



Betty Romano

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December 8, 1929-January 4, 2023, Betty Frances Romano, 93, of Decatur, passed away peacefully on January 4, 2023, at her home surrounded by family.

Betty was born December 8, 1929, in Arthur, Illinois, the daughter of Fred and Helena White. She graduated from Arthur High School. She married Benny Romano on June 27, 1948, in Decatur.

While raising her three children, Betty worked at Romano's Pizza Shop and later at Sears for over 20 years. She also owned a tanning salon on Decatur's east side before she retired in 1995.

She is survived by sons, Rocci (Jody) Romano, Nic (Kathy) Romano; daughter, Gina (Dave) Smith; grandchildren, Damon (Eriko) Romano, Robby (Jenny) Lewis, and Missy (Martin) Taylor; great-grandchildren, Dylan and Brayden Romano and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty was especially devoted to her family and loved cooking for them. Her family's favorite dishes included her homemade beef stew, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed green peppers, and pineapple cookies. She was also known for making a perfect bowl of popcorn, a legacy she shared with her father, Fred.

Betty was very close to her grandchildren and great grandchildren and never missed a school function, dance recital or a chance to babysit and spoil them. She really enjoyed her annual winter trips to Florida to visit her brother, Ronnie, and sister-in-law, Jean.

Betty will also be forever remembered for her quiet acknowledgment and concern for those left on the sidelines or inadvertently shunned. Her soft smile and loyal demeanor will forever be cherished.

Betty was preceded in death by her husband, Benny, in 2020, her parents, Fred and Helena White; two brothers, Ronald (Jean) White and Charles (Madge) White.



Obituary

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Visitation for Betty will be from 10:00am-11:00am at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home with funeral service at 11:00am. Burial service to follow at Graceland Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in the name of Betty Romano to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Services will be streamed at

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/83174/hash:01A813A9B2C27844>.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.gracelandfairlawn.com



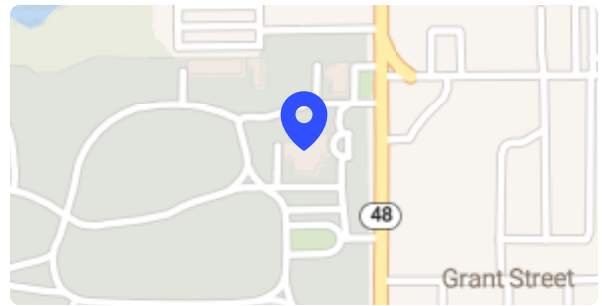
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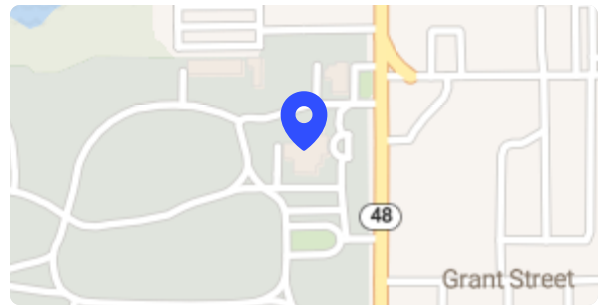
Visitation

- Saturday**, January 7, 2023
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home**
2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur IL 62526



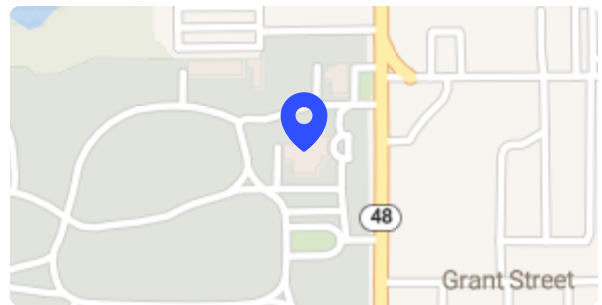
Funeral Service

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Burial

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Tribute Wall

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AC

Angie Cornell posted:

Gina, I watched the service. It was a beautiful tribute to your mother. Glad Mom and Aunt Betty got to spend some time together at the assisted living. I think both enjoyed the time shared. I'm glad I got to spend some time with her when visiting mom. You will be in my prayers. Angie

January 7 at 7:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Romano family.



January 6 at 9:01 AM

RO

Ros Overby posted:

My favorite memory of Aunt Betty is of one hot summer afternoon. I was a little girl visiting my many cousins in Decatur when Aunt Betty decided to pile us all in the back seat of her red convertible to go get an ice cream cone. There were likely ten or more of us kids stacked on top of each other and the floor board. Seat belts be damn back in those days. The sun was beating down on us, arms and legs and hair were flying as Aunt Betty sped down the road all the while yelling "Lick fast kids. Lick fast." Those were fun times. Aunt Betty, go get an ice cream cone with Uncle Benny now. Condolences and love to all. Ros

January 6 at 5:53 AM

CH

Cindy Hays posted:

Gina and family, so sorry for your loss. Lifting you up in prayer. Doug and Cindy

January 6 at 4:33 AM

KK

Karen Klein posted:

Hope the sharing of special memories helps ease the missing now and in the days to come. Sympathy & prayers to you and your family.

January 5 at 7:01 PM



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Lynette Mathieson sent a virtual gift in honor of Betty.

I want to express condolences to all family members of Betty Romano. I have fond memories of working with her at the pizza shop and spending time with her kids (my cousins) growing up. She kept an immaculate home and was a wonderful cook. My favorite dish was the round steak and green beans in a spaghetti sauce. Amazingly....We saw her a few weeks ago in Austin during the holidays. RIP ❤️❤️



January 5 at 4:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Betty by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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