



Mary Brown

February 9, 2021

Mary Brown, who relished being called Mary, Mom, Aunt Mary, or Nani, depending on her relationship with the person she, no doubt loved, died on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021, at age 90, of complications of COVID. Born in Syracuse into the family of the late Joseph and Frances (Montaya) Fedele, and her sisters, Toni Riley and Millie Marciano, she was a graduate of St. Anthony of Padua High School.

Her loving spirit is carried on by her eight children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and an extended family of relatives and friends from every walk of life. Anyone who knew her would have been struck by her loving nature, and probably would have been surprised by the gracious hugs she would readily dispense to friend and stranger alike. To Mary, love was life, and she lived her life accordingly, always ready to connect to any person who was smart enough to spend a brief moment getting to know her. A moment is all she needed to impress upon someone that they were in the presence of a loving and generous person. Her love was rooted in faith, and she was the best example of someone who lived by her values.

Her loving spirit was reflected in the artwork she enjoyed sharing, especially during the Christmas holiday when she would spend weeks making cookies, decorating the house, the Christmas tree with a delightfully quaint Christmas village under the tree, along with the family favorite, a painting of a Christmas scene on the picture window in the living room where all the neighbors could see and enjoy as well. Her talent and love will be sorely missed.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald F. Brown, affectionately known as "Jerry", especially by Mary who always prefaced her comments to her husband of nearly 70 years, "Oh Jerry ..." even while arguing with him adding the phrase, "That's ridiculous, Jerry" or the reply, "Don't be ridiculous, Jerry". Also surviving are her eight children, Virginia, Robert, Patricia, David, James, Laurie, Nancy, and Stephen; her seventeen grandchildren, Katrina, Joseph, Kimberly, Nicole, Justin, Lindsey, Christopher, Patrick, Jeffery, Joshua, Jessica, Carrie Ann, Kyle, Ryan, Daniel, Gavin, and Olivia and nine great-grandchildren.

To Mary's many nieces and nephews, extended family and friends, all who dearly loved her, know that she loved you as well.

Calling hours for Mary will be at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse on Thursday, February 11th from 4 PM to 6 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 10 am at Sacred Heart Church of Cicero, 8229 Brewerton Road (Route 11), Cicero, NY.

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105 <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Previous Events

Calling Hour

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home, Inc.
215 South Main Street
North Syracuse, NY 13212
(315) 458-1970
<http://fergersonfuneralhome.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
8229 Brewerton Rd.
Cicero, NY 13039

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Brown*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Jerry*

So sorry to hear of Mary's passing she was such a kind and warm woman you were our best neighbors of the senior center. My thoughts and prayers to you and the family. JODY Rogers, retired Director of Cicero parks and recreation.

Jody Rogers - February 10, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ *Jerry and family I am very sorry to read about the passing of Mary, she was a client and friend for many years I remember she always had to give me one of her "hugs" before she left the shop. Thoughts and prayers to all of you. Peggy*

Peggy Phinney - February 10, 2021 at 12:34 PM



“ *I grew up in Cleveland Ave and remember Mrs. Brown fondly. Please accept my sincere condolences on her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

Ron Groth

Ronald Groth - February 10, 2021 at 10:47 AM