



Anne C. Fracassa

April 25, 1939 - November 11, 2024

Anne Fracassa, a longtime Detroit resident and beloved artist, Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2024. Anne leaves behind a legacy of unconditional love, warmth, and creativity.

Married to Angelo Fracassa for 58 years, she was a devoted wife and mother to their six children: Angela (Philip), John (Patricia), Elena, Paul, Jim (Moir) and Matt (Kim). She was a deeply cherished grandmother and great-grandmother to their five grandchildren: Danielle (Christopher), Nicholas (Jess), Theresa (Joseph), Laura, and Marcus; and their six great-grandchildren: Joseph, Alexander, Giovanni, Finn, Philip, and Josephine. Anne is also survived by her brother, John Bodi (Marie-José).

Anne joins her love Angelo, her parents Edward and Mary Bodi, and her brother Jim Bodi in heavenly and eternal rest.

Anne's vibrant personality, adventurous spirit, and inquisitive nature inspired all those who were graced with knowing her. She was a celebrated Detroit artist with a master's degree in fine arts from Wayne State University. Anne's artwork (created in her studio at the Fracassa family's Pioneer Building in Detroit), captured the essence of Detroit's resilience and soul. Her artwork reflected her unique perspectives and transformed what most would see as ordinary into something absolutely extraordinary.

Anne's charcoal, oil, and watercolor paintings were extraordinary, but undoubtedly, her greatest work of art was her family.

Anne and Angelo worked together at the IRS. She remembered walking by Angelo looking very busy carrying a stack of books and papers. Angelo stopped everything he was doing and engaged Anne in conversation. As he walked away, she thought to herself, "I'm going to marry that man someday."

Anne was a brave woman with a firm, quiet strength. When she married Angelo, she stepped into a life touched by tragedy and embraced his two young children as her own with a depth of love and devotion that never wavered. Her strength was not loud or showy, but gentle, graceful, and unconditional.

Alongside Angelo, Anne raised their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with a love that knew no bounds. Anne and Angelo created a home, and a family filled with acceptance, warmth, and laughter. She never stopped asking questions, exploring, or delighting in the beauty of the world. Anne's courage shown brightest in the small, daily acts of love that built an immeasurable bond with her family members and helped them feel cherished every day of their lives.

Anne personified what it meant to be a good neighbor, friendly, trustworthy, and helpful. She was an active member in her neighborhood's, Mohican-Regent Neighborhood Association. Anne was also a cornerstone at St. Raymond - Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church. Her many years of service at St. Ray's, whether at Mass, Apple Harvest Festivals, spaghetti dinners, soup socials, the pop truck, charitable drives, or simply in the lives of parishioners, were a testament to the heart she poured her community. Anne couldn't say no to any project, issue, person, she always wanted to contribute

and help others.

Anne found much of her inspiration in the heart of Detroit but also in the rock covered beaches of frigid Lake Superior. Many of her beach paintings feature Agawa Bay, (Ahhhgawa Bay) which was the Fracassa family's little piece of Canadian paradise. Anne could be found in her beach chair with her paints and canvas peacefully painting "the rocks," Montreal Island, and her famous biker. She and Angelo gathered many, many family members and adopted family members over the years on the shores of Gitche Gumee and created some of the most treasured memories.

Equipped with a truly rare gift, Anne had an uncanny ability to learn everything about people she had just met, intimate details included. No conversation with Anne was ever small talk; she was always a bit like Colombo, wanting to ask, "just one more thing." Anne embraced people with an open mind and an open heart.

Anne's legacy lives on in the countless lives she touched, the artwork she created, and the stories her family will share for generations. Her spirit, curiosity, and endless capacity for love have left an indelible mark on all who were privileged to know her. She will be profoundly missed but forever celebrated by everyone who loved her.

Anne and Angelo were faithful to a loving God and like their eldest son John said, they were promised heaven but couldn't have imagined a heaven any better than that on earth with their family.

Family and friends of Anne's will gather for a memorial visitation at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (west of Hoover) in Warren on Wednesday December 4, 2024 from 1-8pm with a prayer service at 7pm.

Family and friends will gather on Thursday December 5th at 10 a.m. at St. Raymond - Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 20103 Joann Ave., followed by a memorial mass at 11 a.m.

In honor of her legacy, the Fracassa family requests that any memorial donations be made to:

Sjogren's Foundation at <https://sjogrens.org/get-involved/ways-to-give>

Wayne State University College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts:
<https://give.wayne.edu/campaigns/37572/donations/new>

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Prayer Service

DEC 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Instate in church

DEC 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Raymond - Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish
20103 Joann Avenue
Detroit, MI 48205-1198

Memorial Mass

DEC 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ML

“ 1 file added to the album Yearbook



Marshall D Lloyd - November 26, 2025 at 10:45 PM

MA

“ Mrs. Fracassa was a beautiful woman with a friendly, kind heart. She will leave an empty spot in many lives. Condolences to the Fracassa family. May her soul rest in peace.

Margaret - December 04, 2024 at 06:41 AM

PK

“ To the Fracassa family, please accept my heartfelt condolences during this difficult time. It was an honor and a privilege to have been her mail carrier for 22 years. I was deeply saddened to hear of Mrs. Fracassa's passing. Her warm and radiant smile always brightened my day, and I will cherish the memories of our interactions. May God bless and comfort your family during this time of grief.

Polett King-Daniels - December 03, 2024 at 05:15 PM

EF

Oh Pollet, thank you so much! She really loved and appreciated you. Both of our parents did. They always spoke so highly of you and your husband, Ken. 💕

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:13 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Anne C. Fracassa.*



December 03, 2024 at 02:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Anne C. Fracassa.*



December 03, 2024 at 01:27 PM

CL

“ I meant to send this to Anne this year, but did not have her latest address...

Dear Anne,

The time we have been able to spend with each other is always limited to small snippets over the past few years. One of the best things about any time we can spend together is that it is so valuable to me. To have a friend who “gets” art—what it is, how hard it is to make it, how important it is to the maker— is a gift that I get every time when I talk with or see you. Your unwavering faith in how important it is to us both has always given me the incentive to continue its pursuit.

We are not in the same generation, have had different family lives and have made significantly different choices about where to live. But our bonds were forged in the art department of Wayne State University where we commiserated about making art. The art community of Detroit is small yet close, tough and resilient. You and your family’s commitment to the city and to the art community is amazing and admirable. The Pioneer building is a great testament to that support.

I have always admired how you and Angelo formed a team, raised 6 kids, and remained committed to each other until he passed away. The closeness of your kids to you and each other is not often seen these days in families. Your own faith, acts of doing good, and commitment to your neighborhood is admirable. I know you will be putting up a big protest as I read this, but once in a while you should just let the praise touch you in the way it is intended: A great, big “thank you” for being my good friend for so many precious years.

*Love,
Carol Luc
Chicago*

Carol Luc - December 01, 2024 at 04:53 PM

EF

Carol, this is so beautiful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know the feeling was mutual for my mom! 💕

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anne C. Fracassa.*



November 27, 2024 at 07:18 AM

“ Anne had many friends from the Marquette College of Journalism Class of '61. One of them, Bob Woessner has written this beautiful tribute to Anne that we want her family and friends to see. All of us in J'61 mourn her passing. Here is the tribute:

We are losing family and friends at an alarming rate: In the last two weeks, a cousin of Kit's died in Omaha. Son Tim's father-in-law passed in Minneapolis. The widow who was a next-door neighbor for 40 years died in Milwaukee. A college friend passed in Detroit. I have good memories of all those people and am sorry for the pain their loss imposes on families and friends. But the death in Detroit of Anne Fracassa stings the most.

She was Anne Bodi when I met her 65 years ago. Anne was a liberal arts student and art editor of The Marquette Journal, the school's literary magazine. Its office was in Copus Hall, home to the College of Journalism clan which produced student publications. Anne was easy to like – smart, curious, good-natured -- and often wryly funny. We had a couple of dates and once tried that hug-and-kiss business which produced no reaction in either of us. But we were good friends who shared a major adventure -- a trek to Detroit in the early summer of 1961. Anne had a job interview with the Internal Revenue Service. I had one with the University of Detroit. I was driving a 1950s Ford whose front end had been dented by a tree I nudged at a homecoming party. It looked odd but was road ready. Anne and I drove to Toledo and spent the night at her parents' house.

Anne's dad was a union guy, and I sometimes teased her about Jimmy Hoffa. She mentioned that in a conversation with her mother who said, dead-panned, "I always forget that your father is a gangster."

In Detroit, Anne had a morning interview with the IRS downtown. I had an afternoon date at UD in a non-descript area where the racial balance was a point of tension.

I fed the parking meter and idled around the IRS offices, wondering why anyone would want to work there. After lunch, Anne walked the UD campus, likely wondering the same thing.

The IRS offered Anne a job. UD took a chance on me. Hopeful

about the future, we drove back to Milwaukee – passing the steel mills in Indiana in those days before the interstate.

I often saw Anne when we both had Detroit jobs. Kit once stayed with her when she came to see Detroit, and me. “You are going to marry that girl,” Anne told me.

Her obituary said she used the same line when, at work, she met Angelo Fracassa, a widower with two children and a sprawling Italian family. They were married for 58 years, adding four children to the two Anne inherited.

Her obit, written by a grandchild, describes a vibrant, adventurous, inquisitive woman devoted to family, art, and good causes. That was Anne. If you had met and known her when I did, you would have seen that coming.

Laraine O'Brien - November 24, 2024 at 12:04 AM

AC

Thank you for your lovely memories of our Mom, Grandma, and Granne. It was kind of you to share a part of her life we didn't know and show her as the wonderful person we did know.

Angela Chirio - November 29, 2024 at 11:15 PM

EF

Thank you so much for sharing this with us, Laraine and Bob. I never heard the story before and it brought a smile to my face. We really appreciate your kind words. They capture my mom's spirit perfectly. ❤️

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



julie a jozwiak - November 22, 2024 at 03:06 PM

EF

Aw thanks, Jules! Mexico City?

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MO

“ *My condolences to the entire Fracassa family. Mrs Fracassa was an absolute fixture in our neighborhood and at St Raymond's as well.*

Mary Ochalek - November 20, 2024 at 06:30 PM

EF

Thank you so much, Mary. ❤️

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:09 PM

BS

“ *Our backyard butted up against the Fracassa's. There was a wooden fence that Angelo cut a window hole in and installed a hinged door so that my mom and Anne could chit-chat. I can still picture them standing there talking thru the window hole in the fence.*

Brian Sudy - November 20, 2024 at 06:16 PM

AC

Hi Brian, hank you for the memory blast! I remember shimmying through that little door to get between our yard to babysit!

Angela Fracassa Chirio - November 29, 2024 at 11:17 PM

EF

Brian - thank you! I have such great memories of us meeting over (and through) our back fences! I am so sorry that you lost your beautiful mom this year too. I hope she and my mom are picking up right where they left off now. ❤️

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:26 PM

DO

“ Sending our condolences to your family at this time of loss. A lot of people in Detroit have a LOT of great memories because of this lady and her family.

Dave Orselli - November 20, 2024 at 06:01 PM

EF

Thank you so much, Dave. ❤️

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:26 PM

TD

“ Tina D'Angela purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Anne C. Fracassa.



Tina D'Angela - November 19, 2024 at 11:32 PM

TD

“ Tina D'Angela planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne C. Fracassa.

Tina D'Angela - November 19, 2024 at 11:32 PM

ES

“ My Mom and I send are deepest condolences. Ed Sobczak

Edward Sobczak - November 19, 2024 at 01:03 PM

EF

Thank you so much, Ed. Much love to you and your mom. ❤️

Elena Fracassa - December 03, 2024 at 06:27 PM

MB

“ *To all the Fracassa family.
Sending deepest condolences, prayers and
love to all of you.
May your memories live on forever.
Mary Boni.*



Mary Bonjy - November 17, 2024 at 03:34 PM

EF

Thank you so much, Mary.

Elena Fracassa - November 18, 2024 at 08:51 AM



“ *My cousin, Anne. We didn't meet very often, but I always knew you
were there; the occasional phone call and email followed a few brief
visits over time. But I knew you as a kind and loving person and a
gifted artist. I will miss knowing you are 'there'. My condolences to
your loving family. Love from 'your Canadian cousin'.*

Heather Rankin - November 17, 2024 at 10:34 AM

EF

Thank you so much, our Canadian cousin.

Elena Fracassa - November 18, 2024 at 08:52 AM

GS

“ *Thinking and praying for solace and strength
for all Mrs. Fracassa's friends and family. I
loved her laugh, vigor and pure enthusiasm
for life! Being friends to all of all ages as well
as a mother to all who needed care, love and
some advice! What a blessing! You will be missed. Love you Mrs. F.*



Glenn Salloum - November 17, 2024 at 09:19 AM

EF

Thank you so much, Glenn. xoxo

Elena Fracassa - November 18, 2024 at 10:53 AM

GS

“ Glenn S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anne C. Fracassa.

Glenn S. - November 17, 2024 at 09:14 AM