



## Antoinette (Brescia) DeMetri

August 6, 1923 - May 13, 2009

Mrs. Antoinette M. (Brescia) DeMetri, age 85, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with her loving husband by her side.

Born in Utica on August 6, 1923, Antoinette was the daughter of the late Frank and Marian (Cliberto) Brescia. She was raised and educated locally. On June 26, 1981 she was married to Gregory J. DeMetri with whom she shared 27 years in a loving and devoted union filled with love and respect.

During her working life, Antoinette was employed for 16 years as an assembler in the radio receiver department at the General Electric Company. The love of family was the most important aspect of her life, and her husband, children and grandchildren brought much joy to her. She not only shared her love with her family, but she also formed meaningful relationships with She will be remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved her for her ability to create friendships out of acquaintances. A lively woman, she enjoyed dancing, especially line dancing, and she truly loved all types of entertainment. She embarked on daily rides to Sylvan Beach to sightsee or fish, and Sundays always brought happiness to her life as she prepared the traditional Italian dinner for her family. A parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, Antoinette was devoted to her faith and was thankful for the celebration of a weekly Tuesday Mass at her home with Father LaFache, and often attended the Interfaith Mass with her husband and dear friend, Rose Reesh.

Antoinette is survived by her husband, Gregory; her daughters and son-in-law, Leona and Francis R. Briggs, and Barbara Ward, all of Utica. She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Gary W. Ward, who passed away on January 10, 1990. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Francis James Foley, who passed away on June 26, 1990. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Pamela Foley-Graves of Richfield Springs, and her step-son and daughter-in-law, Gregory M. and Karen DeMetri of New Hartford; her grandchildren, Andrea Briggs-Hook, Jeffery P. Foley, William Briggs and his companion, Jessica, Andrew Foley, Carl Ward, Francis Foley, Jr., Kelly and Oscar Grimes, Adam Jeffery Foley, and her step-grandson, Gregg DeMetri; her great-grandchildren, Joshua, Shaylynn, Samantha, Tyler, Leland, and Olivia. Survivors also include her sisters, Mary Brodowski of Utica, and Angeline Doane of Sherrill; many nieces, with special mention of Joanne Owens, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Nally DeMetri. She was predeceased by many members of her extended family.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 3:00-5:00 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 contributions in Antoinette's honor to the Masonic Care Community of NY; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Antoinette's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday evening at 5:00 at the funeral home immediately following visitation with Rev. Anthony LaFache officiating.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Antoinette (Brescia) DeMetri



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are very sorry for your loss. She was such a wonderful, kind woman and will be deeply missed by all!##imported-begin##Nick and Mary Parrotta##imported-end##

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May 17, 2009 at 11:03 AM



“ TO THE FAMILY OF ANTOINETTE  
SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS  
I WILL MISS SEEING HER SMILING FREINDLY FACE AT  
MASONIC HOME SHE WAS ALWAYS A FRIENDLY PERSON AND  
I LOVED TALKING TO HER##imported-begin##BARB  
GREEN##imported-end##

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May 17, 2009 at 09:14 AM



“ *Leona, Barb & your families,  
So sorry for your loss. Antoinette was a kind woman and I will  
always remember her for being so friendly and always smiling, she  
will be missed at the home but never forgotten. I hope your  
wonderful memories of her will help you get through this difficult  
time.*###imported-begin##Lisa Ashton###imported-end##

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May 16, 2009 at 11:50 AM



“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. She was a good woman.*###imported-  
begin##Bill Baylis###imported-end##

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May 16, 2009 at 09:20 AM



“ *Dear Family Members, My mother, Theresa Lucas, and your mom  
were girlfriends from way back. They got reunited at Masonic home  
when we came to visit our family members. Your mother was  
always a warm and sweet person. We enjoyed talking with her and  
they both loved to reminisce about all the fun they had at dances.  
My mother and the group she belongs to "The Silver Tones"  
performed Tuesday at Masonic Home and your mom was there as  
always. She loved to hear my mother sing. The last words she said  
to me on Tuesday were "I love you" as she held my hand. I'll always  
have that beautiful memory. God bless you all in your sorrow. May  
the wonderful memories you have of your mother be a comfort to  
you.*

*Theresa Mazzatti*

*Theresa Lucas*###imported-begin##Theresa Mazzatti###imported-  
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May 15, 2009 at 11:35 AM



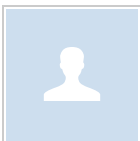
“ *Leona, We are so sorry to hear about your mother. As you know, we won't be able to be with you as we are on our way to Diane's.*

*Love,*

*Linda and Larry##imported-begin##Linda and Larry  
Ryan##imported-end##*

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May 15, 2009 at 06:43 AM



“ *We will always remember Aunt Antoinette for her warm smile, sense of humor and the perpetual kindness and respect for everyone she met. No matter what her struggles have been or the tragedies in her life, she never complained as she made as good a life as she possibly could with her wonderful and devoted husband Greg. We will miss seeing her, sitting outside in her wheelchair, enjoying the warmth of the sun while greeting us with a "yeah, Bob & Lucy"! We love her and will never forget her.##imported-begin##Bob & Lucy Brodowski##imported-end##*

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May 14, 2009 at 10:03 PM