



Mrs. Antoinette Carmella (Graziano) Passante

December 8, 2014

Mrs. Antoinette Carmella (Graziano) Passante, age 89, passed away on Monday, December 8, 2014 at the Sitrin Health Care Center with her loving family by her side. Born in Utica on October 28, 1925, Antoinette was the daughter of the late Santo and Maria (Coriale) Graziano. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. She later continued her academic studies and received her Certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). On May 24, 1947 she married Alfred T. Passante, Sr. with whom she shared a 58 year union. They were a loving, caring couple and together they upheld the Italian traditions of family values and Sunday dinners. Alfred passed away on November 24, 2005.

Antoinette was employed as a Nurse's Aide with the Masonic Care Community for many years. She was all heart, and her warm and friendly personality drew people to her. She was pleasant, polite, and eager to please. Her strength of spirit inspired those who shared her life. She was devoted to her family and welcomed all into her home. The love and interaction she shared with family and friends was fundamental to her personal happiness and nurturing nature. Antoinette was known for her Italian cooking. Her meatballs and fried dough were some of the best in town! She also crocheted and created blankets for her loved ones. During her leisure time, she cherished her canasta card parties with her friends, spending time with her sisters, and Bingo at the former Sons of Italy and the casino. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Antoinette is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Ellen and Todd Manderson of Ballston Spa; her sons and daughters-in-law, Alfred Thomas, Jr. and Paula Passante of Vernon, Peter Michael, Sr. and Rita Passante of Herkimer, and Ronald A. Passante of New Hartford; her beloved grandchildren, Jason Passante, Jennifer and Mark Lundquist, Alison and Jason Brown, and Nicole Passante; Tammy and Joseph Butera, Ryan and Whitney Passante, Peter M., Jr., and Matthew Passante; and Taylor, Kylie, and Jake Manderson; and her great-grandchildren, Madison, Joey, Cristian, Trey, Reese, Julian, and Abri. She is also survived by her cherished godson, Louis Torchia; and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Adeline "Lena" and Philip Torchia, Victoria and Samuel A. Vedete, and Rose and Stanley Mieczkowski; her nephew, Richard A.

Vedete; her niece, Marielena Walters; and her in-laws, Irene and Louis Capparelli, Peter Passante, Esmond Passante, Louis Passante, Orrie Passante, and Lucy Passante.

The family extends their gratitude to the nurses and staff of the Sycamore House at the Sitrin Health Care Center who tended to Antoinette with love and compassion during her stay.

Visitation will be held Friday from 9:00-11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit flowers. Antoinette's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will follow graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

PP

“ *My heart and prayers go out to the family at this sad time in your lives. I'm very sorry*

Paul Paratore - December 12, 2014 at 05:39 PM

CC

“ *Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Antoinette Carmella (Graziano) Passante*



Chris Conway - December 12, 2014 at 11:19 AM

CC

Ron, So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to you and your family.

Chris Conway - December 12, 2014 at 11:21 AM

PF

“ *Pabon Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Antoinette Carmella (Graziano) Passante.*



Pabon Family - December 12, 2014 at 08:33 AM

“ Mom;



As you use to tell us when we were growing up, "You will miss me when I am gone", I can honestly say I have missed you more than you will ever know, especially when I was away living in Virginia. Now that you have passed I have never felt such a loss as I feel now, this moment and I can honestly say, I have missed you more than ever since 9:31am on Monday, December 8, 2014, when you passed away! Thank you for the wonderful memories that filled my childhood and adult life, thank you for instilling the Italian traditions and values, most of all respect of family. Mom, thank you for my brothers and sister (your princess). I can go on thanking you for years and putting those thoughts down on paper, but there's just not enough room on this page or time left in my life to thank you for all that you have done for me, my sibyls, your grandchild and great grandchildren. We were very fortunate children to have been born into a loving, caring, honest, humble and giving family that was Second To NONE. We were not a wealthy family that could be measured by monetary value, our wealth can be measured through your teaching, your love and Italian Family values "Care about others as you care for yourself", these values are PRICELESS, and as a result of your teachings today I am a extremely wealthy man today thanks to you and Dad.

Now that I am a parent the values that you have instilled into my life have been passed down to your grandchildren and great grandchildren and will carry on for many generations to come. Tonight I will get down on my hands and knees to thank God for sending us to such loving parents who wanted nothing for themselves but only for their children, making sure we needed or wanted for nothing, always satisficing and never complaining. I will also pray to God to reunite you with Dad once more.

Mom, now I truly understand your words that echo my brain right now and for the rest of my life, I just want to tell you that "YOU ARE MISSED AND WILL BE MISSED" words could never be enough to express my feelings. Until that day when I will meet both you and Dad at the gates of heaven, (by the way, I hope you can please put in a good word for me with God when you pass through the white pearly gates of heaven), so we can meet once more and drink your perked coffee together with Dad. Mom, I love you and thank you so much for being my mommy who gave me life and values. Dad, please take care of mom until we meet again and we are once more a family.

I love and miss you!

Your loving son
Peter M. Passante Sr.

PA

“ *Peter and MaryEllen, Very sorry about your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Regards, Paula Aversa*

Paula Aversa - December 11, 2014 at 09:49 AM



“ *Mar,
So very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Try to remember all the little things you shared the smiles, warm hugs , laughter and love and know she is there in spirit My thoughts are with you and your family.
Love and hugs,
Mari Beth*

Maribeth Nicastro - December 11, 2014 at 05:06 AM



“ *Silver Season Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Antoinette Carmella (Graziano) Passante.*



December 10, 2014 at 03:52 PM

DR

“ *My thoughts and prayers to all . I will always remember going thru your Mom's cedar chest and finding all the things she held dear , especially all the cards from your dad . So sweet! My favorite though was the little book Ronnie made when he was young . :) So sorry for your loss Donna and Mark Rector*

Donna Rector - December 10, 2014 at 02:25 PM

PW

“ *Dear MaryEllen and Family,*

What a beautiful lady your mom was and so full of life. I was never fortunate enough to meet her but always heard wonderful stories about her through you. I know the couple of times Katie stopped there with you she was so kind to her and treated her so graciously. She is now your angel shining down on you and thanking you for being such a wonderful daughter!!

She is at peace now sharing some laughs with your Dad!!! Her spirit will always live on through you!!!! You are all in our thoughts with much love and prayers.....

Pam Washburn & Family

Pam Washburn - December 10, 2014 at 10:49 AM

JC

“ Alfred, Peter, Ronnie, Mary Ellen. Your Mom was so special to me. Am sad for your loss. I was just 4 when your parents married, it was the very first wedding I ever attended. I was mesmerized by the beauty and it left a lasting, magical memory to this day. My prayers and sympathies. Cousin Judi

Judith Capparelli - December 10, 2014 at 09:11 AM

CA

“ Alfred, Peter, Maryellen, Ron and families, I have such wonderful memories of your parents. They were so full of joy and love of family. I remember the last visit at my parents house especially. My Dad and your Dad were talking about fishing and our Mom's were talking amongst themselves. I heard your Mom laugh and it filled the house. She was always so warm and genuine, full of love and light. Your families have been given such a great gift; the love, guidance and direction of wonderful parents. They instilled their values and traditions, their strength and compassion and gave each of you a home filled with love. I know how difficult this must be, my heart aches for you. My comfort comes from knowing that she is in God's hands and your Dad's arms. Trust in God's infinite wisdom and strength to help you through this difficult time. All my love, Carol Ann



Carol - December 10, 2014 at 08:22 AM

MI

“ Mary Ellen and Family,
When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. A person that departs from this earth never truly leaves, for they are still alive in our hearts and minds, through us, they live on. Please accept our sincere condolences to you. Time passes, love remains.
Love,
Your work family

MMEC Medical imaging - December 10, 2014 at 08:04 AM

PS

“ Mary Ellen, Todd, Taylor, Kylie and Jake,

They say that "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" Mary Ellen this must be true because your mom's love and devotion to family and friends lives on in you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, The Schorr Family

Pam Schorr - December 10, 2014 at 06:44 AM

JZ

“ Hope you and mom and Grandma are playing BINGO! XO Joanne and Alfredo

Joanne Zennamo - December 09, 2014 at 08:41 PM

FJ

“ We have lost another very special person and things will never be the same. I will always cherish the years she was my mother-in-law, our Wednesday dinners and how I could always stop over any time for a cup of coffee and she was always happy to see me. There are nothing but good memories for all of us. We love you and will miss you.

Florie Jones - December 09, 2014 at 07:37 PM

ME

“ Oh my gosh...I cannot stop looking at your precious little face in this picture and your twinkly eyes and beautiful smile...makes me so happy and so very sad at the same time. This is a perfect perfect picture of just who you were...happy, pleasant, and always smiling. I love you mom, and am missing you so much...xxxxx your only daughter

Mary Ellen - December 09, 2014 at 07:25 PM

CH

So sorry for your loss Mar, thinking about you during this difficult time. Wishing you peace and happy memories . Love, Cindy

Cindy Harris - December 10, 2014 at 05:12 PM

SC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Antoinette. She was a special lady. I was fortunate to know her for many years... Not so much since I moved away but every time I saw her, the first thing she did was ask about my family... even the last time I saw her. Both Jim and I will miss Antoinette very much and we send everyone our prayers.

Sharon and Jim Corrente

Sharon Corrente - December 09, 2014 at 01:45 PM

LG

What a beautiful Picture, it so defines who she was; Kind, pleasant, loving , warm. Traits that live on in all the lives she touched. I was lucky enough to be in the inner circle for a while and even after I was no longer considered part of the family , I would miss everyone of course. I would Stop by to see you folks and they would always treat me the same, your mom saying Hi dolly, with a kiss on the cheek. Some people make such a difference in the world with out even trying. Your mom was definitely one of them, beautiful in all ways. Her spirit lives on in all of you. She has not gone away she has just changed positions, She & your dad are together again , both watching down on you all , Quietly guiding you all through life & although not seen they will also be there in the hardest times. I will keep you all in my thoughts & my prayers. God bless.

Laura Atencio- Gianoulis - December 10, 2014 at 02:51 PM

RP

*Mom I am certain you knew me better than I know myself. Other than God Himself you were my creator. A little difficult was I but how else would I have learned the true meaning of unconditional love. I will cherish our memories more now than at any other time and continue to uphold lifes values through what I have learned from your walk. I will miss seeing you and the smile you always seemed to have for me no matter how difficult your life was these past couple years. I feel blessed to have walked with you. I am thinking God has already told you "Good job my faithful servant." Your loving son
Ron*

Ron Passante - December 11, 2014 at 02:54 PM