



Anna M. (Sardina) Castelli

April 8, 1917 - January 18, 2010

Mrs. Anna M. (Sardina) Castelli, age 92, of Utica, passed away on Monday, January 18, 2010 in the comfort and privacy of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 8, 1917, Anna was the daughter of the late Paul and Sarah (Tomaselli) Sardina. She was raised and educated in Utica and attended local schools. On April 6, 1940 she married Angelo R. Castelli with whom she shared 69 years of her life; their relationship was blessed with love and devotion. Her beloved Angelo passed away on August 5, 2009.

During her working days, Anna held a position with the Oneita Knitting Mills and later with Univac, the position from which she retired. A talented craftswoman, she was especially gifted in sewing, knitting, and crocheting, and enjoyed sharing her handmade articles with love. She was a member of the West Side Senior Center, the North Utica Community Center, and the former East Side Senior Center. She was a communicant of St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church and a member of its Altar Rosary Society.

Anna is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Mindy and Fred Garner of Sun City, AZ, Dorothea C. Smothers of New York Mills, Paula A. Fontaine of Whitesboro, and Angela M. Durrigan of Utica. Always close to her heart was the memory of Anna's son-in-law, Gary Fontaine, who passed away on June 18, 2009. In addition, she leaves her grandchildren, Janet and Jimmy McCarter, Garrett and Suzanne Garner, Michael Garner, Becky Moran, Kristina Fiorini and Brian Listovitch, Gary R. Fontaine, Jr., Melissa Durrigan

and Joe Green, and Gina and Adam Pinkos. Survivors also include her 10 great-grandchildren; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Kate Sardina of New Hartford, Rose Mozzetti of Utica, and Josephine and Enrico Cecilia of Whitesboro. She was predeceased by her infant son, Michael; her granddaughter, Lisa Ann; sisters, Frances Biancardi, Catherine Dacquino, Domenica Ciccone, and Mary DiNardi; and her brothers, Sam Sardina, Joseph Sardina, and Anthony Sardina. The family is grateful to the entire staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially acknowledging Navez, for her special care and concern. Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Anna's honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Anna's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ I am so grateful to my aunt and uncle for all the care they gave me when I was a child and teenager before I moved to California. I especially appreciated the video since I was not able to be there for their services. Many wonderful memories of our families.
Loretta##imported-begin##Loretta Biancardi Cole##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 12:48 PM



“ Paula.....you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so sorry for the loss of your mother - how wonderful that she lived such a long and wonderful life - always cherish all the special memories you have of her. You have had a very tough year.....have trust in your faith.
Debbie##imported-begin##Debbie (Daniels) Pecorello##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 11:18 PM



“ I was so sorry to learn of Anna'a passing. I knew her from the East Side Senior Center before its closing. She was so very proud of her family. She always had a twinkle in her eye when she spoke about her family. She was a kind and gentle woman. It was a pleasure knowing her. God Bless.##imported-begin##Ann Perry##imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 03:06 PM



“ Dear family members
I was so sorry to hear that your mom had died. I know that she had a joyous life with your dad, Angelo, and once again, they will be together. God Bless all of you during this difficult time. You have all shown such great strength these past months.
Sincerely and with love
Carol Zegarelli###imported-begin##Carol Zegarelli###imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 05:09 AM



“ Dear Paula, I am so sorry about the loss of your beloved mother. You are in my prayers. Stephanie Haritos###imported-begin##Stephanie Haritos###imported-end##

January 21, 2010 at 01:59 AM



“ Krissy and Gary,

Uncle Bob and I are so sorry about the loss of your grandmother. You have both been through so much loss and our hearts go out to you. Please know that you are both in our thoughts and prayers as well as little Michael. Try to stay strong.

Love--Aunt Sandy and Uncle Bob###imported-begin##Sandy and Bob###imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 07:30 PM



“ Paula -

So sorry for the loss of your mother. I know this has to be hard for you. When you are ready we will meet for coffee like we planned.

Take good care,

Camille##imported-begin##Camille Mariani##imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 07:21 PM



“ *Paula: I don't know if you remember me. I graduated a few years after you. I work for Kathy Kline's husband Bill and they have both shared with me what you and your family have had to deal with over these past 7 months. I am so sorry for all your losses. I know words cannot help heal and no one can truly understand what you and your family are going through. I just want you to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Marlene D'Accurzio Anderson##imported-end##*

January 20, 2010 at 07:03 PM



“ Paula,

We are so very sorry for the pain and loss you have gone through these last seven months. Your mother was a sweet and kind person and I know you will miss her dearly. Just remember all the beautiful times you shared with her and what a wonderful long life she had. You are in our hearts each and every day and we only wish we could be with you now. We pray for your heart and soul to heal so that joy will once again be a part of your life.

Love you -- Sandy and Bob###imported-begin##Sandy and Bob###imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 06:24 PM



“ Dear Paula,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You have been through so much, I pray you will find peace and brighter days ahead. I wish you all good things.

Again, please accept my sympathy, to you and your family, at this time.

Sue (Doti) Longo###imported-begin##Susan Doti Longo###imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 06:13 PM



“ Paula, I am so sorry for your loss. I understand how you must feel losing your mom, dad and husband in less than a year. I lost my dad only a month ago. I do hope you are comforted even just a little with the many wonderful memories you have of your family. My prayers are with you.

Grace###imported-begin##Grace DiFondi Centola###imported-end##

January 20, 2010 at 06:07 PM



“ *Dorthea,
So sorry to learn of your mom's passing. Having lost my mom many years ago, I full well know how difficult it is. Sometimes I think the longer you have them, the harder it is to say "good-bye", you think they will be here forever.
When those we love become a memory, they become a treasure. May your cherished memories of both your parents warm your heart and and replace your tears with a smile. Fondly, Bev###imported-begin###Beverly-Yero Schrader###imported-end##*

January 20, 2010 at 04:15 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Anna's passing, she and Angelo was such a great caring and compassionate couple - I will fondly remember my acquaintance with them.*

My deepest condolences to the family.

*Richard E. Schmitter
Keller Texas.###imported-begin###Richard Schmitter###imported-end##*

January 20, 2010 at 02:50 PM



“ *What a life of 69 years, now together again. We'll miss you at all the functions, I know your spirit will always be there, smiling over us. Aloha my friend!###imported-begin###John & Wanda###imported-end##*

January 20, 2010 at 07:12 AM



“ *Angela,
Were so sorry for your loss .May your Mom & Dad rest in peace
now that their together again. You and your family are in our
thoughts and prayers .*

Love

Robin & Alan##imported-begin##Robin & Alan##imported-end##

January 19, 2010 at 07:25 PM