



## Mrs. Alexandria M. "Sandy" (Petrillo) Cecilia

June 22, 1928 - July 17, 2017

NY MILLS - Mrs. Alexandria M. "Sandy" (Petrillo) Cecilia, age 89, passed away on Monday, July 17, 2017 in the comfort and dignity of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on June 22, 1928, Alexandria was the daughter of the late Anthony and Florence (Traglia) Petrillo. She was the Salutatorian of her graduating class of 1946 at T.R. Proctor High School. She also received a degree at the Utica School of Commerce. She was married in 1952 to Anthony "Tony" Cecilia.

In her earlier years, Sandy worked as a secretary at Utica Mutual Insurance Company, as well as other offices. She especially enjoyed working as a secretary for "American Painting and Decorating". Sandy and Tony also owned and operated the Friendly Restaurant in Waterville and the Townline Tavern in Whitesboro.

Sandy was an avid writer and one of her stories was published in Reader's Digest. She enjoyed reading and cooking awesome dishes for her family.

Sandy devoted her life to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and she was happiest when her family gathered around her. For relaxation, she enjoyed bowling, traveling to the ocean, and trying to hit a jackpot at the casino.

Sandy stayed strong in her Catholic faith and beliefs throughout her lifetime. Sandy is survived by her daughter, Florence Cecilia of NY Mills with whom she shared a home, and Jay Jonza; her son and daughter-in-law, Anthony

and Cindy Cecilia of VA; grandchildren, Jennifer and Dave Goodfriend, Stephanie and Mike Carlson, Anthony Thomas and Chie Cecilia, Kimberly and Jesse Peckham, and Terese Cecilia and Oisin O'Brien; and 11 great-grandchildren. In addition, she leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Tony; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Lena Petrillo, and Roger and Carmella Petrillo; her sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Louis Degni; and her in-laws, Enrico and Josephine Cecilia, and Mary and Arthur Flisnik.

The family expresses gratitude to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially nurses Lisa and Irene, for the care and compassion shown to Alexandria; also, Dr. Booth and his staff, and Cindy for her compassion in caring for Sandy.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Sandy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 7:00 at the funeral home officiated by Rev. Arthur Krawczenko. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences to your family*

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**Sue C Giruzzi** - July 21, 2017 at 11:51 AM

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“ *Oisin O'Brien and Family purchased the Healing Tears - Yellow and White for the family of Mrs. Alexandria M. "Sandy" (Petrillo) Cecilia.*



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**Oisin O'Brien and Family** - July 20, 2017 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Aunt Sandra always made visits to Woodlawn fun. Countless memories over the years with her and Uncle Tony. Until we meet again...  
Say hi to the deer party gang in heaven.  
Love, God Son Ricky*

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**rick flisnik** - July 19, 2017 at 09:25 PM

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“ I first met Sandy through my daughter-in law Kim ,she was so warm and welcoming.Since then we have shrared so many special events together and she always greeted you with a warm hug `and a smile that could light up the room. But my most special time with her was when I moved in with her.She welcomed me with an open heart . We got so close that she became a second mother to me so I started to call her Mamsita.She was the first thing I saw in the morning and the last thing I saw at night. I miss that. Mamsita I miss you so much I will always love you and think of you especially your smile and all the special times we spent together. To her family, Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this special lady's life.Thank you for making me a part of the family. Mamasita left a great legacy and I love you all Cindy Schrader

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**cindy schrader** - July 19, 2017 at 07:39 PM



“ I have many meaningful memories of my Aunt Sandra. Aunt Sandra and I worked for my Grandfather at American Painting and Decorating. Our lunch hours were filled with food, jokes, and laughter. Occasionally, she would show me very funny business concepts such as the "circular file" for dealing with unwanted resumes, letters, and forms. She was always was quick to encourage me to keep writing poetry and stories. Aunt Sandra is trully a person in my life that I will miss.

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**Mark Volz** - July 19, 2017 at 02:49 PM

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“ So many wonderful memories of my dear Aunt Sandra. She was a good listener and always very kind and encouraging. Great sense of humor and lot's of fun! Some of her adventures with my Aunt Anna were like Lucy and Viv! She will always be remembered with love and respect. Much Love to my cousins, Florence and Anthony,, and to their families.

*Linda Petrillo*

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**linda Petrillo** - July 19, 2017 at 10:51 AM

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“ Florence & Family - Your mom was such a wonderful woman. She will always be known as 'Grandma Sandy' to my children and she treated them as her own. She will be greatly missed. With our love & sympathy ~ Joe & Sue Hughes & family

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**Sue Hughes** - July 19, 2017 at 07:53 AM

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“ Louis Degni purchased the Blue & White Sympat hy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Alexandria M. "Sandy" (Petrillo) Cecilia.



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**Louis Degni** - July 19, 2017 at 01:48 AM

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“ *Sandy and the late Anthony Cecila were wonderful people who welcomed our family into theirs. They both had gentle souls and a very kind nature. Sandy and Tony enriched our lives and we feel fortunate to have known them. We will miss them.*

*Peter and Donna Goodfriend and Family*

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**Peter and Donna Goodfriend** - July 18, 2017 at 07:39 PM