



## Angela M. Urbano

February 24, 1925 - February 27, 2018

Menands- Angie Urbano, born in Syracuse, New York in 1925, died in Menands on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 after a brief illness. She had just turned 93.

She moved to Albany when she was five and never departed, graduating from Cathedral High School and briefly attending Siena College night school during the war.

Her father, Louis Panetta, an immigrant and a US Army veteran, owned and ran a butcher shop on lower Madison Avenue in what was then a heavily Italian section of Albany. Her mother, the former Rosa Fuda, was a homemaker who helped her husband in the family business, dispensed shrewd but voluble wisdom and thought it improper for girls to swim, smoke or ride a bicycle. Unfazed by these early impediments, Angie later learned to drive, though not until after her marriage in 1946 to Louis T. Urbano, the founder of the Capitol Press.

After raising four children, and buoyed by the growth of the Press, she and her husband branched out into restaurants in the 1970s, helping to found the Gateway Diner on Central Avenue and the 76 Diner in Latham, both of which are still in existence. In the early 1980s, they bought the 21 Restaurant on Elk Street and sustained it, through Angie's solitary efforts, during its final days as a legislative watering hole and downtown landmark.

After his death in 1989 and the sale of the Elk street property, Angie embarked on a final, fond career as a real estate agent with Welbourne & Purdy and gave unstintingly of her time to dozens, perhaps hundreds, of stoutly uninterested buyers.

In the years of her semi-retirement, she gave herself over to cooking, gardening and a host of charitable undertakings; in the early 2000s, she regularly cooked meals for the homeless at Joseph's House in Troy. Elsewhere, her Italian cooking was widely esteemed, and some said, the best they ever ate.

Though not really a gardener herself, she took considerable pleasure in the company of

gardeners and, in a long career as a member of the Albany and Blue Creek Garden Clubs, was drawn to the beauty and profusion of hydrangeas.

Her husband died in 1989, but she is survived by her four children: Roseanne (of Brookline, MA); Christine (of Albany); Maryann (of Brooklyn, NY); and LJ (of Newton, MA), as well as by five grandchildren: Simon Pace, Tom and Lauren Czerwinski, Jesse Englander and Toscana Urbano.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Angie's family on Friday, March 2, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 9:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, thence to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 10:00 am where her funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie.

To leave Angie's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery

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## Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave

Albany, NY,

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.

208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

**MAR** **Service** 10:00AM

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Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

125 Eagle St, Albany, NY, US, 12202-1718

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 01, 2018 at 05:14 PM



“ How truly beautiful this was to watch...through tears. What a beautiful woman inside and out. You will be missed by all Angie

**Cherie Cole** - March 02, 2018 at 10:49 AM

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“ My condolences to Angie's family. She was a Wonderful Lady.

**Dean Cavanaugh** - March 03, 2018 at 10:42 AM

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“ What a lovely lady! Angie was so stylish, friendly, helpful and a dedicated and talented long time member of the Blue Creek Garden Club serving in many capacities. We will miss her beautiful smile and the special treats, especially her biscotti, she baked for our fundraisers. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family. With deepest sympathy, Priscilla Johnson and Blue Creek Garden Club

**Priscilla Johnson** - March 03, 2018 at 08:28 AM

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“ I worked with Angie at Welbourne & Purdy. She was a lovely lovely lady. When I had my first baby, Angie brought me a full Italian meal to my house, complete with cutlery and garlic bread. Best sausage I've ever eaten, and the best timing. She was a beautiful soul and will be missed by all. Jennifer Honen

**Jennifer Honen** - March 02, 2018 at 03:31 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Angela M. Urbano.



March 02, 2018 at 12:17 PM

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“ Roseanne, Christine, Maryann, LJ: Although I made arrangements to stay with my brother, Louis, this weekend, today's storm has thwarted my plans to join you to celebrate Aunt Angie's life and mourn her passing. Hugs n kisses from afar is the best I can offer today, but I hope we can all get together later this year to renew fond memories of your mother and my aunt. Love, Michael

Michael Urbano - March 02, 2018 at 11:35 AM

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“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - March 01, 2018 at 04:10 PM

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“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Angela M. Urbano.



March 01, 2018 at 02:51 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Angela M. Urbano.



March 01, 2018 at 01:22 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Angela M. Urbano.



March 01, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ Hello Urbano family. You all have displayed a wonderful example of love and caring, not just for Angie, but for each other. Her lively spirit will indeed be missed by many. I have 2 fun memories with Angie - The Garden Club fundraiser with Chris and Angie's girlfriends - (bring on the champagne and Bloody Mary's) and the Women's march with her pink hair (and pissed b/c we made her use a wheelchair). Special love to my friend Chris; I love all the anecdotes you'd share about your wonderful mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Love, Donna D.

Donna D. - March 01, 2018 at 11:30 AM