

Mrs. Antoinette Mae "Lalla" (Arcuri) Durante

August 26, 1924 - May 12, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Antoinette Mae "Lalla" (Arcuri) Durante, age 95, passed away on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the Masonic Care Community with those she loved most in her heart.

Born in Utica on August 26, 1924, Antoinette was the daughter of the late Joseph D. and Petronella (Nicotera) Arcuri. She was raised and educated locally. On August 17, 1946 at St. Anthony of Padua Church she married Robert W. "Bob" Durante and shared with him nearly 64 years blessed with love, patience, and understanding of each other's needs. Bob passed away on June 3, 2010.

Lalla was employed at Savage Arms as an assembler during the War and later worked at General Electric Company. She also owned and operated Antoinette's Wig Salon on Devereux Street. She later returned home, making the needs of her children as well as caring for her parents her utmost concern. She was a compassionate, devoted wife, mother, and sister. She enjoyed frequent dancing dates with her husband at Trinkaus Manor and Twin Ponds. She loved to travel, especially trips to Florida and family reunions in Sangerfield, NY.

Antoinette is survived by her daughter, Robbin Graziadei; her son, Robert W. Durante, Jr.; sisters, Rose Rescigno, and Janet Cannistra; and her brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Sally Arcuri. She also leaves several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Gloria J. Santillo. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Victor "Vito"

Arcuri, Salvatore Arcuri, Dominick “Babe” and Molly Arcuri, Alexander “Allie” and Marianne Arcuri, Peter and Mary Arcuri, and Nicholas Arcuri, Sr.; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary Kaufman, Josephine and Vincent “Jim” Zegarelli, Amelia “Mal” and Francis “Butch” Jones, Congetta “Connie” Rotach-Marine, Gerald Rescigno, and Anthony Cannistra; in-laws, Joseph “Cecil” and Rose Durante, Gene Durante, Joseph Victor Durante; and infant Rose Durante; nieces, including Cheryl Yozzo, and MaryAnne Damuth; nephews, including Alexander “Alex” Arcuri, Jr., and Gerald Rotach; and her longtime best friend, Marie Haritos.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff of the Masonic Care Community, especially the Queens Household who were like family and went above and beyond in their care for Lalla. A thank you is also extended to a special little friend, Emadia, for her friendly visits and for uplifting Lalla.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Lalla’s life privately.

Please take a moment to connect with Antoinette’s family through the “Memories” section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

Tribute Wall

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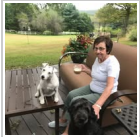
“ *Very Sorry for your loss. May the good lord up above shine down on you all . Bruno Arcuri*

Bruno Arcuri - May 19, 2020 at 02:32 PM

RA

“ *Dear Robbin,Bobby,Janet, Rosie,and Raymond;Aunt Lallas' memory will live in our hearts forever. Love, Rosemary,Danny, Tracey and Dan jr.*

Rosemary Arcuri - May 18, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *)7Rest In Peace. Aunt Layla. A special lady. A well deserved rest. 🙏 Pat in New Hampshire*

Patricia Cobb - May 17, 2020 at 11:37 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lalla's passing. She was such a nice lady and I remember our North American Benefit days with fondness.*

Stu Copperwheat

AliciaandStu Copperwheat - May 15, 2020 at 07:35 AM

MB

“ *To Robin and Bobby, our deepest sympathy. May mom rest in peace. Marty Broccoli and Family.*

Martin Broccoli - May 15, 2020 at 07:05 AM

SS

“ Robbin and Bob, we are so sorry to hear of Aunt Lalla's passing. She always had a smile and kind words to share. I will always remember the family picnics that she arranged. Family was always first! My dad, Joseph(Aunt Lalla always called him Joey) Arcuri, Sr. also wanted to share how much he will miss Aunt Lalla. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Susan (Arcuri) and Santo Sardina and Joseph Arcuri, Sr.

Susan Sardina - May 14, 2020 at 08:25 PM

AD

“ Bob so sorry to hear of your Moms passing you are all in are thoughts and prayers

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - May 14, 2020 at 08:02 PM

NH

“ Robbin and Bobby,
With over 60+years of memories, there can never be enough words to tell you what your mother—and father— meant to our family. When my parents last visited your mother, I saw the easy banter and true love between them that only life-long friends have. Having lost both parents last year and now with your mother gone, it is truly the end of an era. We can only hope they are dancing up a storm together. Please know, that we are sending you unlimited love and prayers.

Love,
Nina, Stephanie and Michael Haritos

Nina Haritos - May 14, 2020 at 07:43 PM

RM

“ *Robin and Bob,
I will always hold the childhood memories of your mom in my heart.
She was always kind and generous to me when we were kids. You
were very lucky to have had her as a mom.
Loving memories,
Rocco Maggiore*

Rocco Maggiore - May 14, 2020 at 03:56 PM

JJ

“ *Bobby and Robin, I am so sorry for your loss. You both are in my
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. God bless*

Joseph Arcuri Jr. - May 14, 2020 at 01:20 PM

SA

“ *Robbin and Bobby...so sorry to hear of Aunt Lalla's passing. What a
beautiful lady. God bless and you're in my thoughts and prayers.
May she rest in paradise to be joined with those who passed before
her, in the light of God's face. 🙏🏻🙏🏻🙏🏻*

Sue Arcuri

Sue Arcuri - May 14, 2020 at 12:15 PM

JA

“ *So sorry to hear of Aunt Lalla's passing. We affectionately
remember the many family get togethers that Aunt Lalla was an
instrumental contributor and planner of. She always put family first
and had a kind and friendly demeanor about her. She will be greatly
missed. Love always, John and Angela Arcuri*

John and Angela Arcuri - May 14, 2020 at 12:13 PM

IS

“ Robbin and Bobby - so very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was such a sweet, kind and generous soul. I can just imagine the greetings she received from all her siblings, hubby and dear friends. Please accept our sincerest condolences and we hope to be able to celebrate her life with you both at a later time. God bless you both.

Irene and Frank Scalise

irene scalise - May 14, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ So sorry to hear this. She was a special Lady. When my Dad went to Wiley , she was his neighbor. When they started to talk they found out they had been neighbors as children and reminiscence a lot about their youth friends. I know they both enjoyed the talks and glass of wine. Will miss her smile.

Barbara Fredel - May 14, 2020 at 07:55 AM

JC

“ Very sorry to hear about Lalla's passing. She was a very nice and friendly woman. May God Bless her and her family. May she Rest In Peace. Babe, Joanne Cannistra and family 🙏

Jim and Joanne Cannistra - May 14, 2020 at 01:24 AM

SL

“ Bob and Robin, so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Your Mom and Dad were such nice people to know, She will be in our prayers.

Becky and Steve LoPiccolo

Steve LoPiccolo - May 13, 2020 at 10:42 PM

LM

“ Bob - So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. I got to know her witty humor when I visited my Dad, and I enjoyed talking with her. My Dad sends his condolences as well. She was a special lady. Sincerely, Linda (DeCarolis) Murphy and Martin DeCarolis.

Linda Murphy - May 13, 2020 at 07:55 PM