



## Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth

November 13, 1922 - December 25, 2011

Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth, age 89, of Deerfield, passed away in the comfort of her home with her family by her side, on Christmas morning, December 25, 2011.

Antoinette was born in Utica on November 13, 1922, the daughter of the late Orazio and Martina (Ricci) Perta. She was a 1940 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, and then furthered her studies at Cornell University. On February 16, 1946 she wed Charles E. "Chuck" Ellsworth with whom she shared 56 years until his passing on March 2, 2002; their marriage was a union of enduring love and understanding.

During World War II, Toni held a position at the Rome Depot Center. She also worked at Twin Ponds as a head waitress, and at Upstate Computer Center as a computer operator. Lastly, she retired from Fleet Bank as a shift supervisor. However, her most important job was that of a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, and her life was devoted to the well-being of her family. During her spare time she was an avid bowler and also enjoyed her membership at the Deerfield Senior Center. She took pleasure in playing pinochle with her close friends, the McGowan family and the Kutzubas. She was an unfaltering fan of John Wayne and the New York Yankees. She had been a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and in later years, she attended St. Peter's Church.

Toni is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Donna M. and David E. Goss of N. Utica; her sons and daughters-in-law, Charles E. and Kathleen S.

Ellsworth of Deerfield, and Roger D. "Skip" and Linda S. Ellsworth of Newport. She cherished the memory of her youngest son, Edward Ellsworth, who passed away on November 18, 2011. She also leaves her surviving daughter-in-law, Diana Ellsworth of Bacliff, TX; her grandchildren, Jason M. Goss, Matthew C. Goss, Roger Ellsworth, Jr. and Renee Roche, Jamie Ellsworth and Renee Gates, Robert Ellsworth and Amanda Jones, and Jon Ellsworth; her great-grandchildren, Tyler, Alexis, and Brandon; her brother and sister-in-law, John T. and Lynn Perta of Powell, OH; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, Angeline Perta, and Eve Watson; members of the Bosco family; and her feline friend, Starr. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Stuart Sweeney, Rose D. Perta, and Lena and John Ficarra; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter A. Perta, Sr., and Dominick C. "Dick" and Philomena "Fannie" Perta; and her brother-in-law, Edgar Watson.

The family sends heartfelt appreciation to Hospice & Palliative Care for their concern and compassion; and Dr. Mark Warfel and his staff for their professional regard.

The family will gather at a private time to honor and commemorate Antoinette's life. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life, and Memorial Service for her son, Edward Ellsworth, who passed away in Texas last month, which will commence on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Mausoleum**

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Christine Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth



Christine Barnes - December 29, 2011 at 10:03 AM

CB

*I will always remember your Mom as a tiny but strong little lady!! Even though she only came up to my elbow I knew how tough she was. Toni was lucky to have such a wonderful and caring family and I am so glad that you have many wonderful memories to carry you through this sad time.*

Christine Barnes - December 29, 2011 at 10:06 AM

JD

“ Janet Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth



Janet Davis - December 28, 2011 at 09:50 PM

SW

“ Sandra (Burkhart) Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth



Sandra (Burkhart) Williams - December 28, 2011 at 03:56 AM

TN

“ Trudy Nitti lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Antoinette "Toni" (Perta) Ellsworth



Trudy Nitti - December 27, 2011 at 08:38 PM

TN

“ Donna and family, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I rememer Toni as always smiling, laughing and so friendly. She was a warm, thoughtful and caring person. Se is in heaven smiling down on all of you along with your father and brother. I will always remeber her. My Prayers for all of her family.---Trudy Berkman-Nitti

Trudy Nitti - December 27, 2011 at 08:36 PM

EB

“ *Back in the forties, Toni was one of the 'big sisters' to us high school kids..Her warmth and friendliness has lasted all these years...Our prayers are for her and all the Perta family....Elly and Gene Benman*

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**Eugene J. Benman** - December 26, 2011 at 05:36 AM