



## Grace VanRensalier

February 20, 1928 - September 7, 2022

Grace Turner Van Rensalier, affectionately known as "Mother Grace" was a daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, friend and role model who is loved and remember by many.

Born in New Rochelle, New York; she later resided in Paterson, Nutley and Passaic

New Jersey. Mother Grace married her husband John Van Rensalier Sr. who preceded her in death. She raised five children, John Jr., Charley, Lorraine, Allen

and Ronald. She endured some difficult challenges and circumstances but always

persevered and made her family proud. She "adopted" many children along the

way, which she considered her own. Like any good mom, she was always there to

share her motherly advice and to shower all of her children with love. Moving to

Passaic in the early 1970's she quickly forged many friendships and relationships

and became involved within the greater Passaic community through her work and

civic engagements.

Mother Grace along with her dearest friend and BINGO partner, the late Annie Lester, worked at the Turning Point Drug and Rehabilitation Center and served

many of Passaic's most vulnerable residents through drug and alcohol counseling

at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Passaic. An assistant teacher at the Passaic

Children's Day Nursery for many years she helped to tutor pre-school students

there, who affectionately remembered her for many years after they graduated.

For a few years Mother Grace became a member of the Passaic Republican Club

and additionally served as Republican County Committee Person. During her later

years and into her retirement, Mother Grace joined the Senior Resident Council

group at the Passaic Housing Authority and served as Building Captain at the Harry

Hecht Senior Apartments.

Mother Grace was a proud member of the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in

Passaic. She was blessed to have a loving and caring church family who always

supported her, often visiting and praying with her at the Nursing Home.

Affectionately referred to by many as the "Queen" of the Chestnut Hill Nursing Home, Mother Grace spread joy, kindness and hope to her fellow residents with

words of encouragement or just a hello or a smile and perhaps, a not-to-subtle sass

to the staff. Mother Grace was a proud and elegant woman who loved to dress

to  
impress and loved to coordinate her outfits and her jewelry which she wore  
each  
Mother Grace has always been a very strong, graceful and resilient lady; a  
super  
women and a super mom. This very special lady fought hard for her family  
each  
and every day. She was the biggest fan of her children and grandchildren and  
supported us throughout our lives; challenging us to reach for the stars and  
being  
there for us when we would fall short. Mom, your children and grandchildren  
are  
so very proud of you. You've been a true survivor, someone that we will  
forever  
hold near and dear to our hearts. Someone who we will forever love and will  
yearn  
to see once again, in paradise. Your kindness and generosity will continue to  
provide us with a lifetime of memorable blessings. You will always be our  
Amazing  
"Mother Grace."

Mother Grace is preceded in death by her parents the late John Turner and  
Lordena  
Jenkins Turner both of Paterson, NJ. A brother Wilbur Turner of Jamesburg,  
NJ. A  
sister Ruth Lucas of Henderson, NC and brother Peter R. Turner of Chicago,  
I. And  
a son John Van Rensalier Jr.  
She is survived by two daughters Charley of Rutherford, NJ and Lorraine of  
Miami,  
FL. two sons Allen and Ronald of Passaic, NJ. A grandson Lionel Manuel III of

Rutherford, NJ and two granddaughters Kasey Wideman of Greensboro, NC  
and  
Alexandra Van Rensalier of Lodi, NJ four great-grandchildren and two great-  
great-  
grandchildren and a host of other family members and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

160 Passaic Street #180  
Garfield, NJ 07026

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

The Madonna Funeral Home  
109 Howe Ave  
Passaic, NJ 07055  
(973) 777-6011  
madonnafunerals@gmail.com  
<http://www.madonnafuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Burial

SEP 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Grace VanRensalier*

November 27, 2022 at 05:57 PM



“ *Dear Ron,*

*Great memories of Thanksgiving mornings at the Martinique with Mother Grace, Charley, Lorraine and yourself. There was a lot of love shared.*

*My deepest condolences to you all. Long Live the Queen!!  
Lou Gill*

**Louis Gill** - September 16, 2022 at 10:26 PM



“ *Love, Dolores Van Rensalier purchased the Treasured Memory - 8" x 7" Frame (Holds 4x6 Photo) for the family of Grace VanRensalier.*



**Love, Dolores Van Rensalier** - September 13, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ Grace Van Rensalier lived a long devoted life to my second cousin, Ron Van Rensalier and family. Ron has been the lead person for years, taking such good care of his mother until she passed away 9-07-22. She was such a wonderful woman! As a close advisor as she was to our Huntoon-Van Rensalier UGRR Foundation, we will all miss her dearly.



*Dolores Van Rensalier*

Dolores Van Rensalier - September 13, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Grace VanRensalier.



September 10, 2022 at 08:48 AM



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The Madonna Multinational Funeral home - September 09, 2022 at 01:36 PM