



## Mrs. Amelia M. (Ciccone) Graziano

February 4, 1915 - June 8, 2016

Mrs. Amelia Mary (Ciccone) Graziano, age 101, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in the comfort of her home with her loving family at her side.

Born in Utica on February 4, 1915, Amelia was the daughter of the late Antonio and Marianna (Consales) Ciccone. She was raised and educated in Utica. On September 21, 1935 she was joined in marriage with Salvatore A. Graziano; they shared 48 wonderful years together before his passing on December 14, 1983.

Amelia was selfless, caring, and funny. She loved babies, bingo, and good banana splits. She played bingo at local churches and the East Side Senior Center where she made many friendships. She loved to go to the Casino and took many bus trips with her friends. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Amelia will be greatly missed by her family: daughters and son-in-law, Beverly A. Graziano of Utica with whom she shared a home and loving devotion, and Marianna and James Johnson of Delaware; her sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Carol Graziano, Bruno A. and Christine Graziano, all of Utica, and Anthony Graziano and Sandy Smith of Mohawk; her grandchildren, Robert S. Sterling and Andrea Girona, Paige and Josh Russell; Angela Graziano, Ronald, Jr. and Kristen Graziano, Michelle and Brian Lipes; Martin Graziano, Michael Graziano; Ryan and Marisa Graziano, and Michael Fikes; her great-grandchildren, Giovanni, Gemma, Brianna, Kezia, Travis, Michael, Amanda, and Kaitlyn. Amelia leaves one sister Clara DePaul of CA. She also leaves

many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Lorene Graziano. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Bernadette and Gennaro D'Onofrio; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Henry M. and Marian Ciccone, and Marshall H. and Patricia Ciccone; and many special in-laws.

The family extends thanks to Amelia's primary physician, Dr. Raouf Kodsy, for his professional expertise and concern, as well as her home health nurses, Sharon Tomaino and Tony Burnett, who cared for Amelia with love and dignity. Amelia's family will honor and celebrate her life in a private gathering.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Arthur Krawczenko. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Aunt "Molia" or sometimes Aunt Mol, was always my favorite aunt. She was the wife of my mother's brother and my confidant. Our families lived in the same house for a long time and those were the best of times. I spent a great deal of my time in her home, just hanging with my cousins, especially Bev. Aunt Molly saved my life a number of times when my mother would go on a rampage with her cat-o-nine-tails and I would run upstairs and she'd tell me to hide under the bed. She always tried to reason with my mother, who was not a reasonable woman. Sunday nights meant my "Uncle Squink" would go to the bakery and bring back hot loaves of bread which we'd eat with olive oil, oregano and sometimes pepperoni. Both of our families would stay in the rentals at Sylvan Beach and I would stand in the doorways of the bars, watching my older cousins dance. It was a great childhood. And after they all moved to South St. we'd still all see each other all the time. I grew up and went on with life, but I knew I could visit that particular Aunt and Uncle (and later just Aunt, after Uncle Squink passed) and even if I hadn't seen her in 5 years, I would always be welcomed with open arms and felt like we'd spent no time apart. She was good people...kind, funny, loved my uncle like crazy and I like to think that she's still with all of us and me, in all the wonderful memories that I have of her. She made me laugh. Thank you for your generosity of spirit and for giving me some of the best times a kid growing up with extended family could have.

*Patricia Barone Hepler*

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**Patricia Barone Hepler** - June 14, 2016 at 08:07 PM

AJ

“ *"Aunt Mollia" was a sweet wonderful woman. She will truly be missed. I spent a lot of time with her when I was little (my grandma was Mary Graziano Barone), and have many fond memories of her. My sincerest condolences to the family. - Aimee Hepler Jones*

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**Aimee Jones** - June 14, 2016 at 06:08 PM

PE

“ *Keeping the Graziano family in my thoughts and prayers. P.Egan*

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**P. Egan** - June 11, 2016 at 03:01 PM

JS

*Sorry I can't be with you at this time. My memories of aunt Mel will always be special in my heart.*

*Love cousin Jack*

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**Jack Cofano Sr.** - June 12, 2016 at 02:16 PM

BE

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Bernadette** - June 11, 2016 at 01:46 PM

GR

“ It was always fun to be around you always with a smile and placing others before yourself. You would literally give the shirt off your back if someone needed it. You are an amazing woman, taught many in the family and friends what it means to give from your heart. The words our family express are not nearly enough to cover the wonders of Aunt Mel. I love you Aunt Mel.

Grace - June 11, 2016 at 10:57 AM

VT

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Amelia Graziano. May you find comfort in your loving memories, and in God's promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and "wipe away the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy,

V. Thompson - June 11, 2016 at 07:21 AM

LC

“ Aunt Mel We will all miss that beautiful smile. It was a great pleasure and honor to have known you and to have been part of your extended family. May you find comfort and peace in our Lords arms.

Larry Calenzo - June 10, 2016 at 09:07 PM

JO

“ Joan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Amelia M. (Cicccone) Graziano



Joan - June 10, 2016 at 02:22 PM

JC

“Joan and I send our love and prayers. Aunt Mel was such a wonderful example to everyone that knew her. She was all about love, sharing, caring and serving others. She instilled her Christ like traits in all of her children and grandchildren. She was the binding force in the Graziano family. It has been a tribute to her to see how her family loved and cared for her in her last years, they will miss her terribly. Know that she is at peace and smiling down on all of you. God Bless You All.

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**Joan & Marshall Ciccone** - June 10, 2016 at 02:20 PM

MC

“Marshall J Ciccone sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Amelia M. (Ciccone) Graziano



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**Marshall J Ciccone** - June 10, 2016 at 02:07 PM