 PM

CB

“ *Always loved her she was one of kind .So sweet and friendly and classy with more Bling than a diamond ring.My deepest condolences to her family .Fly High Aunt Rose Mary will miss you ! And those wonderful pastries❤️Cindy Blaylock*

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**Cindy Blaylock** - April 02, 2020 at 03:01 AM

SM

“ *Sheila Martin lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



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**Sheila Martin** - March 30, 2020 at 11:49 AM

MG

“*Rosemary was a great lady with lots of class and also with lots of love for people and also lots of faith!! My special memories of her are when she became active on our committee at Christian Women’s Club! Once she visited our luncheon with our beloved Bev Salzman, she soon joined some of our interdenominational Bible studies and became part of our planning committee! She served in various ways...(special feature chairman, commentator for style shows, and other areas where she was so capable!). We all loved her and she felt our love!!*

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**Marti Glade** - March 29, 2020 at 04:43 PM

TD

“*Tom & Eileen Dandelles lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



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**Tom & Eileen Dandelles** - March 28, 2020 at 02:55 PM

KG

“*I met Rose Mary when I was a young new photographer with the Daily Journal. I was sent to photograph her making cannolis for the Sons of Italy meal. She was a wonderful teacher! We talked about our Italian heritage and when I left I left with two things, a wonderful new friend and mentor and a box full of cannolis! Everytime I photographed her at some "do" after that she was always warm and friendly. Thank you to her family for sharing this wonderful woman with all of us for all these years.*

*Kathie Grazis*

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**Kathie Grazis** - March 28, 2020 at 01:20 PM

DS

“ I met Rose Mary at one of her countless volunteering activities in the 1970's. We often served on the same committees and when I joined Zonta, she was a member. She was so passionate and committed to whatever she tackled. God bless her sweet memory.

**Dorci Schoolman** - March 27, 2020 at 10:26 PM

SH

“ Sr.Martha Harrington,sscm lite a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio.



**Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm** - March 27, 2020 at 10:22 PM

BB

“ Bill And Mary Pat Barney lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio



**Bill and Mary Pat Barney** - March 27, 2020 at 10:09 PM

BB

*Our deepest condolences to the Ciaccio Family at this very difficult time! Love, Mary Pat and Bill Barney*

**Bill and Mary Pat Barney** - March 27, 2020 at 10:11 PM



*I knew some of the Ciaccios from Ropers. They were all good people!  
RIP*

**Richard Miller** - March 28, 2020 at 10:58 AM

RM

“ Gary and Family,

*Rose Mary was a class act and simply beautiful individual inside and out. My sincerest prayers and condolences to your family at this time.*

*Rita Morris*

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**Rita Morris** - March 27, 2020 at 04:32 PM

CH

“ *What heartbreaking news to learn of Rose Mary's passing. She was a kind, savvy, energetic woman dedicated to her family, her community and her church. She was always helpful to me as a shopper at Alden's and at her Secrets Boutique. She was an active club member in Zonta and lent her creativity and culinary skills to events sponsored by the Sons of Italy. I distinctly remember going to a Saturday evening Mass at St. Joseph's in Bradley. My mother and sister attended that Mass with me, as they were visiting from out of town. Rose Mary, looking as classy as ever, encouraged us to attend the church's St. Joseph table after Mass. My mother and sister were so impressed with her kindness and class. She made them feel right at home. My most recent memory is when Rose Mary and her group of dedicated church women from St. Rose of Lima's St. Anne's Sodality hosted a reception after Mass when my husband, Larry, was confirmed as a Catholic. I have attended many church receptions, but the ones chaired by Rose Mary were by far the best. Larry and I extend our deepest sympathies to the Ciaccio family.*

*Christine & Larry Huffman*

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**Christine M Huffman** - March 27, 2020 at 04:13 PM

SR

“ Rose Mary was a remarkable lady, sharing her talent and time within her community and helping to make this world a better place. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends, Rest in peace Rose Mary, you will be missed.  
Steve Randazzo and Family

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**steve randazzo** - March 27, 2020 at 02:58 PM

SS

“ My mother, Barbara Barnett Ranzal remembers babysitting the boys. She was our Aunt Didi's good friend and my mom remembers wonderful Memories of her and the family. I am from NY and I even recognized her and remember her from My visits to Illinois and seeing my aunt Diamel. She will be missed.

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**Stacey Scher** - March 27, 2020 at 12:12 PM

VD

“ All my sympathy, prayers and love to Rose Mary's family. she was a great lady. Rose Mary my friend R.I.P. until we meet again.



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**Virginia R Dominick** - March 27, 2020 at 12:01 PM

CS

“ Carla Schepler lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio



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**Carla Schepler** - March 27, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MH

“ We have to say goodbye to a wonderful woman who made friends wherever she went.  
I remember purchasing from her at Alden's when we first moved here. She looked so fashionable! She was kind and helpful. My favorite memories are from years later when she opened her own boutique in Meadowview, and asked me to help customers select their best colors. We had many delightful moments together! My favorite memory was many years ago, when I needed help with an Italian accent to play a role in CTW's summer production. I was a grandmother, and needed to make desserts for "props" for that show as well...edible! She made them for me, and the wonderful filling as well, and I assembled them nightly for the two week run of the show!  
The cast gobbled them up! When I was in her home, I was struck by her organizational skills. She told me her "secret" was to clean a drawer a day! I always remembered that, and have passed her adage on to many friends. I was in total awe when she showed me her jewelry drawers...and how everything had its place! She also told me "You need more bling in your life!" I will always remember that! These were gifts she shared with me.  
She is a memorable soul! God bless her and her family!

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**Marsha Hill** - March 27, 2020 at 10:53 AM

FG

“ Rose Mary is my Godmother. I have so many fond memories of her. She is such a beautiful lady and has a beautiful soul. I love you Rose Mary. God speed. ❤️🙏

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**Frances Giusto-Walters** - March 27, 2020 at 08:22 AM

JA

“ Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio



Judy Andersen - March 27, 2020 at 08:15 AM

SW

“ I enjoyed RoseMary so much in all the projects we worked on over the years with her volunteering. Through it she became a friend. A life well lived!

Scott Wheeler - March 26, 2020 at 10:28 PM

DH

“ Diana Dluzak Harrah sent a virtual gift in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio



Diana Dluzak Harrah - March 26, 2020 at 07:52 PM

DH

My deepest condolences to the Ciaccio family. She was a wonderful lady she will be missed

Diana Dluzak Harrah - March 26, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MH

“ Such a strong determined, wonderful, inspiring lady who will be missed. Wishing the Ciaccio family our condolences.

Marge Hodak - March 26, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ Prayers to the family, we are sorry for your loss!

Kevin McGovern - March 26, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ She was a blessing to everyone. My condolences to the family

Bob Schneider - March 26, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ Pam Gall lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio



Pam Gall - March 26, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Rosemary family 🙏🙏 Rosemary was a wonderful person, full of life and one could say a little sassy 😊😊, she definitely knew how to dress and was always ready to help out or give advice. She did a lot for the Kankakee community and will be missed by many.

God bless and Rosemary Rest In Peace 🙏🙏

Jim & Pam Gall

Pam Gall - March 26, 2020 at 05:32 PM

NW

“ *Nora Walker lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



Nora walker - March 26, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ *I have known Rosemary since I was a baby and my family lived on East Avenue at that time. I remember going to Tony's store with my mother and grandmother for groceries. I bought clothes from her my entire life as long as she was selling them. My great grandmother helped her when she had her first baby and had just come home from the hospital. My grandmother worked at Aldens and the whole family loved her dearly. Because of the virus I will not be able to attend the funeral but I send my heartfelt condolences to all of the family. She was a fabulous loving and loyal lady and very chic to boot. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

Lolly Schneider Ward - March 26, 2020 at 03:48 PM

CR

“ *Candy Pecchenino Ray lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



Candy pecchenino ray - March 26, 2020 at 02:42 PM

CR

*She was a huge part of our family. She made the best cannoli. The 🙏 may she rest in peace ❤️🙏*

Candy pecchenino ray - March 26, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LM

“ *Louis & Sheila Mansfield lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



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**Louis & Sheila Mansfield** - March 26, 2020 at 02:31 PM

PW

“ *My sympathy to the family. She was one of my Mother's best friends when they worked at Aldens. One of the sweetest Ladies I have ever met. I always enjoyed seeing her when we went to visit the store. i will never forget her great personality and sweet smile.*



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**Perry M Walsh** - March 26, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JA

“ *Janice lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Ciaccio*



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**Janice** - March 26, 2020 at 12:13 PM

VK

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to the Ciaccio family. Rose Mary was a remarkable woman. The love she shared with her family and friends was always so apparent in the love her family and friends showered on her. She was a wonderful example of brains, beauty and class. Kankakee will never be the same.*

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**Vaunceil Kruse** - March 26, 2020 at 11:47 AM

SS

*I worked with Rose Mary at Aldens what a wonderful lady she was great to work with. She will be missed.*

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**Sandy Schweigert** - March 28, 2020 at 04:12 PM

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*My mother was in the "Lucky 13" card club with my mother for about 50 years. Rosemary was always very kind to me and my family. She will certainly be missed by her family and friends.*

*Lou Ann Dawkins (Kehr)*

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**Lou Ann Dawkins (Kehr)** - March 29, 2020 at 10:40 AM

JV

*RoseMary was so loving and generous to all who knew her, including me and my husband and daughter. We worked together on a few committees and RoseMary would not hesitate to offer hostessing every meeting. She was a hostess extraordinaire! She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

*Jane and John Veers*

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**Jane Veers** - March 30, 2020 at 02:39 PM