



Ann (Inserra) Calabrese

January 24, 2014

Ann (Inserra) Calabrese passed away peacefully on Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her devoted daughter by her side.

Born in Utica, Ann was the daughter of the late Frank and Vincenzina (Aiello) Inserra; she was the last of the seven Inserra children. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School as well as the Utica School of Commerce.

Meticulous with numbers, she was a well regarded bookkeeper for the Savage Arms Company, Karrat Brothers Wholesale Fruit & Produce, and Cardamone Produce. She then took a position at Rig-All Company where she developed a camaraderie with the late Mary Ann Riggalls, where they mutually supported one another in the vision of the business and shared in a very loyal and confidential business relationship. If one were to reflect upon the length of Ann's career, they would be remiss not to be amazed that she remained active in the workplace until the age of 90, an almost unheard of accomplishment in this day in age. Ann was a refined dignified, and humble woman, who lived her life through the guidance of the Lord. As a mother, she was her daughter's best friend. She could talk about anything with her and she imparted the wisdom of her years to her. Endowed with a creative mind, she could knit without the accompaniment of a pattern. Her daughter and loved ones will treasure the many afghans and specialty items she bestowed to them. She entertained with grace and great style, and all were welcome at her table. She

canned with pride and precision, and prepared many dishes derived from recipes that her mother passed down to her, which made her very proud. Ann was deeply devoted to her Catholic faith and remained loyal to her church, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, where she received all her Sacraments. Knowing that her funeral Mass would be celebrated in this House of the Lord was beautiful and comforting to her.

Ann is survived by her cherished daughter, Anne "Annie" Calabrese of Utica. Her passing will also be mourned by her many nieces, nephews, especially Salvatore Inserra who was very involved in her life and brightened her days by sharing his daughter Nina with her; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law, Ninfa Inserra, and Rosetta Inserra. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Rose and James Gallicchio; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Cora Inserra, George and Mary Inserra, Salvatore "Tato" and Nellie Inserra, Rosario "Raz" Inserra, and Anthony "Sonny" Inserra.

The family is grateful to Dr. Jerry Sloan for his friendship and professional courtesies which were so touching to Ann and Annie.

The family will honor and commemorate Ann's life at a private time. By family request, please omit flowers. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ann's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta and con-celebrant, Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Ann - so sorry to hear about your mother - God bless her - Sandra Cotrupe*

sandra cotrupe - January 30, 2014 at 06:26 AM

DM

“ *Anne...so sorry to hear of your loss.*



Don Marino - January 27, 2014 at 10:52 AM

PM

“ *Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Ann (Inserra) Calabrese*



Paul Mangano - January 27, 2014 at 10:34 AM

TC

“ *Annie, so sorry about the loss of your mother. She was truly a legend-a lovely lady who made the best tomato pie ever. I have fond memories of her hospitality and warmth. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Theresa and Carmen*

Theresa Custodero - January 26, 2014 at 12:47 PM

JG

“ Anne, So sorry, my thoughts and prayers are with you . Remember that your mother will always be looking down on you, smiling.

Jody Guarnieri - January 26, 2014 at 12:21 PM

AG

“ Ms. Calabrese, So very sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. May your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

Allison Trevisani Gates - January 26, 2014 at 07:27 AM

BC

“ Dear Annie please accept our condolences in the passing of your Mom. God has taken another beautiful person to be an Angel in Heaven. May she be at peace. With much sympathy and love.

Patrick,Brenda Castelli & family



Brenda Castelli - January 26, 2014 at 05:02 AM

AA

“ Dear Annie, I am saddened to hear of your moms passing. I know how close you were to her. She was always so kind and hospitable to me. I will never forget the warmth when she would greet me. If I can be of any assistance to you, at this time, please let me know. You remain in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Arsen

Arsen Amiraian - January 26, 2014 at 02:17 AM

JS

“ *Annie, so sorry.....your Mom will always be within You.*

Joseph Surace

Joseph surace - January 25, 2014 at 12:15 PM