



Marguerite M. Shaffer

January 20, 2021

Marguerite M. Shaffer, 88, of North Syracuse, passed away Wednesday. Born in Schenectady into the Italian immigrant family of the late Anthony and Mary (Prozzo) DeBrino, she was a first generation American, the youngest and last surviving of their eight children. She is also predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Adam F. Shaffer in 2018, her brothers, Joseph DeBrino, Michael DeBrino and Edward DeBrino and sisters, Evelyn Cornelius, Julia Stone, Helen DeBrino and Marie Mrozinski. She was a graduate of Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady.

Married on September 3, 1955, Marge and Adam first lived in Schenectady, then Hudson and finally moved to North Syracuse in 1963 where she lived for 45 years. She worked for many years as the Secretary of the Adult Education Program in North Syracuse, beginning in its early stages, and was instrumental in its conversion over to BOCES at the end of her career. During retirement, she enjoyed weekly water aerobics and walking dates with friends and neighbors, and her monthly luncheons with co-workers. She was part of the North Syracuse Village Singers group and was involved with The Sweet Adelines in various capacities. She never lost her love of music and continued to play piano and sing for as long as she could.

Marge was very active in community volunteer work, including Meals on Wheels, visiting nursing homes and the St. Rose of Lima Parish Council, just to name a few. She always set the example to help people and hopefully inspired others to do the same.

Being with family was of most importance to her. Whether it was acting as the Den Mother for her boys Cub Scout pack or helping her daughters Girl Scout troops when they were young, to being involved in various other groups or activities as her children grew over the years. She was always there to give advice as they navigated life into adulthood and beyond. She then carried on to the next generation by supporting and helping her grandchildren in many ways. One of her favorite family events that was very special to her was gathering on Christmas Eve. That tied together her love of family and faith and is ingrained in our hearts forever.

She also leaves behind hundreds of treasured memories for family and friends after 5 decades of summers and fun spent on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands, especially the family and friends clambake to celebrate her and Adam's wedding

anniversary every year.

Surviving are her children, Ernest (Scott Gillis) Shaffer, Adam (Karen Bullard) Shaffer, Vincent (Kristin) Shaffer, Lillian (Paul Franks) Shaffer, Christine (Richard) Ravas and Patricia (George) Normoyle; eleven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be Sunday, January 24th from 2 to 5 pm at Fergerson Funeral home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse with live streaming at FergersonFuneralHome.com.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, January 25th at 10:30 am at St. Rose of Lima Church, 409 South Main Street, North Syracuse followed by entombment in St. Mary's Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, <https://www.cancer.org/involved/donate.html> or to St. Rose of Lima, <https://stroseny.org/st-rose-church/giving/>

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery

4100 East Genesee Street
DeWitt, NY, 13214

Events

JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** 10:30AM

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St. Rose of Lima Church

409 S Main St, Syracuse, NY, US, 13212

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Fergerson Funeral Home - January 25 at 10:35 AM



“ An external video has been added.



Fergerson Funeral Home - January 24 at 01:21 PM



“ Thank You everyone for the flowers and kind words.

The Shaffer Family

Adam Shaffer - January 30 at 09:37 AM



“ This sadden me to know you gone marg....but I'll hold the great memories we shared at Greenpoint dear to my heart S.I.P my lady I'll love you forever condolences, thought & prayers to the family

Yolanda Whaley - January 29 at 06:59 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Marguerite M. Shaffer.



January 23 at 08:17 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Marguerite M. Shaffer.



January 22 at 06:55 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marguerite M. Shaffer.



January 22 at 05:35 PM



“ My heartfelt and deepest sympathy to the entire Shaffer family on the loss of such a lovely woman. I knew Mrs. Shaffer so well during my high school years and early 20's and she always made me feel so welcomed in her home. Life goes on and I didn't see her again for many years until my children played soccer and I ran into her while attending games, as she would be there for her grandchildren. It was so nice to see her and chat as we just picked up where we left off. I would have loved to have had our paths cross again in her later years as she was such an inspiring, special and kind person. You are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
Love, Karen Kuhn Hynes

Karen Hynes - January 22 at 12:04 PM



“ To the entire Shaffer family my sympathies are with al of you, our families go back so many years and there are a lot of memories, in my adult years having the privilege of making your mom beautiful and your Dad handsome I got to know them on the adult level, but we always would talk and laugh about the things that took place in earlier years. Thoughts and prayers to each of you. xoxo Peggy (Hewitt) and Terry Phinney

Peggy Phinney - January 22 at 09:58 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marguerite M. Shaffer.



January 22 at 08:39 AM



“ Mrs Shaffer was a great neighbor when she and her family lived on Wilshirl Dr. Many laughs, stories, etc... She is at peace with the rest of the gang as we would call it.
RIP Mrs. Shaffer

Mary Hewitt - January 20 at 06:51 PM