



Audrey J. (Tallman) Kiefl

July 18, 1925 - January 29, 2010

Mrs. Audrey J. (Tallman) Kiefl, age 84, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 29, 2010 in the comfort and privacy of her home with the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on July 18, 1925, Audrey was the daughter of the late Kenneth and Hilda (Schreck) Tallman. Raised and educated in Utica, she graduated from Utica Free Academy in 1943 and furthered her education at Morrisville State College where she earned a degree in Nursing. On November 1, 1952 she married Edward J. Kiefl with whom she shared 43 years prior to his passing on January 14, 1996; they were “blessed with a wonderful marriage filled with ups and downs, but with many more memorable ups.”

Audrey began her working career at Broadacres Nursing Home, and worked primarily as a private duty nurse for many years. She was well-suited for her profession because of her compassionate nature and the devotion she shared with those entrusted to her care. Her family was one of her greatest joys, and she shared her values and ideals with them, especially her adored teenage grandchildren with whom she spent many memorable times. During a period of her life she connected with the “Y Teens”, who benefited from her motherly ways and wisdom. Audrey’s personality was sparkling and she had a special way of sharing her love and concern. For relaxation she enjoyed solving word searches and playing the card game “garbage”. She had a knack for knitting and was known for her handmade Christmas stockings; it may be true that they have circulated throughout the entire world by way of her generosity. She

was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Audrey is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Vanessa A. and Joseph Sowich of New Hartford; her sons and daughter-in-law, John K. and Kimberly Kiefl of East Syracuse, and Michael E. Kiefl of Utica; her grandchildren, Christina Sowich , Jennifer Kiefl, Lindsey Kiefl, Michael and Alka Sowich, and Michelle and Ken Shanley; and her great-grandchildren, Anjali, Ayanna, and Alyssa. Survivors also include her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Phil Snyder of Utica; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Shirley Tallman, Richard Bemis, and Roger and Barbara Kiefl. She was predeceased by her brother, William Tallman; and her sister, Marion Bemis.

The family is grateful to Dr. Julie Betro-Shkane, and the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Family Practice for their compassion and professionalism. A special thank-you is offered to Audrey's blessed friend, Sheila Biamonte, for her love and enduring loyalty.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-7:00 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 donations in Audrey's honor to the American Breast Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Audrey's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Joseph's Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Audrey J. (Tallman) Kiefl

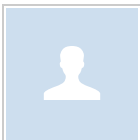


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“ I am so sorry for your loss. We are distant cousins and we did not ever meet. My grandfather was Franz Kiefl and he died in Utica in 1913. My father was Francis X Kiefl (1912-1989) and he lived in RI for most of his life. My aunt in Utica was Helen Kiefl Williams and my 1st cousins are Carol Wyman, Leon Williams and Mary. Pat and Leon informed me of your mothers passing. The comments in the guest book are testimony to your mother's wonderful life. May she rest in peace. Pat###imported-begin###Patricia Kiefl Pine###imported-end##

February 07, 2010 at 09:45 AM



“ I dont even know what to say to you Mike at this awful sad time! I will always remember your mum and will never forget the good times we had either! I love ya Mike and if I can do anything at all for you even to chat or coffee please dont hesitate. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts. God Bless###imported-begin###Peter Avery###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 03:14 AM



“ Grandma (Grammy),

This poem is for you:

*Blowing Kisses to Heaven
That's what I can do
Every time I want to say
Grandma ... I Love You
Blowing Kisses to Heaven
I know that you love me
I am so blessed and so thankful
That God gave this precious Grandma to me
Everyone that met her
Claimed her as their own
Gentle, so caring, so giving, so kind
Grandma was the most unique prize
And we were privileged to have her with us
For such a very long time
Now she is receiving
Blessings so deserved
And every time I think of her
I'll blow kisses to Heaven
From my heart to her*

Poem by Lynda King##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

February 01, 2010 at 11:51 PM



“ Grammy, Ma, or as I known to me, Mom, she certainly left her mark in this earthly world. I so enjoyed sitting in the kitchen and having coffe, or maybe some cookies together. Mom was always so soft spoken and enjoyed talking about her wonderful son Mike, her daughter Vanessa and grand daughter Christina who she tried many times to teach to knit those Christmas stockings and visited and talked with her Grammy so often. Mom, keep in touch with us, I know I'll still be talking to you!
your other "adopted" son, Mark###imported-begin###Mark###imported-end###

February 01, 2010 at 11:40 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Audrey's passing. Vanessa, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.###imported-begin###Mary Hogel###imported-end###

February 01, 2010 at 04:59 PM



“ Mom, You know how special you where to me and my family. My heart is broken and a empty spot which you will never know. You were the foundation to your family. You gave me a birthday card one year which stated "you are like a daughter to me". Well words would never say how I felt. You were a mom ,a very special mom and you will ever and ever be missed. The memories that I have will last me a life time. As for Vanessa and Mike, Alyssa and christina ,I will always keep in touch. Remember the walks we had and someday I will walk with you again. Love you mom. I will always keep a eye on Christina for you. Kiss Kiss Kiss Love you more and always
Sheila###imported-begin###sheila###imported-end###

February 01, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ Jack, Mike & Vanessa:

I'm sure you feel more sadness than anyone could possibly know. I hope you'll remember all the happy times you had with your Mom.

Also know that she's in a better place & reunited with your Dad.

I too feel a great loss of a Wonderful "Big Sister". Already I miss our daily chats but know she's already in Heaven & watching over us.

Know that I'm always here for you.

Love, Aunt Nan & Uncle Phil

Snyder

February 01, 2010 at 01:36 PM



“Ma" (this is what i called you) even though we were not related , I did not belive in calling Mrs Kiefl or Audrey out of RESPECT .

Today was the first day that i felt the the very cold chill of Winter, and could not believe that Our Lord has taken you away from all your loved ones. i want to say thank you for always being there for with an open door policy to lend and ear even though i was not part of you family.

I always welcome in your Home and will miss you so much your Honesty, your smile, and even your silence which i always knew what that ment .

I will miss our coffee time and sharing my problems and my absence and concerns about my children, and also lending an ear to you and how you Missed Edward and how you much Love you have for Mike ,Vanessa, her daughter Christina and Alyssa, and (Joe) also Jack. which at times was sort of silent...i will miss Playing cards with you , having summertime barbeques , but most of all Christmas time , which was your favorite time of the year . I will miss your X-mas village , cookies and your warm Home during this Holiday.

I know that Our Lord has taken to a bigger and better place to watch over your loved ones please Ma' put in a good word to the Big G for me...o)

"Many people will walk in and out of our lives , but only True friends will leave Footprints in your Heart"

*You will be missed Tus Estimado Adoptado Hijo Jaime Sandoval
XOXO##imported-begin##jaime ##imported-end##*

February 01, 2010 at 12:01 AM



“ *Great-Gramma---That is just what you are to our girls... and we are forever grateful that our children have you in thier lives....Grandma is what I called you.. I never knew my grandparents and only saw them a few times... Thank you for allowing me to be your granddaughter...Michael feels the same... he is also grateful to have you as a grandmother... We love you and will always think of you when we look up at the stars.... Anjali will remember and we will always remind Ayanna... Love you forever and ever###imported-begin###Michael, Alka, Anjali and Ayanna###imported-end##*

January 31, 2010 at 07:02 PM



“ *Vanessa and Mike I know the ground beneath you seems so fragile and your hearts are heavy with grief. Although the loss of Auntie Audie has wounded us all, no one knows how great the loss is for you all. May all our prayers lift you and give you comfort. One thing I know for sure in a time of such uncertainty, I'm so lucky to have had her touch my life. God bless and much love Lori.###imported-begin###Lori Snyder###imported-end##*

January 31, 2010 at 05:32 PM



“ *Michael, Vanessa , Jack & Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom...No words can take away the pain during this difficult time, I know..but having loss my Dad in 2003(My Mom will be 86 this year)I know that he is with me all the time in spirit..same as your Mom..Her spirit will live on forever..!###imported-begin###LouAnn (Paternoster) Spatola###imported-end##*

January 31, 2010 at 02:00 PM



“ MY DEAR SWEET MOTHER, MY HEART IS SHATTERED, AND IT WILL NEVER MEND. MY LIFE HAS CHANGED FOREVER. I MISS YOU SO MUCH. GIVE DAD A HUG AND A KISS FOR ME. SLEEP TIGHT AND DON'T LET THE BED BUGS BITE. LOVE ALWAYS YOUR MIDDLE CHILD.##imported-begin##MIKE##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 11:39 AM



“ Mom: To my beautiful wonderful mom. My heart is broken. Life will never be the same. I won't have anyone to call every morning. My camping trips will be very lonely. I pray you are with everyone you have missed for so long. I love you with all my heart. your daughter##imported-begin##vanessa sowich##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 08:46 AM



“ Michael, Vanessa, John, and family may your memories comfort you. She was a grat lady.##imported-begin##LENORA##imported-end##

January 31, 2010 at 06:30 AM



“ The time I have spent with my Grammy will be the many memories I cherish for the rest of my life. I will always keep her close to my heart. I know she is now in Heaven with my papa and she will no longer feel pain. I will miss her deeply and cherish all of the many things she has taught me and all the time I have spend with her. I miss already, but I know that she is my guardian angel and will watch over me till the end of time. I love you with all of my heart. Grammy may you RIP now, I LOVE YOU BUNCHES AND BUNCHES##imported-begin##Christina Sowich##imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ *the passing of my dear aunt is not one that brings joy to any whom have know and loved her. we pray that she now is in a better place ,, I have to believe.. in thinking what to say it is always hard but I came across an old saying .."Once the game is over, the king and the queen go back in the same box "*
Aunt Audry certainly will be remembered by a great number of people , our prayers and well wishes extend to her as well as all who loved her.###imported-begin##steve kathy danielle stephanie and amanda tallman###imported-end##

January 30, 2010 at 01:20 PM