



Amelia E. "Meel" Maynard

January 20, 1955 - January 30, 2008

Mrs. Amelia E. "Meel" Maynard, age 53, currently of Ilion, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at the Little Falls Hospital. Born in Utica on January 20, 1955, Amelia was raised and educated locally. On August 1, 1998 she married Eugene "Geno" Smith. The couple enjoyed spending time together and the common bonds which made them soul mates. Meel enjoyed various work pursuits during the years including her employment at the Mohawk Valley Work Shop, LCMG, Inc., and her current vocation as seamstress for Janine King Designs of Utica, a company which specializes in fine tapestry handbags and accessories.

A talented and creative woman, Meel had vision and imagination which were aspects of her character that made her such a creative soul. Although she had many hopes and dreams, she displayed patience and perseverance, and was able to deliver her message with such style. She loved music, especially rhythm & blues, and Motown, an era that her children also appreciated. She was always concerned about others and did not discriminate in her selfless actions and good will. She shared her honest views to improve and enhance relationships. She was a treasure to her loved ones who hold dear her legacy and the precious moments and memories they shared. She enjoyed bargain shopping and often made special purchases for friends and loved ones with generosity and abundance. She practiced her spirituality in kindness and good deeds.

Amelia is survived by her husband, Geno; her children, Lisa Cappelli, Wynter

Alfred, Michele G. Cappelli, John LaClair and Leelo Finnerty, Todd LaClair, and James LaClair; her grandchildren, Zamantha and Angelo; Brittany, Dante, and Christopher; and her great-grandchild, Kaiden. Survivors also include her sister, Jacqueline (Szablak) Cicigline; her brother, Joseph Maynard; her nieces and nephews, including John, Kelly, and Jodi Becker; great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins; her mother-in-law, Linda Given; her in-laws, Patrick and Teri Smith and their children Rebecca, Joseph, and Taylor; Crystal and Tim Harriman and their children Matthew, and Lilly; and her long time and loyal friend, Mary Rende.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 1:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Amelia's Celebration of Life which will commence on Sunday at 3:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Christine Abbass, Certified Celebrant, officiating.

Tribute Wall



“ I thought she was a great woman and hope shes R.I.P, she is in a better place now watching over me and i realy miss u muhhhhhhh
luv u and miss u so....##imported-begin##Katelyn Rende :
(##imported-end##

February 08, 2008 at 06:26 PM



“ MEEL , I love you dearly and ,miss you one day we will be together again i love you sis .YOUR SIS JACKIE##imported-begin##JACKIE
CICIGLINE ##imported-end##

February 07, 2008 at 05:25 PM



“ AUNT AMELLIA I LOVE YOU I MISS YOU I THINK ABOUT YOU EVERY DAY YOU WILL ALWAYS BE IN MY HEART I KNOW YOU ARE WATCHING OVER ALL OF US I LOVE YOU SO MUCH .JODI##imported-begin##JODI BECKER##imported-end##

February 07, 2008 at 05:19 PM



“ Aunt Meel -
You will be greatly missed and we all will be together as a family again . I Love you .##imported-begin##Kelly Becker##imported-end##

February 06, 2008 at 01:01 PM



“ So sorry about or lost

Joe Oleksik##imported-begin##*Joesph Oleksik*##imported-end##

February 06, 2008 at 08:04 AM



“ Gene, We are very sorry to hear of Amelia's passing. Although we didnt know her, we have known you for a long time and just wanted you to know that we are thinking of you during this difficult time. The Adamek's##imported-begin##Jason and Lisa Adamek##imported-end##

February 04, 2008 at 09:00 AM



“ i just mant to say that this was unexpected but i really do hope your enjoying your free time in the place that you do belong in. To your children and grandchildren i give my condolences. If anyone person needs any thing I am there for the family. Mom you were great and you always treated everyone with decency now its your turn, always and forever I love you and your family.

Sincerely,

Kailin B.##imported-begin##*kailin brokaw*##imported-end##

February 03, 2008 at 11:26 AM



“ Amelia, you blessed my business and my life. Words can't express how much you will be missed. I am grateful for so many things you did, but most of all for your friendship.

My sincerest condolences to your family and loved ones. I will keep them in my thoughts and prayers.

With love always,

Janine###imported-begin###Janine King###imported-end###

February 03, 2008 at 08:53 AM



“ She was the love of my life!
I thought about her all the time and I will miss her.

Goodnight and sweet dreams OATIE!

Rod###imported-begin###Rodney Miller###imported-end###

February 03, 2008 at 01:17 AM



“ To the family i'm sorry about your mom death ,i worked with amelia at walmart doing demo and aloved her like a sister she will be truly missed .With Deepest Symphay Ida Bellino###imported-begin###IDA Bellino###imported-end###

February 03, 2008 at 12:46 AM



“ your a good woman and my grandma thinks the same Grandma Mary your friend###imported-begin###Renae Renae ###imported-end###

February 02, 2008 at 10:41 PM



“ I want to wish the family, and friends my deepest condolences, and I wish I wasn't in Iraq right now, i would be there to support y'all, MOM (Mary Rende) she was your best friend, and I wish you all the best.##imported-begin##SFC Rende, Anthony##imported-end##

February 02, 2008 at 09:17 PM



“ Meel, I can't believe I will never get to see your impish grin or beautiful smile, You always made me laugh, I will remember last Christmas always, when you handed me my butterfly pillows, you were beaming, with that twinkle in your eyes, that we all saw so much. i have always thought of you more as a sister, and my best friend. I felt honored to witness your marriage to my son, and knowing you would be a part of my family that can never be replaced. I love you and I know God is holding you in His hands until we meet again, my Sweetie, Love, Mom##imported-begin##Linda Given (Mom)##imported-end##

February 02, 2008 at 01:15 PM



“ Lisa and family,, Your mom was always a pleasure to be around. I will always remember the Halloween's when she always had something special for Zam, Josh and Amanda. Always a smile on her face and loved joking with you. She was a special lady and always will be.##imported-begin##MaryAnn Deveans##imported-end##

February 02, 2008 at 02:12 AM



“ I,M SO SORRY , you all lost something . A wife a mother a sister a gramma a great gramma aunt and most of all a friend you are all in my praiyers and heart always all my love take care of each other that's what you need now FAMILY ALL MY LOVE, LOVE SUE CAVOLY###imported-begin###susan cavoly###imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 08:24 PM



“ Dear Lisa and family,

It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memory of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again.

Love and Prayers, Kathy (KK), Mike and Daughters###imported-begin###Kathy (Kay Kay)###imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 02:08 PM



“ Mom,

i can't believe this is real. there's so many things that i havent done or said. I know your in a better place but i was'nt ready to let you go. i love you so much. I miss you so much. Its hard to picture my life without you here, but i know your looking down on me. I know your happy. I'll never go a day without thinking of you. You'll always be in my heart. I love you mama. I cant wait to see you again.###imported-begin###Wynter###imported-end##

February 01, 2008 at 11:59 AM



“ Meel you were the one true love in my life. I knew that you were my soulmate the first time i met you when i saw the twinkle in those big beautiful blue eyes.

You were more than than just my wife you became and always will be my bestfriend, and truly the love of my life. I miss you deeply and it hurts so bad,because i lost you but i know just having known you and loved you that i am a better person because of YOU.I will never stop loving you and i am just counting the days til were together again though they may be many YOU are worth the wait.I love you baby and miss you dearly .##imported-begin##GENO##imported-end##

January 31, 2008 at 07:01 PM



“ Amelia only thought of others, often before herself and her needs/wants. She'd shop and find the greatest bargins and then pass those great gifts on to all of us.

Amelia, You will always be in our hearts and memories. We have pillows you made to rest our heads on and flower swags to beautify our home. Coffee will never taste the same without your conversation.Thank you for being a major part in, not only Gene's life, but ours as well. Love always from all of us.##imported-begin##Patrick, Teri & Ro,JP,Tay##imported-end##

January 31, 2008 at 05:27 PM



“ I wish that I could have known you. Crystal speaks so highly of you and you can see the grief in her face and hear it in her voice when she talks about you. I know that you will be missed.

God bless and God speed on angels wings.

Tom Pirro##imported-begin##Tom Pirro##imported-end##

January 31, 2008 at 03:24 PM



“ I can't believe she's gone. Meel may have been my sister "in-law" but she was more like an older sister to me. She was one of the few people who could understand my brother; the one person he felt completely at ease with. There is a hole in all our hearts without her here. I love you, Meel and I'll miss you so much.##imported-begin##Crystal Harriman##imported-end##

January 31, 2008 at 02:11 PM