



## Phyllis M. Nicolella

February 17, 1940 - February 16, 2024

Phyllis M. Nicolella, age 83, passed away on February 16, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her devoted husband Victor, aged 66, and their cherished daughter Andrea Clemons, aged 56. Phyllis is survived by her three children and their families: Victor Nicolella and his wife Christine, Chris Nicolella and his wife Amanda, and Nikki (Phyllis Lynn) Famiano and her husband Guy. She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion, including her grandchildren: Courtney, Erika, Anastasia, Sophia, and Domenico, as well as four great-grandchildren. Also survived by her Son-in-Law Robert Clemons. Her loss is deeply felt by an extensive extended family and all who knew her.

Born in Gloversville on February 17, 1940, Phyllis was the daughter of the late Thomas Campanile and Helen Zayicek Campanile. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Institute, Amsterdam and Mount Aloysius College, Cresson, Pa. where she completed her Associates of Science Degree in 1959. On July 2, 1960, she married Victor A. Nicolella. Phyllis dedicated herself to raising her family while pursuing her passion as an educator. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Educational Studies from Empire State College in 1978, Master of Science Degree in Special Education from Russell Sage College in 1982. Lastly, earning her Administrative Certificate from the College of Saint Rose in 1990. She worked as a reading assistant at Camp Nueva Vista, taught special education at Tryon School for Boys, and continued her teaching

career as a special education teacher at Gloversville Enlarged School District from 1980 until her retirement. Phyllis touched the lives of countless children, whom she inspired with her love for learning. Her zest for life extended beyond the classroom where she enjoyed swimming, cooking, reading, knitting, Broadway shows, and attending NY Yankee baseball games. She cherished time spent with her family and friends, creating memories through travel adventures around the world. Recently, she embarked on a journey to Israel in memory of her late daughter, Andrea.

Family and friends may call Monday, February 26, 2024, from 4–7PM at Amico Funeral Home, 150 S. Main Street, Gloversville, N.Y. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 10AM at the Church of the Holy Spirit, located at 149 S. Main Street, Gloversville, N.Y.

Online condolences to the family can be made at [www.amicofuneralhome.com](http://www.amicofuneralhome.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Regional SPCA, Inc. at 117 W. Fulton Street, Gloversville, N.Y. 12078.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Amico Funeral Home  
150 S Main St  
Gloversville, NY 12078  
(518) 725-8916  
<https://www.amicofuneralhome.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Spirit  
151 South Main St.  
Gloversville, NY 12078

# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Mrs. Nicolella was one amazing teacher and She believed in me and push me to my highest goals . I owe her for my nursing career. I thought of her always . Thank you helping me when I couldn't go on*

**Patti Lynn Sparks** - March 17, 2024 at 02:48 PM

PC

“ *MY HEART TO PHYLLIS M NICOLELLA SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS LOVED HER WITH MY WHOLE HEART SETTING ON THE WELL TALKING WITH HER GOING TO MISS HER GREATLY*



**penny Cammarere** - March 03, 2024 at 03:30 PM

MP

“ *Nikki,*

*We are so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Sending prayers for healing and strength to you and your family.*

*Derrek and Melanie Pombrio*

**M Pombrio** - February 29, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.*



February 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

ID

“ Imelda Dobbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis M. Nicolella.

Imelda Dobbins - February 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

JE

“ Our condolences to Nikki and your family. So sorry for your loss 🙏❤️

Judy Elmendorf - February 26, 2024 at 01:29 PM

ZU

“ Zafer Ulukaya & Faruk Ulukaya purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



Zafer Ulukaya & Faruk Ulukaya - February 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

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Zafer Ulukaya & Faruk Ulukaya - February 26, 2024 at 09:52 AM

SS

“ *Sherrade Sipe lit a candle in memory of Phyllis M. Nicolella*



Sherrade Sipe - February 24, 2024 at 10:46 AM

JN

“ *Phyllis was always so enjoyable to be around. She was a great storyteller of both old memories and new adventures and was always kind and compassionate towards everyone she encountered. She will be missed* 💜



Jenni Nicolella - February 24, 2024 at 07:45 AM

RB

*I remember her as my teacher she was Great teacher and kind we all will miss her greatly*

Rocco Brienza - March 24, 2024 at 12:43 AM

RJ

“ *Ronald Hasbrouck Jr purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.*



Ronald Hasbrouck Jr - February 23, 2024 at 03:14 PM

PS

“ Patricia, Amy, Kevin, Charles & Synthia purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



Patricia, Amy, Kevin, Charles & Synthia - February 23, 2024 at 10:30 AM

DL

“ Phyllis was my tutor for I can't even remember how many years and without her I'm not sure I would have made it to graduation. She was more than my teacher she was my friend and we kept in contact for the last 28 + years. She and Vic came to my wedding and she came to my baby shower and I always sent Christmas cards with updates on my life and pictures of my son. She was just a beautiful and giving soul and I will miss her immensely. Rest easy now Mrs. Nicolella.



Donielle Lince - February 23, 2024 at 09:43 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



February 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM

RF

“ Robert Duxbury and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis M. Nicolella.

Robert Duxbury and Family - February 22, 2024 at 11:01 AM



“ Nikki your mom was such a treasure, loved her like family, We have lost another great person. Shes with Dad. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Linda Cintula - February 22, 2024 at 09:10 AM

HU

“ Hulya&Zafer Ulukaya purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



Hulya&Zafer Ulukaya - February 21, 2024 at 11:05 PM

HU

“ Hulya&Zafer Ulukaya planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis M. Nicolella.

Hulya&Zafer Ulukaya - February 21, 2024 at 11:05 PM

DT

“ Dolores Talmadge purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



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**Dolores Talmadge** - February 21, 2024 at 10:35 PM

RP

“ Dear Nikki and family,  
So sorry to hear about your dear Mother's passing.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Rick and Carol Perna

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**Rick and Carol Perna** - February 21, 2024 at 07:48 PM

RH

“ Phyllis was such a loved filled lady that was loved by all who knew her. It was an honor to have known her and Vic and to be able to call Andrea one of my best friend's and my biggest cheerleader through the tough times in my life 🙏🙏💕



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**Robin Horton** - February 21, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Phyllis M. Nicolella.



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February 21, 2024 at 06:57 PM

LB

“ Love - Lisa, Mark and Maddie Balistreri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis M. Nicolella.

Love - Lisa, Mark and Maddie Balistreri - February 21, 2024 at 06:57 PM

JB

“ Nikki I am so sad to hear about your loss. My heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

JoAnne Wilkinson Brady - February 21, 2024 at 05:12 PM

JC

I am so very sorry to about the loss of your mom! Sending love and prayers to all the family! 🧡🙏

Jacqueline Citriniti - February 21, 2024 at 06:17 PM

EK

Phyllis was like a neibor for many years as Nicki lives next door, I will miss her taking care of the dogs and riding around in her little red convertible. losing a mother is a very hard thing and I want Nicki and guy to know i am thinking of them..

Ed Klana - February 22, 2024 at 09:09 AM



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Amico Funeral Home - February 21, 2024 at 02:32 PM