



## Vincenza Pantalena

September 18, 1936 - November 23, 2024

Vincenza was surrounded by her loving family when she went home to her Lord on November 23, 2024. Vincenza was born to Rocco and Caterina Pascaretta on September 18, 1936 in Vietri di Potenza, Italy. In 1956 at the age of 19 she had an opportunity to come to America with her father. One year later she returned to Italy to marry the love of her life, Nunzio Pantalena on May 15, 1957. Shortly after the wedding Vincenza returned to America, without Nunzio, to complete her citizenship. They reunited in 1958 when they settled in Detroit and started their family.

Vincenza and Nunzio were married 67 years, and they had three children: Francesco (Susan) Pantalena, Rocco (Kandi) Pantalena and Antonietta Pantalena. In 1974 they moved from Detroit to Sterling Heights and then in 2015 to her final home in Romeo, to be near family.

Vincenza worked at Mario Olives and Dresden Elementary School as a crossing guard and lunch lady. She was an active member of the Comfort Makers and Rosary Makers at St. Clement Catholic Church.

Vincenza loved Jesus, her family, gardening, making rosaries and crocheting slippers (Christmas presents given to all family members every year). She loved playing in the dirt. She always prided herself on her rose and vegetable garden while living in Sterling Heights. When she moved to Romeo, she lost

her garden space and started small gardens at each of her children's homes. She loved spending Saturdays with her beloved sister, Angelina.

She treasured and cherished the memories she made with her family. She was most proud of her grandchildren. Some of their favorite memories with their Nonnie/Grandma were Sunday Dinners, slippers for Christmas, family vacations, Trick-or-Treating, sporting events, baking Christmas cookies, working outside with the boys, and gardening with the girls. Her grandchildren will never forget the life lessons she taught them and will carry them with them forever.

She is survived by her loving husband, sister, children, grandchildren; Rachel (Jonathan) Korth, Giovanni Pantalena, Bri (Alex) Lee, Christine (Andrew) Cymbalski, Michelle (Noah) Klein, Andre (Natalie) Pantalena, great-grandchild, Arthur and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great nieces and great-great nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings; Rosina (Vincenzo Fabio), Guiseppe Pascaretta, Gerardo and Anina.

Visitation Tuesday from 2-8pm with a 7pm Sharing of Memories at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Funeral Wednesday Instate from 9:30am until time of 10am Mass at St. Clement Catholic Church, 343 S Main St, Romeo, MI 48065.

Immediately following Vincenza's Funeral Mass there will be a luncheon held at Shelby Gardens, 50265 Van Dyke Ave, Shelby Township, MI 48317.

Entombment, Resurrection Cemetery, there will be a 2pm Committal Service, all are welcome to gather inside the main gate of the cemetery.

Please share memories with the family at their online Guestbook at

WujekCalcaterra.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **26.** 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

NOV **27.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Clement of Rome Church  
343 S. Main (VanDyke)  
Romeo, MI 48065

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincenza Pantalena*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - November 26, 2024 at 09:55 AM

BB

*A grove of trees isn't enough to express how we felt about you. Or how much we loved your chocolate chip cookies 🍪 But the trees will live forever in honor of our memory of you. Much love, Brenda & Madisen*

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**Brenda Broaddus** - November 26, 2024 at 03:03 PM

RF

“ *Ann, I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I remember your mom being a very sweet lady. May you and your family find strength, peace and comfort with all the memories that you will all cherish forever.*

*Big hugs,  
Renee Furlow (Stawski)*

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**Renee Furlow** - November 27, 2024 at 10:47 AM

BB

“ *A grove of trees isn't enough to express how much you meant to all who knew you. Or how much me & my kids loved your chocolate chip cookies. But these trees will stand forever in honor of you.*

*Brenda & Madisen*

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**Brenda Broaddus** - November 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.

November 26, 2024 at 02:47 PM



“ Brenda Broaddus lit a candle in memory of Vincenza Pantalena



**Brenda Broaddus** - November 26, 2024 at 11:00 AM



*My heart feels broken. But I take such comfort that you are whole & in the Lords embrace now* ❤️🙏

**Brenda Broaddus** - November 26, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.



November 26, 2024 at 06:03 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.

November 26, 2024 at 06:03 AM

CR

“ *Vincenza was such a lovely. caring person. I enjoyed her smiling face and gentle wisdom as part of the St. Clement rosary makers. Rest in peace angel.*

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**Connie Raffa** - November 25, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.*



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November 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.*

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November 25, 2024 at 01:46 PM



“ *We all loved Grandma P very much. She will be greatly missed. We were blessed to have her in our lives and we are better for it. Love to all the family. Rob, Tammy, Kayley & Julianna Lorts*

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**Rob Lorts** - November 25, 2024 at 01:02 PM



“ *As next door neighbors of Vincenza and Nunzio we spoke often and I walked thru our backyards often, just to admire her beautiful flowers!!! I m sure she spoke prayers to her flowers and they rewarded her in same. A lovelier, genuine, and more caring lady I ll ever know, and I mean Lady with intent! She heald quiet grace and kindness with a generous heart. To say she will be missed would understand the fact she will NEVER be forgotten. Anna and Darrell Arini*

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**Anna Arini** - November 24, 2024 at 07:40 PM

KC

“ *Mrs P. was an angel on earth and now in heaven. She was so loving, we enjoyed seeing her when we came to visit our family in Michigan. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. She will truly be missed.*  
*Much love,*  
*Kevin and Kelle Clayton*



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**Kevin & Kelle Clayton** - November 24, 2024 at 07:16 PM

DN

“ *Dwayne and Holly Noble purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.*



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**Dwayne and Holly Noble** - November 24, 2024 at 03:44 PM

DN

“ Dwayne and Holly Noble planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.

Dwayne and Holly Noble - November 24, 2024 at 03:44 PM

JL

“ Visits with Vincenzo and Nunzio were always filled with good chats and plentiful food. Telephone conversations were always focused on keeping in touch and wishes for good health. She will be missed by many.  
Joanne (Pascaretti) LaBrecque



JOANNE LABRECQUE - November 24, 2024 at 03:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.



November 24, 2024 at 03:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.

November 24, 2024 at 03:30 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Gibbons and John Sangster purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.*



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**Kelly Gibbons and John Sangster** - November 24, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Vincenza Pantalena.*



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November 24, 2024 at 11:22 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vincenza Pantalena.*

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November 24, 2024 at 11:22 AM