



## Sylvia C. Imbrunnone

September 30, 1936 - September 12, 2024

Cira (“Sylvia”) Imbrunnone was born on September 30, 1936 in Detroit, Michigan and passed away peacefully on September 12, 2024 at home in Macomb, Michigan while surrounded by her family.

Sylvia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. Sylvia is survived by her loving husband, John; her children Marion (“Mimi”) Raak (Jack Beeman), Lisa (Bruce) Berard, Sylvia (Roger) Emerson-Etter, Leslie (Joseph) Kwasneski, and Melanie Imbrunnone; her grandchildren Nicholas Emerson, Phillip (Tara) Berard, Matthew (Kelly) Berard, Brittany Emerson (Sean Neumann), Kurtis Sorlien, Angela (Scott) Dykstra and Elizabeth Sorlien; as well as her great grandchildren Jack Berard, Charles (“Charlie”) Berard and Caleb and Ellie Dykstra. Sylvia was also loved by many nieces and nephews. Sylvia was preceded in death by her father, Antonio Accurso, her Mother, Domenica Accurso, as well as her brother, Jack (RoseMary) Accurso, and sister, Mary (Tony) Laudicina, all three of whom were orphans as children and raised by their D’Anna Grandparents.

Sylvia first met her husband, John, in kindergarten and were married for 67 years, celebrating their last anniversary together on June 29, 2024. Having lost her left eye during a “running-with-scissors” incident as a child, her grandchildren affectionately referred to “Nana” as “the one-eyed, one I love.” Sylvia’s glass eyeball also unwittingly made its rounds at her daughters’

school during show-and-tell, much to the dismay of their teachers (and to the horror of their classmates).

With her earliest memory being that she watched her mother make pies, Sylvia was known for her traditional Italian cooking. A master of homemade meatballs, pasta, ravioli, and cannoli, Sylvia's cooking brought people together. This led to a yearly tradition of hand-making thousands of ravioli after Thanksgiving that involved family and friends; many of whom would also frequent Sylvia's home for meals over the years that sustained them through school, life events, tough times, happy times, and everything in between.

With her Italian background, coupled with her short - yet powerful - stature, beaming smile, and infectious laugh, Sylvia was a distinctive and positive presence in any room that she entered. Sylvia's kindness and love for all people, regardless of background, was an inspiration for all who knew her and would ultimately be the foundation for the strong bond of togetherness that she valued so much.

A long-time Meijer employee until her retirement, Sylvia was a bargain shopping enthusiast and was always quick to share how big of a sale she found or discount she got (even for items purchased many years prior). Thus, true to form, Sylvia's family wants to assure her that it was an otherwise slow day in the obituary section and the Detroit Free Press gave us 10% off on this one.

A devout Catholic until the end, Sylvia found peace in knowing that she will meet her creator and be reunited with her family who preceded her in death. Sylvia will be lovingly remembered for the fulfilled life she lived as well as the memories made around the dinner table, at family functions, over the holidays, during ravioli day, and while bonding with her family. While Sylvia has passed on from this life, she will live on in her children, grandchildren,

great grandchildren, and through the power of the example she set for us all.

Visitation will take place on Thursday, September 19, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a 7:00 p.m. memorial tribute at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259-23 Mile Road in New Baltimore. A funeral service will be held on Friday, September 20, 2024, instate at 9:30 a.m. until a 10:00 a.m. funeral mass at St. Therese of Lisieux, located at 48115 Schoenherr Rd. Shelby Township, MI 48315.

In lieu of flowers, Sylvia's family kindly asks that a donation be made to a charity of your choice in Sylvia's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Cadillac Memorial Gardens East Cemetery

38425 Garfield Road  
MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Sharing of Memories

SEP **19**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Instate in church

SEP **20**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church  
48115 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

## Funeral Mass

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SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church  
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Shelby Township, MI 48315

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia C. Imbrunnone.*



September 19, 2024 at 12:06 PM



“ *Joyce, Thom, Jayme, and Zoie Kish purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Sylvia C. Imbrunnone.*



**Joyce, Thom, Jayme, and Zoie Kish** - September 19, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ *Dollar Tree Store 179 Managment Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia C. Imbrunnone.*

**Dollar Tree Store 179 Managment Team** - September 18, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Dollar Tree Store 179 Managment Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sylvia C. Imbrunnone.*



**Dollar Tree Store 179 Managment Team** - September 18, 2024 at 01:43 PM

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“ My Aunt. I love my aunt. Some of my best childhood memories have my Aunt Sylvia in the center of them all. Staying a week at a time at her house on summer break, swimming with my cousins and staying up all night playing scrabble, are just a few. She was like a second mom to me. Her kindness, her sense of humor and her playfulness was something I enjoyed and relished. She instantly became one of us kids and we would all laugh together over silly stuff. She always laughed at me and my brother’s silliness. She was so patient with us when we were out of control. Later in my life, when my mom died, I became close to her, even though I lived many miles away. I guess she represented that second mom to me. I will always remember the big smile, that wonderful giggle that gentle demeanor. I will miss her. I know she and my dad and her sister Mary are together now with the parents they lost a very long time ago. That gives me solace. God bless my beautiful Aunt Sylvia.

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**Anthony Accurso** - September 14, 2024 at 10:54 AM

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“ My memories of Sylvia years ago when she was quite young and I was a small kid is still so vivid in my mind. I can remember the times at grandma’s house when we used to stay over on Christmas Eve and all the girls shared beds, three to bed. I remember the times that Sylvia and Mary and auntie Mary and auntie Josie will take my sister and I to the show. We felt so proud to be going out with our cousins and our aunts. To the family I pray for all of you and I know that we will all remember Sylvia the rest of our lives . She was such a caring and loving person, and I truly loved her very very much.

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**nina DiCaro** - September 14, 2024 at 10:40 AM

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“ Uncle John, I'm so sorry for your loss. A relationship like yours is lovely and rare. To my cousins, I know in your grief you will be comforted by the lifetime of unconditional love your mother showered upon you. May God be with you all. Love, Amy

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**Amy Chiesa** - September 14, 2024 at 03:32 AM

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“ Ted krasinski purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sylvia C. Imbrunnone.



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**Ted krasinski** - September 13, 2024 at 06:39 PM

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