



## Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner

August 16, 1923 - April 6, 2012

Anne R. (Altieri) Garner, affectionately known to her family as "Aunt Nina", age 88, of Utica, passed away on Good Friday, April 6, 2012 in the comfort of her son's home with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on August 16, 1923, Anne was the daughter of the late Angelo and Mary (LaPaglia) Altieri. Raised and educated locally, she attended Roscoe Conkling Elementary School, and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1941.

Anne began her working life at Bossert Manufacturing Company, and later held a secretarial position with a Utica contractor located at Griffiss Air Force Base. The next chapter in her career was set in the U.S. Government Defense Department where she held a position that provided her an opportunity to work in Germany and travel throughout Europe, North Africa, and Canada. Anne reflected upon this time of her life as adventurous, rewarding, and certainly memorable. She returned to Utica in 1962, continuing with the Department of Defense, retiring in 1985. But Anne's greatest vocation was being a mother, and she shared a strong bond of closeness with her son. She always impressed upon him the importance of the traits she admired in him, those of a kind-hearted and respectful man. Anne had the ability to be a friend in times of need, and was a woman of gentle social graces. She loved to converse, often talking of her travels. Motivated by love and a desire to help, she was involved in the PTA when raising her son, and volunteered her time at the Hope House. She loved to be in the company of her family, travel to

Washington, DC to visit the favorite people in her life, and to sightsee. As a gifted artist, Anne's talents were seen in the many paintings that adorned her home, as well as the home of her son and daughter-in-law. She was blessed with a calling to serve her Catholic faith as a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and participating member of parish life, as a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Anne is survived by her cherished son and daughter-in-law, Mark A., Sr. and Laurie Garner; and her grandsons, Mark A. Garner, Jr., and Christopher Garner. In addition, she leaves her favored sister-in-law, Marge Owens, and her nephew, Bruce Altieri, with whom she shared a special bond, as well as his wife Tracy; nieces and nephews, Sam and Cathy Altieri, Joanna and Greg King, Louis and Cindy Altieri, Diane and Jodie Hunter, Andrea Cappelli, Lisa Cappelli, and Millie Harron; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Anne came to know some wonderful people during her journey of life - her "soul sister" from Sitrin, Maggie Giacobelli, who was the activities director, her dear friends of the Busy Bodies at her parish, and Peggy Woodard. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Archie and Anne Altieri, John and Ann Altieri, and Louis Altieri; her sisters and brother-in-law, Angela and Andrew Cappelli, and Angelina Altieri who passed away as a young child; her nephew Joseph Harron; and her friend, Rose Rizzo.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Naji El-Khoury for his honesty and professional guidance; the staff of Cedar Brook Assisted Living at Sitrin for their patience and understanding; the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Ortho Unit for their immediate connection and outstanding care; the caregivers of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. for their devotion, professional and personal attention. Anne was graced with the blessings of her savior and the prayers and faith-filled moments shared with special persons surrounding her during her journey.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may consider a memorial contribution to Hospice and Palliative

Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Anne's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 9.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

**APR 10.** 9:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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## Service

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APR **10**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - April 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Andrea Cappelli lit a candle in memory of Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner*



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**Andrea Cappelli** - April 14, 2012 at 09:21 AM

AC

*My Aunt Nana, I loved her very much and will miss her. She was my favorite Aunt. I know now she is with my mother, Angela Altieri Cappelli and the rest of her family.*

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**Andrea Cappelli** - April 14, 2012 at 09:24 AM

JB

“ *JoAnn LaPaglia Bonacci lit a candle in memory of Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner*



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**JoAnn LaPaglia Bonacci** - April 10, 2012 at 08:53 PM

JB

*Mark, so sorry for your loss. Cherish all the memories that you made with your mom ; hold them close to your heart and she will always be with you. I remember my dad talking so highly of your mom! Prayers are being sent your way.*

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**JoAnn LaPaglia Bonacci** - April 10, 2012 at 09:00 PM

RJ

“ Mark,

*I was very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I remember her as a loving, kind, and sincere woman who always showed an interest in my family. My mother and father spoke so nicely of her. She always had a smile on her face and knew how to make you feel good about yourself. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Best Regards,*

*Ray Altieri Jr.*

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**Raymond Archangelo Altieri, Jr.** - April 09, 2012 at 03:17 PM

MT

“ Mark,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family through this difficult time. I know what deep bond your mother and you had, you were the light of her life, you could see the pride in her face whenever she spoke of you. I will always cherish our conversations and remember her fondly as a women of great intergrity and faith. She always made me laugh and never forgot to ask about my daughters whenever she saw me. She was truly a great women and I'm a better person for having known her.*

*Maryrose (Percola) Tucker  
& family*

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**Maryrose (Percola) Tucker** - April 09, 2012 at 11:49 AM

JH

“ Mark: *I wholeheartedly agree with Diane's sentiments about your mother, but I wanted to add that she, like her sister, always made me feel welcomed as a family member. She had a remarkable zest for life, an endearing sense of humor and above all, a deep faith that humbly presented itself everywhere she went. I was very blessed to have known her and continue to be blessed by being part of her extended family. Cathy, you and your sons are in my thoughts and prayers. Many of us have experienced the pain of losing our mothers, but know, Mark, that time and our cherished memories of them heal.*



*God Bless,*

*Jody Hunter*

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**Jody Hunter** - April 09, 2012 at 09:15 AM

BO

“ Mark and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Your mother was a one of several second mothers to myself and brothers, and she will not be forgotten. She was a very special woman to all. She has been reunited with others that mean a great deal to us all in the presence of the Lord at this very special time of Easter.  
Bobby Ollerenshaw



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**Bobby Ollerenshaw** - April 08, 2012 at 06:49 PM

MR

“ Mark and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time, we have many fond memories of your mom and wonderful memories of our youth at Mt. Carmel.  
Mike Wicks and Mary Russo



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**Mary Russo** - April 08, 2012 at 05:09 PM

DL

“ Denise Tringo Lomonico lit a candle in memory of Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner



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**Denise Tringo Lomonico** - April 08, 2012 at 10:14 AM

FW

“ *FIORINDA WILSON lit a candle in memory of Anne R. "Aunt Nina" (Altieri) Garner*



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**FIORINDA WILSON** - April 07, 2012 at 03:04 PM

CB

“ *Mark and Laurie,*

*Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. So sorry we cannot be there in person for support. You can bet mom and Anne are having a conversation as we write. We will see you soon.*



*Love and Hugs,  
Cathy & Budd*

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**Cathy Bracy** - April 07, 2012 at 09:55 AM

DH

“ *Mark,  
Your mom is forever in my heart. I never found a better inspiration. What intelligence, drive and curiosity! Her greatest accomplishment, though, was you.*

*Diane Hunter*

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**Diane C. Hunter** - April 07, 2012 at 09:52 AM

PJ

“ *Mark,  
Mark and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will always remember your mom.....she was a sweet and special lady. You were always the light of her life.....you're such a good son. She's in God's loving arms now.  
Love, Pamie*

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**Pam Johnson** - April 06, 2012 at 05:00 PM