



## Mary Ann "Babe" Ross

January 11, 1932 - January 7, 2026

Mary Ann (Petronio) Ross, of Center Township, lovingly known as "Babe" passed away on January 7, 2026, with her family by her side. She was 93 years old.

Babe was born January 11, 1932, in West Aliquippa and is the daughter of the late Pete and Florence (Cataffo) Petronio. Babe was preceded in death by beloved husband Fred Ross, her brother and sister-in-law, Mario and Dora Petronio and her son-in-law, Joseph Sopko.

She was a faithful member of Mary Queen of Saints Parish, St. John the Baptist Church.

Babe retired from the Beaver County Courthouse following over twenty years of dedicated service in the Treasurer's Office. She gained great satisfaction in her work and developed valued friendships throughout her career.

Babe found joy in the simple pleasures, especially playing cards and the board game Parcheesi with her friends and family. Her love for games brought laughter and warmth to countless gatherings, creating memories that her family will treasure forever.

Renowned for her exceptional baking and cooking, Babe's kitchen was always filled with mouthwatering aromas and delicious treats. She generously shared her culinary and baking skills with anyone eager to learn, passing on treasured recipes and techniques. Her legendary cookies were also done to perfection and home-cooked meals were the highlights of many family

celebrations and holidays.

Tradition was of utmost importance to Babe. She maintained family customs throughout her life and made sure they were passed down to the next generations. Her dedication ensured that holiday gatherings, special occasions, and everyday rituals remained meaningful and connected her family to their shared heritage.

Her unwavering devotion to her loved ones was the cornerstone of her life. She took immense pride in her family, cherishing every moment spent together and nurturing the bonds that held them close.

Babe was a beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and will truly be missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her two children: Janet Sopko and Mark Ross . Three granddaughters who brought so much joy to her life, Brittany (A.J.) Emery, Shayla (Zack)Turley and Hannah (Tyler) Lank. Five cherished great grandchildren: Rosston, Alyra, Ella, Jackson and Chase.

Babe is also survived by one sister-in-law, Antonette Ross, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and her special grand dogs: Willow, Arya and Harper.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home Inc. 2026 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001.

On Monday, a mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 am in St. John the Baptist Church, Monaca. Everyone attending is asked to convene at the church. Babe will be laid to rest with her husband at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Babe leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and togetherness. Her family will honor her memories by continuing the traditions she cherished and by

sharing the lessons she taught with others. She will be profoundly missed and forever remembered for her kindness, generosity, and the enduring warmth she brought into the lives of everyone who knew her.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Brodhead Road  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.  
2026 McMinn Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
(724) 375-0496  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 12. 10:00 AM.

St. John The Baptist Church

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Jeff Cataffa and Sherri Schultz + Family purchased the "Forever In Our Hearts" Memorial Garden Stone – A Lasting Tribute of Love and Remembrance for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.



Jeff Cataffa and Sherri Schultz + Family - January 10 at 05:14 PM

JF

“ Jeff Cataffa and Sherri Schultz + Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.

Jeff Cataffa and Sherri Schultz + Family - January 10 at 05:14 PM

RF

“ Rick, Val and Cataffa family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.



Rick, Val and Cataffa family - January 10 at 02:58 PM

RF

“ Rick, Val and Cataffa family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.

Rick, Val and Cataffa family - January 10 at 02:58 PM

RW

“ I worked with Babe in the Treasurer's office back in the early '70s. I was a young 20 year old and Babe took me under her wing sharing her baking and culinary skills. I was thinking of her the other day and I can still hear her laugh. That was a great group of ladies: Olga, Ann, Virge, Mary, Babe & Dorothy. I was blessed that each one took the time to share their life with me. You have my deepest condolences.

Roberta Woods - January 10 at 11:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.



January 10 at 11:16 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.



January 10 at 07:49 AM

LM

“ Love, Kim, Cassie, Caitlin, Ash Mutkus planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.

Love, Kim, Cassie, Caitlin, Ash Mutkus - January 10 at 07:49 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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January 09 at 08:49 PM



“ *Michael Jordan Nissan purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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**Michael Jordan Nissan** - January 09 at 08:15 PM



“ *Michael Jordan Nissan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*

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**Michael Jordan Nissan** - January 09 at 08:15 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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January 09 at 01:29 PM

TF

“ *The James Romandetti Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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**The James Romandetti Family** - January 09 at 01:14 PM

SA

“ *Janice and family, we were so sorry to hear about the passing of Babe. She was my mentor when it came to baking and cooking. Janice, I will never forget how wonderful you were to me when I had many surgeries with The D'Antonio doctors. I will keep her in my prayers. Love and friendship, Sandy & Tom Anderson*



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**Sandy Anderson** - January 09 at 12:40 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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January 09 at 12:10 PM

JC

“ *Julie, Rich, Lisa & Karen Chewing purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.*



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**Julie, Rich, Lisa & Karen Chewing** - January 09 at 10:14 AM

AA

“ so sorry for your loss will always remember her and the family mauro &Angie Antolini

angie antolini - January 09 at 09:03 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.



January 09 at 08:55 AM

KE

“ Ken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Ann "Babe" Ross.

Ken - January 09 at 08:55 AM