



Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli) LaScala Russo

October 14, 1923 - April 4, 2017

UTICA/NEW HARTFORD - Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli) LaScala Russo, age 93, was received into the arms of the Lord as she passed away on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at the Abraham House with the love of her family in her heart.

Born in Utica on October 14, 1923, Agnes was the daughter of the late Giovanni "John" and Catherine (Perri) Carvelli. Raised and educated locally, Agnes attended Utica Free Academy. On February 5, 1944 she married the love of her life, Leonard L. LaScala with whom she shared 32 years in a union blessed with four children. They found so much joy as a family and memories of those early years are etched in the hearts of their children. Leonard, Sr. passed away on February 17, 1976. On January 27, 1979 Agnes was joined in a second marriage to Joseph E. Russo until his passing on March 19, 2002. Aggie held several positions over the years, first at the Utica Knitting Mill, then at the Armour Meat Packing Corporation. She was next employed at the Boston Store refining her retail skills in the notions department where she worked for 13 years until the store's closing in 1976. She then accepted a job at Gold Top Bakery where her baking skills were much appreciated. Lastly, after 16 years, retiring in 2001, Aggie managed the Park West Regency Apartments on West Street which were owned by her son John. Aggie was very responsible, proud, and professional in all her positions, all the while maintaining her home and embracing her role as a loving mother. Agnes was a very humble soul, serving others before herself. She was a

gentle and selfless person who supported her children in all their endeavors and taught them to make sound decisions in their lives, just as she did when she earned her GED at the age of 54, one of her proudest achievements! Cooking and baking for her family, and preparing holiday meals were very important to Aggie. All her loved ones anticipated these special celebrations and appreciated the decorations and preparations that she put in place for all to enjoy. Sewing was a passion for Aggie, a pursuit requiring precision and patience, which yielded beautiful hand-crafted clothing and draperies. She also found joy in gardening and watching the wildlife in her backyard and she loved all God's creatures, especially "kitty cats". She looked forward to coffee time "No decaf!" at 8:00 p.m. with her son-in-law, and her afternoon tea time shared with her son Len.

Each of her children felt that she was involved with and instrumental in their everyday life. Sunday evening calls from her sons uplifted her, and when she made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, she was surrounded by love and was cared for at night. During the day, she carried out her responsibilities and kept busy, a lifestyle that kept her alive and well. Aggie was a member of the Parkway Senior Center, the American Legion Utica Post #229 Ladies Auxiliary, and the Adult Day Care at Sitrin Health Care Center. She loved attending church and Bible Study with her church family at the Living Faith Bible Church in Sauquoit. She participated in many church events and volunteered as a "greeter" and for the clean-up committee. Mom loved the Lord. She would always say, "Whatever will be, will be. It's in the Lord's hands".

Agnes is survived by her cherished and beloved children, Leonard L. Jr. and Karen LaScala of New Hartford, John and Robin LaScala of Rochester, Richard and Patti LaScala of Hazlet Township, NJ, and Marie L. and Phillip A. Montana of New Hartford with whom she shared a home; her grandchildren, Michael and Kerri LaScala, Kristin and Jason Goldberg, and their mother Anne Vanderpool; Rachel and Brian Liberti, Brandon Lee; Kathryn and Robert Theyoung, Matthew LaScala, Andrew Clark; and special mention of Mark

Anthony Montana, and Michael Montana who were her adopted grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Nicholas and Kaitlyn LaScala, Jakob LaScala, and Axel Goldberg, and Mario LaViena; her step-children, Joseph and Dina Russo, Antoinette and Joseph Morrelle, John and Pat Russo, Philip Russo, as well as their children and grandchildren. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging her niece Marina, who was like a daughter to her, her husband Mike Latella and their family, Frank Russo, Angelo and Terri Reina, John and Bonnie Carvelli, Sandy and Michael Collins, Anthony and Sue Carvelli, and Catherine Carvelli; great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Lenore Carvelli, Gladys Williams, Frances "Babe" Wyban, and Katherine LaScala; and Mimi Montana, her beloved friend with whom she shared many great years together, her church family whom she loved at the Living Faith Bible Church where she found much purpose; and Carmie Eannace with whom she shared a close bond. She was predeceased by her sister, Mary Carvelli; her brothers and sister-in-law, Anthony Carvelli, and Floyd and Teresa Carvelli; in-laws, Lawrence and Laura Russo, Frank LaScala, Nancy and Rocco Russo, Mary and Angelo Reina, Salvatore and Clara LaScala, and Bernie Wyban; special niece, Johanne DiNigro; special nephews, John Carvelli, J.R. Carvelli, and Rocco Russo, Jr.; cousin, Joseph Saccoia; and best friend and pen-pal for over 70 years, Marge Triplett.

The family is grateful to Aggie's primary physician, Dr. Bisham Garg, the staff at the Adult Day Care at the Sitrin Health Care Center, personnel of the St. Luke's Home/Barton East Unit; and all her visitors, especially her church family who were a very important part of her life and made her feel very special and loved, notably Pastor Dave Green, Brother David Ossenfort, and Dr. Sherry Ann Lints who were so uplifting to Aggie; Rev. Paul Drobin for his prayers; the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; and the amazing staff at the Abraham House for the comforting accommodations and compassionate care provided to Aggie during her final journey, with special mention of

Executive Director, Gina Ciaccia.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, contributions may be considered to the Abraham House in recognition of their outstanding mission; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Aggie's funeral service which will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at the Living Faith Bible Church, 2922 Oneida Street, corner of Pinnacle Road, Sauquoit, NY.

Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

DT

“ Rich, Re, John, and Lenny,

I send my deepest condolences to the LaScala family for the loss of your mom. She showed love, warmth, kindness and wisdom to all who knew her and the positive and lasting impact she had on my life has never been forgotten. You were very blessed to have such a beautiful mother, and may you all find comfort in the memories you share and the knowledge that she is now home with the Lord. God Bless you all,

Diane Thurman

Diane Thurman - April 10, 2017 at 02:59 PM

TH

“ Marie! So sorry! I am out of town and wasn't able to see you! I have such wonderful memories of your Mom! She was always a great lady! She will be missed! Love always Thalea!

Thalea Hunter - April 10, 2017 at 11:53 AM

LS

“ Rich and Patti,

So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May she rest in peace.

Lynn Staufenberg - April 10, 2017 at 09:12 AM

LP

“ Re,
So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. Please extend my condolences to your family.
Laura Percola-Battelene

Laura Percola - April 09, 2017 at 05:23 PM

RW

“ *ReRe, Johnny, Lenny and Ricky. I'm so sorry about your mom. We shared a lot of memories growing up and they are never forgotten. She will be truly missed but always in our heart.*

Love you and God bless you all
Roe

rosann white - April 09, 2017 at 08:41 AM

RR

“ *Maria and Phil, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. May Our Lord be with you guys at this sad time. She was the sweetest lady and I will miss her.*

Rosalyn G. Reichman - April 08, 2017 at 05:44 PM

RR

“ *I will always remember you Agnes for your sweetness and loving way. You will be missed at church very much. I am so happy I was able to spend time with you at the Abraham House. I love you Agnes. You are now home with your maker and loved ones. How lucky you are. Love,Rosalyn*

Rosalyn G. Reichman - April 08, 2017 at 05:37 PM



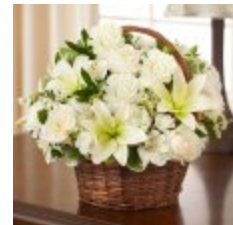
“ *Cherished Memories - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli) LaScala Russo.



April 08, 2017 at 08:44 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli) LaScala Russo.



April 07, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Celeste and Tom Pilkington purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* for the family of Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli) LaScala Russo.



Celeste and Tom Pilkington - April 07, 2017 at 04:18 PM

CV

“ Dear Marie & Phil,
I want to share my most sincere condolences with you and your family for the loss of your beloved mom, Agnes. As did anyone I am sure who has ever had the blessing of knowing Aggie, I truly adored her. One of the things I looked forward to most about getting together at Montana family events was having the chance to sit and chat with Aunt Aggie. She was one of the most genuinely positive, loving, up-lifting and joy sharing people I have ever met. May God bless Aggie in her eternal rest and all of her loved ones during this very sad time, especially the two of you.

With love, Cheri Vanetten

Cheri Vanetten - April 07, 2017 at 02:16 PM

PW

“ So sorry for your loss . She will always be in your heart.

Patty D Fraccola Williams - April 07, 2017 at 11:44 AM

FR

“ My sincere condolences are sent your way. Aunt Aggie was one wonderful lady. My heart goes out to all of you. I knew she was getting her GED because I was teaching in the GED night school program at the time. She was very proud of what she was doing and made me promise not to tell anyone. I kept that promise until this day. She wanted to tell people herself. As you know I am in California and will not be able to be there for you in person at this time. Love to you all. Cousin Frank Russo

Frank Russo - April 07, 2017 at 12:52 AM

RS

“ Phillip and Marie,
We are so sorry to hear of Marie's mom. We feel your loss. We will continue to prayer for you and family. She was a wonderful person!! She did so much in her life and touched many. May the wonderful memories you have keep you and fill your hearts each day. You were truly blessed to have had her in your lives! May knowing she loved Jesus give you peace that she is with him. Your friends from CMA.. Rich and Sheila Scibior

Rich and Sheila Scibior - April 06, 2017 at 11:31 PM

DG

“ Maria & Phil, i was saddened to hear of your mother's passing. Although i may not have shared a lot of time with Aggie, it was very clear what a Godly woman she was. She was loved dearly & poured out such love on everyone she met. I can hear Jesus saying to her... "Well done my good and faithful servant"

Daniel Gossin - April 06, 2017 at 09:46 PM

BH

Too rich in the entire family my deepest condolences what a beautiful tribute as a friend especially being a part of your family and growing up with you I have so many fond memories of your mom although this is a sad day my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I wish I could be there you were all blessed to have such an amazing wonderful loving mother she was truly a gift to all of you and anyone who came into her life. She is now in heaven with all her loved ones that departed before her.

Bruce Hoffstetter - April 07, 2017 at 10:10 AM

KL

“ Marie - So sorry to read of your Mom's passing. May she rest in peace.

Karen Oliva Lowell - April 06, 2017 at 06:49 PM

DG

“ Marie & Phil....My heart goes out to you both and your entire family...I immediately loved Aunt Aggie like she was my own....thank you for letting me into her life...thank you Marina for including me in everything with her..She truly was a very special woman and she will live in all of our hearts. Our deepest sympathy.
Denise & Jim Giruzzi

Denise Giruzzi - April 06, 2017 at 12:30 PM

CP

“ Celeste & Tom Pilkington sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Agnes M. "Aggie" (Carvelli)
LaScala Russo



Celeste & Tom Pilkington - April 06, 2017 at 10:17 AM

CC

“ I was filled with sadness with John sharing this news with me. I am unable to be there with family but know my thoughts and prayers are with each and every one. I will always remember my aunt with great love and admiration. She was a loving, kind, intelligent and strong woman. We all share in her legacy of attributes. I am grateful to have been a part in her life. I wish each of you peace and solace at this time.

*With love and sympathy, your cousin,
Cat Carvelli*

Catherine Carvelli - April 06, 2017 at 09:13 AM