



## Franca Iole Panone

July 11, 1929 - May 9, 2026

Franca Iole Panone, Beloved wife of Boridano Panone, passed on May 9, 2026, in her home in the presence of her loving family at the age of 96. They shared 72 years of marriage and have 6 children, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Her devoted children John (Rosemary) Panone, Gina Panone, Diane Panone-Smith (David), Linda Panone, Richard (Maureen) Panone, and Bernard (Brenda) Panone; loving grandchildren Daniel (Trisha) Panone, Nicholas (Diana) Panone, Brian (Rebecca) Panone, Christopher Panone, Sarah (William) Madsen, Jessica Panone, and Alex Panone; treasured great grandchildren are Samuel and Annie Panone. She was also loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whose lives were touched by her kindness and devotion to family.

Franca was born in Nervesa, Italy, to Giovanni and Luigia Trevisi on July 11, 1929. At the age of 18, she immigrated to the United States with her mother, sister Gina Trevisi, and brother Ferruccio Trevisi. They joined Giovanni, who had been working in Flint, Michigan. Franca found employment in the cafeteria at a local hospital until she married Boridano on August 8, 1953.

Franca was a devoted wife, mother, and a woman of exceptional kindness and compassion. A devout Catholic of deep faith, she lived by her beliefs through service to others. After raising her children, she volunteered at Fr. Murray's Nursing Home, where she assisted residents during mealtimes and

brought them the gift of holy communion. when asked why she volunteered, she replied simply and sincerely: "I really enjoy helping people. It gives me a good feeling." Through her example of faithful devotion and selfless service, Franca instilled in her children the same warmth and care that defined her life. In her later years, she found immeasurable joy in the company of her grandchildren, and pure delight in welcoming her great-grandchildren.

Special thanks to Nicole Lockhart, devoted friend and caregiver, for the compassionate and exceptional care she provided to Franca over the past four years, especially during her final days.

Visitation is at the Wasik Funeral Home 49150 Schoenherr Rd., Shelby Township on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. In state at 9:30 a.m. at St. Isidore Catholic Church followed by 10:00 a.m. Mass. Entombment will be held at Resurrection Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requested that donations in honor of Franca be made to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul ([ssvpusa.org](http://ssvpusa.org)) or to the Solanus Casey Center ([solanusc Casey.org](http://solanusc Casey.org)).

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48035

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 13. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Rosary

MAY 13. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

## Instate in church

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MAY 14. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church  
18201 23 Mile Rd.  
Macomb, MI 48042

## Funeral Mass

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MAY 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Isidore Catholic Church  
18201 23 Mile Rd.  
Macomb, MI 48042

# Tribute Wall

SM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you all in our prayers.

Stacy Madsen - May 13 at 03:25 PM

BC

“ On behalf of the Capuchin Friars, I offer condolences to the family and friends of Franca Panone. I pray for the repose of her soul, and that God's healing peace will comfort all those who mourn her death. The Capuchins are deeply grateful for memorial donations made in Franca's memory to the Solanus Casey Center.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - May 13 at 12:25 PM

PS

“ Pilar and PJ Seuryneck purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Franca Iole Panone.



Pilar and PJ Seuryneck - May 12 at 08:17 PM

HC

“ Howard and Barbara Crocker purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Franca Iole Panone.



Howard and Barbara Crocker - May 12 at 10:07 AM

RB

“ Aunt Franca made the best sweet bread, so soft and delicious. A donation was made in her name to the Solanus Casey Center.  
Renee Boogren

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**Renee Boogren** - May 11 at 09:04 PM

DV

“ Dawn, Jeff, Steph, Jim, Sherry, Mastin, Dorothyay & Virgil purchased the *In Heaven's Arms Bouquet* for the family of Franca Iole Panone.



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**Dawn, Jeff, Steph, Jim, Sherry, Mastin, Dorothyay & Virgil** -  
May 11 at 08:41 PM

DC

“ I will always remember Mrs. Panone making potato salad without mayonnaise. Linda said she made it like that because mayonnaise can go bad in the summer. I will always "remember" she made it like that for me. She was a wonderful lady.

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**Dawn Collins** - May 11 at 08:29 PM