



Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Mazza) Bottini

January 17, 1920 - February 28, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Mazza) Bottini went home to her Lord on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Her passing after 97 years of life was rather unexpected, but her family takes comfort in knowing that she has been reunited with those who have gone before her. Antoinette passed peacefully in her home amid those who loved her with all their hearts and souls.

Born in Utica on January 17, 1920, Antoinette was the daughter of the late Joseph and Adele (Masciari) Mazza. She was a proud graduate of Utica Free Academy. On February 18, 1942, prior to her fiancé's overseas military deployment during World War II, they exchanged their nuptial vows of love in Salinas, California. Their personalities, although very different, complemented each other and spanned a union of 60 years. Their greatest "pearls in life" were the blessings of three devoted daughters who adored, respected, and honored both of their parents all the days of their lives, and because of the deep love and devotion of her two daughters and son-in-law she was able to remain in her own home until her passing which took place with grace and dignity (which she so well deserved). Her beloved Joe (Retired Lieutenant UFD) passed away on January 7, 2002.

Toni's priority was providing a comfortable, loving home for her family, but she also entertained several opportunities in the working world including a position with the General Electric Company/Bleecker Street Plant as well as with the Census Bureau. But her work as matriarch and mother became the matrix of her life and a nurturing environment enriched by love. She was so in tune with

her daughters, and they considered her their best friend; so much so that she was often included in their life's activities. Those memories will be in their hearts forever.

Toni was a humble woman of few words, but they were words that carried the weight of wisdom. She was non-judgmental and never had a cross word for anyone because she did not want to hurt a person's feelings. She was a great story teller and could reminisce about the most innate details. Toni's petite stature and well attired wardrobe often earned her the remark as to how "cute" she was, but it was her graceful persona and kindness that was shining through. Her home was the center of family gatherings that she hosted in her hospitable and gentle way. For relaxation, she enjoyed whizzing through crossword puzzles and watching Western movies. Antoinette practiced her Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, where attending Sunday Mass was so important to her.

Toni is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Adele E. and Robert "Bob" Pacilio (who was the son Toni and Joe never had); and Helen A. Trotta. She held close to her heart the memories of her daughter, RoseMarie Banas (2008), and her son-in-law, Joseph Trotta (1998). She also leaves her only grandchild who she adored, Nicole L. Trotta. Toni was a loving aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt. She will also be remembered by her cousins; and sisters-in-law, Josephine Mazza, and Helen Gerdano. Toni was also blessed with two wonderful caregivers, Rose and Mary, who treated her like a mother. They provided kindness, patience, and care which gave her daughters peace of mind knowing that their mother was blessed with two wonderful angels. She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, Salvatore and Mary Mazza, Carmella and Nicholas R. Ponzio, Catherine A. and Ralph J. Cangelo, Anthony and Loretta Mazza, and Frank "Babe" Mazza; and members of her late husband's family, the Bottinis.

The family extends their gratitude to Rev. Saba Shofany for his prayers and spiritual guidance, especially at the last moments of her life; and Toni's thoughtful and wonderful friends, Fran Mannino, and Deacon Dan and Cindy

Klockowski, who adored and admired her. Also, a special thank you to her great-niece Brenda who was always there to offer love and support.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Antoinette's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta and con-celebrants Rev. Saba Shofany, and Deacon Richard Prusko. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

"Love you, love you more, love you most...Mom you were so cute"

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 6. 11:00 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

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“ Mom,
We miss you so much already. We were not prepared for this, but then we probably never would have been. I hope you know how much we loved you and will love you forever and ever. Til we meet again to kiss and hug you like we always did.
XOXO, Adele & Helen

Bob Pacilio - March 03, 2017 at 12:46 PM

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“ I will miss your beautiful smile, and how your face lit up when you saw me. I will never forget how you kept our family together and made us all feel like your children! Christmases have not been the same since you moved from Leeds Street, and my favorite Santa in the world was Uncle Joe. Please give both of my uncles and Aunt Roe a kiss for me now that you are reunited with them. I will miss you always...Your great-niece, Brenda

Brenda Mazza - March 03, 2017 at 11:53 AM

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“ My sweet beautiful angel and wonderful aunt "Toni" is in Heaven now, and though I will miss her terribly, I know that we will be together one day. When I went to visit aunt Toni, her eyes would sparkle, and she had such a big smile for me, although I am not sure if the smile was for me or for the "Kitkats" that I always brought her!? Since God knows all, I am sure that He will have plenty of them for her, and she and her sweet tooth will be very happy. Aunt Toni, I love you soooooo much and you will be in my heart for all eternity. Your Nephew, Tommy Mazza

Tom Mazza - March 02, 2017 at 12:56 PM