



## Edith J. Papa

September 23, 1926 - April 11, 2026

Albany, NY-It is with great sadness that the family of Edith J. Papa announces her passing from a brief illness at the age of 99 in the comfort of her home with her two sons (her guardian angels) at her side. She has now been reunited with her husband of 55 years, Joseph A. Papa.

Edith will be missed mostly by her most loving sons Salvatore (Sam) and Joseph, Jr. (her Jojo/Yoyo), who treated her like a queen. She will also be missed by her brother Robert Alvaro and sister-in-law Marie (Midge) Alvaro; nieces and nephews, Jane (Tony) Luiso, Alfred (Theresa) Alvaro, Ann-Margret (Joe) Foley, Michael Alvaro, Joan (William) McMullen, Ricky (Tamara) Alvaro, Patricia Alvaro, Robert (Sheila) Alvaro, John Alvaro, Christopher Alvaro, and Julie (Jerry) Price.

Edith was the daughter of Italian (Calabrian) immigrant parents Domenick and Angelina (Salerno) Alvaro. Before Americanizing her name, she was born as Ida Immacolata.

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her siblings, Alfred "Bocky" and sister-in-law Catherine Alvaro, Michael and sister-in-law Shirley Alvaro, Pearl and brother-in-law Danny LaRoina, and Michaelangelo Alvaro (infant).

Edith will be fondly remembered by her family and large circle of friends. Kay Alvaro (deceased) was her lifelong best friend and sister-in-law with whom she spoke on the phone hours each day. Nieces Janey and Margie were like her daughters. Her special great niece and nephew were Gianna Foley and Joseph Foley. Her best friends were sister-in-law Midge Alvaro, Dorothy Halloran, Edith Sleasman, Mary Ellen Sochor, Dorothy Connolly (deceased), Bridie Coy (deceased) Anne Egan (deceased).

Edith was born and raised in Albany, NY. She graduated from Cathedral High School at 15 years old, received her working papers and went on to work for National Commercial Bank (Key Bank) for over 28 years. She worked her way up to head teller. In between working, she took a break to help her family and raise her sons.

Edith was a member of the Key Bank Quarter Century Club, the American Institute of Banking, and a life time member of the Ladies of Charity. Edith loved to read and cherished meeting one of her favorite authors, David Baldacci.

Edith enjoyed trips to Kennebunkport Maine and to the local casinos. She loved traveling three times to Italy. Edith often spoke about trips to Florida with her parents and family. In her younger years, she was a big Frank Sinatra fan and often traveled to NYC to see him.

Edith was a woman of great faith. She was a devout Catholic all of her life and looked forward to attending Saturday afternoon mass each week. For many years, she volunteered as a weekly money counter and Eucharistic Minister at St. Catherine of Siena (Mater Christi) church.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Edith's family Wednesday, April 15, 2026 9:30 am to 10:30 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, 40 Hopewell

Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way), Albany, NY 12208. Her Funeral Mass will follow at 10:30 am.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont, NY immediately following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made in Edith's honor to Mater Christi School, 35 Hurst Ave. Albany, NY 12208.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

481 Route 9W  
Glenmont, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 15. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

## Funeral Mass

APR 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ *My deepest condolences for the loss of your mom. I'm sure she was a beautiful soul. Not sure if her husband, Joe, is the same Joseph Papa that was a dear friend to my father, Paul Robilotto, and the godfather to my brother, Philip. My father spoke very highly of his friend Joey Papa and his wife. Nonetheless, now she is forever reunited with her Joe. May she rest in peace. Prayers of comfort to the family.*



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**Laura Hegeman** - April 19 at 07:58 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Edith J. Papa.*



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April 18 at 11:45 AM

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“ *We have lost a beautiful person in Ediths passing.*

*I will remember Edith and her carring sons.. Edith and her husband Joe sat in front of my wife and I for years at the 8 am Mass. I will miss Edith dearly. Albert Knapp*

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**Albert Knapp** - April 16 at 11:45 AM

JT

“ Not sure if the Cathedral Academy Coach Mike Alvaro was Edith’s brother or related in any way, but Coach Mike was a great inspirational teacher during my high school years. I often wish my appreciation was expressed more regularly. He did know how highly I valued the role he played in my teenage voyage. Regardless, my sincere condolences to Edith’s family and friends. May she rest in eternal heavenly peace.  
Joe Tierney. Cathedral Academy, 1957

Joe Tierney - April 14 at 01:36 PM

BC

“ Bob & Katie Cunningham purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Edith J. Papa.



Bob & Katie Cunningham - April 14 at 11:37 AM

RP

“ TO: Sam, and Joe, and other family members;  
I send thoughts and prayers to you all. A remarkable women! May all your happy memories of her help to ease her physical loss.  
Prayers,

Rick Pratt (KEY coworker of Sam)

Rick Pratt - April 14 at 11:20 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Edith J. Papa.

April 14 at 08:02 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Edith J. Papa.*



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April 14 at 08:02 AM



“ *Fred and Theresa Alvaro and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Edith J. Papa.*



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**Fred and Theresa Alvaro and Family** - April 13 at 09:25 AM