



Mary Franco

September 21, 2025

Mary Franco passed away peacefully on September 21, 2025, at the age of 96. Born in Toronto, Canada, on July 16, 1929, she was the beloved daughter of Vito and Bessie. Mary was one of eight siblings, and she often shared warm and joyful stories of growing up with her brothers and sisters, with whom she shared a deep bond.

Mary's heart belonged to her family, but her greatest love was her husband, Dan. Together, they built a life filled with devotion, mutual care, and 73 years of marriage. In the early years, Mary cared for Dan with unwavering commitment, and in his later years, he returned that devotion with a love that inspired all who knew them.

A woman of strong faith, Mary was deeply involved in her church community. She served as a Sunday school teacher, a Women's Ministry leader, and played organ and piano for worship services. Her home was always open to friends and strangers alike, offering warmth, hospitality, and a place to gather for Sunday dinners or a safe haven for those in need. Her kindness was matched only by her generosity, and she always greeted others with a gentle smile and a loving heart.

Mary's greatest pride was her family. She raised her children with love and care, creating a nurturing home. She worked alongside her husband, Dan, at Imperial Sanitation Corporation. She adored her five grandchildren, lovingly guiding them with a perfect balance of affection and discipline.

Though Mary enjoyed traveling, her favorite destination was always back

home to Canada, where she could reconnect with her mother and siblings, and of course, enjoy the activity she enjoyed so much—swimming. Mary lived her life with elegance, compassion, and an unwavering devotion to those she loved.

Mary is survived by her devoted husband, Daniel, and her loving children, Dominick, Steve (Emily), and Linda (Kevin). She was the cherished grandmother of Daniel (Anastasia), Steven, Morgan, Marisa, and Michael. She will also be lovingly remembered by her sister, Bessie (Joe) Grieco; sisters-in-law, Maryjane (Dan) Mezzapelli, Lydia (Eliseo) Pagano; and brothers-in-law, John (Elaine) Franco, and Paul (Karen) Raucci.

She was predeceased by her beloved siblings, Katie (John) Lima, Lena (Elio) Madonia, Joe (Carol) Mezzapelli, John (Ersilia) Mezzapelli, Danny (Maryjane) Mezzapelli, and Rose (Peter) Franco, as well as her cherished in-laws, Sonya Mezzapelli, Josephine (Charlie) Franco, Leo (Rose) Franco, Mary (Paul) Raucci, and Peter (Rose) Franco.

Mary's legacy of love, faith, and generosity will forever remain in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be greatly missed, but her spirit will live on in her family and the many lives she touched.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Saturday from 10-2PM at Roslyn Heights Funeral Home.

In memory of Mary please consider making a donation to Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center:

<https://www.lidementia.org/get-involved/donate-give-support/>

Family & Friends Can Also Order Flowers by clicking on: <https://www.qgfloral.com/roslyn-heights-funeral-flowers/>

The family would like any friends & relatives not able to be at the funeral home for the service to watch the service on Saturday Sept. 27th starting at 12:30PM via Zoom. Please click on link below and enter Meeting ID and Passcode listed below.

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/82131476066?pwd=Ke5Q124uxVmoAt3Xv9ZWdKmr19c5bJ.1>

Meeting ID 821 3147 6066

Passcode: 024918

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

SEP **27**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Roslyn Heights Funeral Home
75 Mineola Ave
Roslyn Heights, NY 11577
(516) 621-4545
roslynheightsfh@gmail.com
<https://RoslynHeightsFH.com>

Prayer Service

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Pastor Tino will officiate the Prayer Service.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Roslyn Heights Funeral Home - September 30, 2025 at 10:25 AM

SM

“ To the Franco and Noon families - Our sincere condolences on the passing of your Matriarch, Wife, Mother, and Grandmother. May the memories be a source of loving comfort during this difficult time. May you know no more sorrow. All our love - Aunt Maureen and cousin Scott Miller

Scott Miller - September 27, 2025 at 04:49 AM

JG

“ Uncle Dan and family, Carol and I have a fond memory of sharing dessert over a game of "UNO" at your Florida townhouse with Uncle Joe and his wife Carol. Our deepest condolences to you and our cousins.
Peace,
Joe Grieco and Carol Holland

Joseph J Grieco - September 25, 2025 at 11:03 AM

VM

“ To Linda, Uncle Dan and sll the Franco family Norma and I send our sincere condolences. We will keep you in our prayers

Vito Mezzapelli - September 24, 2025 at 09:36 PM

DM

“ Sorry to hear the sad news of the passing of our dear Aunt Mary. So comforting to know that she is in the presence of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Praying that the Lord will comfort the Franco family in this time of grief

Dan and Laurie Madonia

Dan and Laurie Madonia - September 23, 2025 at 08:47 PM

PM

“ Uncle Dan and family,
Please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of our beautiful Aunt Mary, always a smiling and bright presence through the years.

Love

Phil, Colleen and family

Philip Madonia - September 23, 2025 at 06:59 PM

LD

“ Dear Uncle Dan, Lynda, Steve, Domenic and extended family,
We were so sorry to hear the sad news.
We pray for God's comfort to be with you after the passing of our beautiful auntie Mary. She will be greatly missed. She was such a strong woman and a woman of faith till the end. We were so happy to be able to spend time with her and make memories that will stay with us.

Be blessed as you think of her in glory! Can't wait to meet up with her one day!

Lots of love, Lucy and Phil Donne

Lucy Donne - September 23, 2025 at 12:07 PM

BM

“ Our condolences to the Franco family. Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers at this time. Ninety-six years of grace, now crowned with eternal life.

Rest in His presence, dear Auntie Mary 🙏

Bessie and Anthony Mistretta - September 23, 2025 at 07:58 AM