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A legacy of love begins somewhere. Agatha Ann Giacalone (Farnsworth) was born on February 26, 1933 to Hugh and Araminta Farnsworth in Henrieville, UT. The youngest of five children, she was loved by her family and, in turn, learned the importance of making others feel loved and special. Her family moved to Kearny Mesa, CA in 1941 where she was raised. Attending Kearny Mesa High School, she was a song leader, model, and the Fairest of the Fair.

A legacy of love spreads when a 14 year-old Ann was shopping at a department store with her mom and she spotted a tall, dark, and handsome stranger. She turned to her mom and promptly declared, "I'm going to marry him." Three years later, Ann and Joe Giacalone went on their first date. Walking along the beach, she challenged him to a foot race. Thinking this little brunette would be no match for a state-champion wrestler and World War II veteran, Joe laughed and accepted. He was shocked when Ann not only passed him but resoundingly beat him in the race no matter how hard he ran. From that moment on, she was his "Butch." From that moment on, her entire world and all her love would center on him. Ann and Joe were married in Yuma, AZ on December 1, 1951.

A legacy multiplies after they made their home in San Diego, CA and welcomed their first child into their world – a daughter named Valarie. The greatest joy and love of Ann's life were her children, who continued to come after they moved to Chula Vista, CA. JoAnn, Sharon, Joseph, Cara, and Matthew all followed. Ann's time, love, and energy were devoted to raising her children. She served in numerous church callings, PTAs, and neighborhood organizations over the 25 years they spent in that city. Her house was the daily destination for all the neighborhood kids to get fresh-baked cookies and treats.

Ann spread her legacy of love with annual family beach (and then later pool) parties she threw on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Christmas Eve with Joe's extended family. She became an example of Christlike service and love to a generation of adults and kids who attended these parties. She threw Thanksgiving dinners every year for her own extended family. With her



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husband and children, they volunteered and helped those less-fortunate – spending nearly every Christmas finding families in need and delivering food, money, and presents.

Ann and Joe and their remaining younger kids moved to Escondido, CA in 1979 and became a pillar of the community for the next 24 years. She worked in hospice, helping people feel love in their final weeks in this world. Many of them were lonely and alone, but they left this life knowing what it felt like to be loved.

While in Escondido, her husband of 31 years joined the LDS church and they were able to go to the Los Angeles LDS temple and be sealed together for time and all eternity. She welcomed in a new group of children to be loved and cared for as her children got married - Michael Denning, Bruce Sevy, Bruce Dunn, Allen Puckett, Heather Van Orden and Kari Owsley all called her “mom” and felt what it meant to be part of her legacy of love.

Her family continued to grow as the first of 24 grandchildren were born and her house became a safe haven for anyone who visited or lived there. She became the grandmother to an entire new generation of kids who found any excuse to visit in order to get cookies and hugs. If you were ever near Ann, you couldn’t escape without a big hug. “Do you think when you meet the Savior, he’s going to shake your hand? No, he’s going to hug you” is what you would be told if you resisted the embrace.

After many years and precious friendships, Ann and Joe moved to Heber City, UT in 2003 where they settled for the rest of her life. As they always did, they quickly became the rockstars of the city – showering everyone they met with love and kindness.

A legacy ends as Ann, surrounded by nearly every member of her family passed from this life into the next on April 20, 2017. Tears were shed, memories were shared, love was expressed, and much laughing was had as the family gathered to celebrate her life with her in her final day. She passed without pain or suffering, loved to the end.

A legacy continues as her six children, five in-laws, 24 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and thousands upon thousands of lives she had touched and changed for the better will live with her love and spread it to the people they meet.



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“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier,” was said by Mother Teresa and lived by Ann Giacalone.

Ann is preceded in death by her parents her son Joseph. She is survived by her husband Joseph, children Valarie Giacalone, JoAnn (Bruce) Sevy, Sharon (Michael) Denning, Heather Giacalone, Cara (Allen) Puckett, and Matt (Kari) Giacalone, grandchildren Michael (Chelsea) Denning, Phillip (Brittany) Sevy, Adam (Jocelyn) Sevy, Cameron (Rachel) Denning, Chris Giacalone, Anthony Puckett, Thomas (Dana) Sevy, Natalie (Talen) Crandall, Hunter Denning, Amanda (Zach) Gerrard, Tanner Denning, Joseph Giacalone, Rachel (Shane) Graff, Hannah Giacalone, Brian Puckett, Nicholas Giacalone, Noah Giacalone, Vincent Giacalone, Elise Giacalone, Jacob Puckett, Ethan Giacalone, Maison Giacalone, Kate Giacalone.

A viewing will be held on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 6-8 pm and Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9:30-10:45 am followed by funeral services at 11 am at the LDS Chapel on 2395 South Mill Road in Heber City, UT. Graveside services will be held Monday, May 1, 2017 at 11 am at Camp Williams VA cemetery in Bluffdale, UT.

In lieu of flowers, hug someone.



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Rose Heaton posted:

Dear Joe and family, When we first moved to Heber Ann was assigned as my VT. Most months Joe came too. From the moment we first met we felt the love you so freely shared with all. Ann was always an example of Christlike love. Although we have faith in the plan of salvation part of our physical experience is to miss those we love as we are left behind when they continue on with their eternal progress. Please know that Ann will be greatly missed. Joe, we will come to visit you in the next little while. Love, Rose & Wayne Heaton

May 2 at 8:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Agatha by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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