



Mrs. Beatrice "Minnie" (Tanus) Sheheen

May 21, 1934 - January 7, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Beatrice "Minnie" (Tanus) Sheheen, age 84, went home to her Lord when she passed away on Monday, January 7, 2019 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare with her family by her side.

Born in Mexico City, Mexico on May 21, 1934, Beatrice was the daughter of the late Joseph and Maria (Shaheen) Tanus. As a young woman, she and her sister Angela immigrated to the United States and settled in Utica with her extended family. On May 4, 1957 she married James J. Sheheen. They were blessed with a unique love for each other and for their family life.

Minnie's working life was in retail. She began at Nichols Department Store, and later worked as a cashier at Grand Union in New Hartford, followed by a position at Price Chopper. She had a steadfast work ethic and was loyal to her employers. Minnie was affectionate, welcoming, and embracing to all, and her Lebanese heritage and love for her family were seen in her cooking and baking. She was a wonderful mother and she meant everything to her children. She listened and gave comfort, and through her experience and lessons learned from life, she often shared advice and memorable stories from years past. Among her many words of wisdom were "Take your time and do your best". Minnie had a great rapport with people, in her job, in keeping family connections, and in entertaining company. Her door was always open, Sundays and holidays especially! Minnie was a beautiful dancer, especially when she was among friends and family at the Moose Lodge and at Hafli gatherings at Church.

A truly religious woman, Minnie was a parishioner of St. Louis Gonzaga Church and she loved the St. Mary's Guild. In her later years, she watched Holy Mass daily on the Eternal World Television Network.

Minnie is survived by her daughter, Rose Marie Sheheen; her sons and daughter-in-law, James "Jimmy" and Lori Sheheen, and Joseph "Joey" Sheheen. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Amelia Durante. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Thomas J. Mitchell; nephew, Anthony Sheheen; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony and Rose Sheheen; and in-laws, Jeanette Kaminski, Minnie Betrus, Julia Ciccotti, and Raymond Sheheen, Helen Sheheen, Sam Sheheen, and Ralph Sheheen.

Visitation will be held Friday from 10:00-11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Minnie'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. Louis Gonzaga Church where her Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be offered. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-6019

Tribute Wall

MH

“ I will always be thankful that Aunt Minnie was in our lives. So many great memories were had with her and Uncle Jimmy. We will miss you and will always remember how your heart and home were always open to us. Wish I could have been there today. Sending love and hugs to Rosemary, Jimmy and Joey. So glad that she wrote down all her recipes when she was here visiting in Charlotte. Rest in Peace.

Love,
Mary Lou Hamela and family

Mary Lou (Ciccotti) Hamela - January 11, 2019 at 11:21 AM

RC

“ I will always remember Aunt Minnie as a generous, sharing, and loving person. I am so grateful that she took the time to teach Lorraine to cook my favorite dishes. We have many fond memories of feasts at her house, especially when out-of-town family visited. It was a house of food, laughter and love. I also smile when I think about her doing the Electric Slide when the opportunity arose. Rose Mary, Jimmy and Joey should take comfort in knowing that their mother was loved by so many people. God bless Aunt Minnie.

Russell Ciccotti - January 10, 2019 at 02:08 PM

LC

“ Lorraine & Russell Ciccotti purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Beatrice "Minnie" (Tanus) Sheheen.



Lorraine & Russell Ciccotti - January 10, 2019 at 01:57 PM

LC

“ *When Aunt Minnie heard I wanted to learn to cook all of Russell's favorite dishes, she opened her kitchen and her heart to me. I will always think of her while rolling grape leaves and my daughters are also learning. God Bless Aunt Minnie her generosity was boundless.*

Lorraine S Ciccotti - January 10, 2019 at 01:44 PM

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“ **GOD BLESS YOU AUNT MINNIE !!!
WE ARE EXTREMELY BLESSED TO HAVE HAD YOU SHARED
IN OUR LIVES, I ESPECIALLY YOUR FAITH, LOVE AND
GENEROSITY.
YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS.
CONDOLENCES TO YOU ROSE MARY, JIMMY AND LORI, AND
JOEY.
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL MOM. SHE REALLY LOVE YOU ALL, MORE
THEN WORDS
CAN SAY.**

**EXTEND OUR LOVE TO ALL OUR LOVE ONES
GOD BLESS YOU ALL.
LOVE YOU ALL- ALL THE DAISY AND LOUIS A. JOSEPH
FAMILIES.
(NIECES AND NEPHEWS AND GREAT) (COUSIN DAISY AND
COUSIN LOUIE)**

LOUIS A. JOSEPH - January 10, 2019 at 01:48 AM

MB

“ So dear to my heart, I will miss you Aunt Minnie. Your many lessons on Lebanese cooking. Your wonderful meals and your welcoming smile no matter when we would drop in. Love you and will miss you, your neice Maria Bailey.



Maria B. Bailey - January 09, 2019 at 06:51 PM