



## Jean B. Lagana

February 12, 1926 - November 20, 2019

Jean Lagana, age 93, of Cairo passed away peacefully at Whittier Skilled Nursing Center on November 20, 2019. Born in Brooklyn on February 12, 1926, Jean was one of seven siblings born of the late Vito and Marianna Russo. Jean married Ernest (Ernie) Lagana in 1946 and together they raised three children. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Cairo. Jean and Ernie owned and operated the popular Cairo Diner from the 1950's through the 1970's where they made everyone feel at home. Her greatest joy was her family and her numerous friends. Jean loved to cook and took great pride in her home. She especially enjoyed the holidays which were a festive time of celebration that embraced the wonderful traditions of her Italian heritage including her famous "Nana cookies".

In addition to her parents, brothers and sisters, she was predeceased by her loving husband, Ernie in 1983 and daughter, Francine in 2015. Survivors include her son, Carl (Sue) Lagana of Catskill; daughter, Maria Suttmeier of Hudson; and four grandchildren, Christopher and Danielle Fillmore of PA, Mark (Ashley) Suttmeier of NH and Michelle (Jamal) Little of IL as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to pay respects at Sacred Heart Church in Cairo from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, November 23, 2019 immediately followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. Private interment will

follow in the family plot in Jefferson Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's memory may be made to the Greene County Women's League Cancer Patient Aide Society, P.O. Box 341, Round Top, NY 12473. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, Cairo, NY. Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Patrick's Cemetery

37-36 North Jefferson Heights  
Catskill , NY 12414

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Mass

NOV 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MC

“ Mike Cavataio lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana



Mike Cavataio - December 04, 2019 at 12:34 PM



“ Dawn Pine-Suttmeier lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana



Dawn Pine-Suttmeier - November 25, 2019 at 06:57 AM



“ Renee South lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana



Renee South - November 24, 2019 at 12:01 PM

SS

“ Sumayyah Shabazz lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana



sumayyah shabazz - November 22, 2019 at 05:47 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jean B. Lagana.*



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November 22, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *Rhonda Hopson lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana*



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**Rhonda Hopson** - November 21, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ *Sometimes a silent HUG is the only thing to say:*  
  
*Mary Murphy (Prapolsky)*

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**mocha46@icloud.net** - November 21, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ *Debora Barbato lit a candle in memory of Jean B. Lagana*



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**Debora Barbato** - November 21, 2019 at 07:02 AM