



## Francine Fillmore

November 29, 1947 - October 8, 2015

Francine Lagana Fillmore

On October 8, 2015, Francine Fillmore, 67, lost her battle with cancer or as she courageously called it, "the monster". During the 16 months that she fought so fiercely, she was a true warrior and an inspiration to all who came in contact with her. Family and friends, doctors and nurses, neighbors and co-workers; she always gave each one a kind smile and a gracious thank you for the love, care and attention given to her. The last few weeks of her life were spent at home, surrounded by members of this group reminiscing and sharing both public laughs and private tears. Most comforting of all, when she was called home to her final rest, Fran's two greatest loves were at her side, her children Christopher and Danielle.

Francine loved to cook and took great pride in her home. She especially enjoyed the "Lagana Pizza Nights" with her mom Jean, sister Maria and brother Carl and his wife Sue. As is typical of many large Italian families of her generation, the holidays were an especially festive time for celebration and a chance to express the wonderful traditions and love of family.

Loving daughter of Jean and belated Ernest (Ernie) Lagana, devoted mother to her son Christopher and her daughter Danielle, cherished sister of Carl and Maria (Lagana) Suttmeier, and sister-in-law Sue, "second mom" to nephew

Mark and niece Michelle, and grateful recipient of unconditional love of her faithful dog Kaysee. Fran moved to Round Top in Greene County in 2007 after living in Nazareth, PA for nearly 25 years where she raised her two children. She worked as a bank teller at Keystone Nazareth Bank and Trust in PA for many years and then worked part-time at the Bank of Greene County in Cairo after she relocated. Perhaps that is why she took such considerable pride in balancing her checkbook to the penny. Fran loved to shop for clothes and always dressed in style. She was small in stature; some might even say 'mini.' But if it is true that when God measures a person he puts the tape around their heart, then Fran was a giant. Her family and friends will miss her dearly. Though their hearts are broken, they find some solace in knowing that she has now joined her father and all her aunts and uncles in heaven, and is no doubt very stylishly dressed in the fine robes of righteousness and peace.

To paraphrase a line from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet:

"When she shall die take and cut her out in little stars. And she will make the face of heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with night...."

You fought the good fight, Francine. Rest in peace.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects at Sacred Heart Church in Cairo from 10:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M., Saturday, October 10, 2015. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 12:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Church, Cairo.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The Round Top Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Francine's name to the Greene County Women's League Cancer Patient Aide Society, P.O. Box 341, Round Top, New York, 12473.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, Cairo, New York.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).



# Cemetery Details

## Round Top Cemetery

South Road  
Round Top, NY 12473

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 10. 10:00 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo  
35 Church Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

## Mass

OCT 10. 12:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Debora Barbato lit a candle in memory of Francine Fillmore*



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**Debora Barbato** - November 09, 2015 at 08:59 AM

ME

“ *Dear Jean, Maria, Carl and family,*

*My dear friend Francine and I shared so many memories of our long blessed friendship. I have thanked God for His blessings that brought our long friendship as an never ending one. We shared the good and the bad times and tried to support each other. She gave all she could. We believe in miracles . Life has taught me that God has answers we often do not understand but they ae meant in life's continuum so we grow. My conversations with her continue and that gives me solace.*

*Mary Lou Eisenhardt*

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**Mary Lou Eisenhardt** - November 07, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DD

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this difficult time. So sorry for your loss Danielle.*

*Chad and Denise  
Image International*

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**Denise DeMas** - October 28, 2015 at 12:20 PM

PP

“ *Pamela Pisarri lit a candle in memory of Francine Fillmore*



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**Pamela Pisarri** - October 13, 2015 at 08:27 AM

TF

“ *Our deepest sympathy to each of you.  
The Mower family*

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**The Mower Family** - October 11, 2015 at 04:51 PM

CV

“ *A truly amazing woman, I will cherish all my memories of Frannie!  
Sending my love,  
Colleen Vincent  
The Eliot at Catskill*

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**Colleen Vincent** - October 11, 2015 at 02:47 PM

JC

“ *Fran was always nice to me, we went shopping for uniforms years ago and I had not seen her in a long time until she work at the bank. Jean I feel so terrible for your loss my heartfelt wishes go out to you. I cannot believe what you are going through. there will always be great memories of you and your family with me.. Piece be with you and may Fran rest in piece. God Bless*

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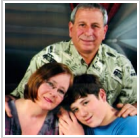
**Judith Cavanagh** - October 11, 2015 at 08:34 AM

PS

“ *Patty Sutter lit a candle in memory of Francine Fillmore*



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**Patty Sutter** - October 10, 2015 at 02:25 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Francine was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. Your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mary & Michael Lupoli and Family.*

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**Mary Lupoli** - October 10, 2015 at 01:03 PM

MT

“ *I got to know Francine thru work and always felt the smile she was wearing, even thru the phone. She was always helpful and happy and she will be greatly missed. Grateful she no longer has to fight the good fight and can be at peace in Heaven.*

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**Marny Tipple** - October 09, 2015 at 04:11 PM

CH

“ *I spent a brief time getting to know Francine while working with her at the bank and I have such fond memories and respect for her beautiful soul. Francine, you will be missed dearly by all who knew you. I*



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**Christy** - October 09, 2015 at 02:28 PM

HW

“ *Holly Wanek lit a candle in memory of Francine Fillmore*



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**Holly Wanek** - October 09, 2015 at 12:11 PM

DY

“ *Another beautiful angel has gone to be with God. Fly high Fran, on the wings of an angel. I will always remember Francine's sweet smile and gentle ways. She was truly a dear woman. She will truly be missed. My sympathies to Fran's family and friends,*



*Darla Young*

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**Darla Young** - October 09, 2015 at 09:36 AM

DO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Lagana family. A sweet soul that will truly be missed but cherished.*  
*Frank & Grace Dorpfeld & family*



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**Dorpfeld** - October 09, 2015 at 07:13 AM

CS

*Sue, Carl and Family...So sorry to hear of the passing of Fran. Such a beautiful obituary, and by looking at her picture you can tell she was such a special person. Sue always talked so fondly of her. I am glad that her Family was all there for her at her passing and the days before. You are all in my prayers. I have been thinking of you.*  
*Cindy Smith*

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**Cindy Smith** - October 10, 2015 at 11:53 AM

DL

*So sorry for the loss of a great friend and customer of mine for many years, Congolese from the Lackie Family.D.Buielders*

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**doug lackie** - October 14, 2015 at 05:08 PM