



Frances Aronica

November 9, 1933 - March 23, 2026

Frances Aronica, of Rockford was born on November 9, 1933, in Palermo, Sicily . Frances passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family on March 23, 2026. Frances was the devoted wife of Armando Aronica, with whom she shared a lifetime rooted in faith, tradition, and the strong Sicilian heritage that shaped their family's presence in Rockford. Together they built a warm and welcoming home where family always came first. She was the loving mother of Kelly (Patrice) Aronica, Rick (Theresa) Aronica, Mary (Brian) Tjenstrom, and Salvatore Aronica. Frances's greatest joy came from raising her children, cooking authentic Italian Food, and watching her family grow through the generations. She was the proud grandmother of Gregg (Rachel) Aronica, Ariel Aronica, Eric (Carissa) Tjenstrom, Allison (Dustin) Smith, Brandon Aronica, Nathan Bond, Brandon Kolthoff, Ricky Aronica, Salvatore (Jessica) Aronica Jr., Tiffany (Billy) Henson and Amanda Aronica. She was blessed with many loving great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Frances will be remembered for her kindness, her steady presence, and the gentle way she cared for everyone around her. She carried herself with quiet strength, always putting her family before herself. Her home was a place of comfort, good food, and unconditional love - a true reflection of the heart she shared with the world. She is survived by her sisters Virginia Lucchese, and Pina Allen. She is reunited in eternal peace with her beloved husband, Armando Aronica, her son Salvatore "Sal" Aronica, her father Salvatore Lo Giudice and her mother Domenica Cavallaro. She will be deeply missed by

her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family, and all who were fortunate enough to know her. Visitation Monday, March 30, 2026 from 11 am until 11:45 am, followed by a funeral service from 12:00 p.m to 12:45 PM. at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services 4301 N. Main St. Rockford. Father William Wentink will officiate. Graveside Service at Calvary Catholic Cemetery at 1PM 8616 W. State Rd. Winnebago, IL. followed by Reception from 1:45PM to 3:45PM at Grace Funeral & Cremation Services 4301 N. Main St. Rockford IL. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

8616 W. State Rd.
Winnebago, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace Funeral & Cremation Services
4301 N. Main St.
Rockford, IL 61103

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Rockford, IL 61103

Graveside Service

MAR 30. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Calvary Catholic Cemetery
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Winnebago, IL

Reception

MAR **30**. 1:45 PM - 3:45 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Aronica.*



March 30 at 12:25 AM



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

March 30 at 12:25 AM

TI

“ I was her first grandchild and she was my favorite person on earth. She called me her “Queenie,” and my sister Amanda and I spent most weekends with her and our grandfather. Those are some of my most cherished memories.

My grandparents owned restaurants in Rockford, and she created a life centered around family, love, and togetherness.

My grandma was beautiful. She always had her hair and nails done, and she always smelled like perfume. Her home smelled like bleach and sugo, and it was always immaculate. She loved to cook, host, laugh, and be surrounded by the people she loved.

She was funny, full of life, and had a strong, fierce side when she needed it. She had many friends and brought joy and laughter wherever she went.

Family meant everything to her, and she passed those values down to all of us.

Alzheimer’s took so much from her in the last few years, and that was incredibly hard. But I find comfort knowing she is now at peace.

I will never be able to fully express how much she meant to me. I am heartbroken that she’s gone, but grateful she no longer has to suffer.

I will love her forever.

tiffany - March 27 at 03:57 PM

MB

“ Mary and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother, and we are thinking of you during this most difficult time. Always keep the memories going.

Tim and Melidy Balsiger

Melody Balsiger - March 26 at 12:28 PM

LZ

“ Love, Steve, Kathy and Jacqueline Zupke purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Frances Aronica.



Love, Steve, Kathy and Jacqueline Zupke - March 26 at 11:39 AM

LZ

“ Love, Steve, Kathy and Jacqueline Zupke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Aronica.

Love, Steve, Kathy and Jacqueline Zupke - March 26 at 11:39 AM

PS

“ I am sorry to learn of Frances’s passing. She and Armando were wonderful people and wonderful neighbors. Mrs. Bud (Pat) Schroeder.

pat schroeder - March 26 at 10:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Frances Aronica.



March 25 at 04:41 PM



“ Alberto and Linda Altamore purchased the Laver Reflections Spray for the family of Frances Aronica.



Alberto and Linda Altamore - March 25 at 03:05 PM



“ Alberto and Linda Altamore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Aronica.

Alberto and Linda Altamore - March 25 at 03:05 PM



“ Grizz Pest Management purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Frances Aronica.



Grizz Pest Management - March 25 at 01:04 PM