



Bertha E. (Sokolowski) Tartaglia

September 20, 1914 - June 12, 2010

Mrs. Bertha E. (Sokolowski) Tartaglia, age 95, a longtime resident of East Utica, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on September 20, 1914, Bertha was the daughter of the late Felix and Ida (Wojciehowska) Sokolowski. She was raised in Utica and attended local schools. In 1932 she married Raffaele "Rufus" Tartaglia who passed away on January 5, 1943. The couple was blessed with three children who were God's gift and a legacy to their marriage.

Bertha was born to serve others and dedicated over 30 years of her life to caring for the clergy and the church of St. Anthony of Padua. She was involved in countless organizations, festivities, and celebrations at the Parish, and she always held close her devotion to Sts. Cosmas and Damian. Her work ethic was unsurpassed and was carried out with pride in each and every endeavor of her life. As a mother, she provided for her children, and she embraced the joyful reward of being a grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Her loved ones will treasure the wonderful memories of a woman of great venture. As the matriarch of the family, Bertha awoke each day thinking of what she needed to cook or bake, or what chores needed to be accomplished during her 'endless day'. The traditions of holidays and the love of family were so important to her. Her life was filled with fun times and laughter, carried on the wings of her words of wisdom, and acts of goodness and generosity. The family finds comfort that she was called to

eternity on the Feast of St. Anthony to whom we pray when we need to find something. Bertha has truly found her way to the Lord and now rests in Heaven with those she loved. She was faith filled, prayerful and shared a great devotion to St. Anthony and was a lifetime member of the now consolidated St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Bertha is survived by her son, Michael J. Tartaglia; and her daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Dominic Martinelli, all of Utica. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Rufus L. Tartaglia, Sr., who passed away on July 2, 2000. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Debra Tartaglia; also in remembrance is her daughter-in-law, Patricia Tartaglia who passed in September of 2004; thirteen grandchildren, two beloved grandchildren who preceded her in death; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her brother and sister-in-law, Edwin and Rose Sokolowski of Utica; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and the many dear friends who graced Bertha's life, with special mention of Deacon Bill Dischiavo. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley and Julia Sokolowski, Joseph and Florence Sokolowski, and Alfred and Ruth Sokolowski; and her sister, Eleanor and Louis Rumbutis.

The family gratefully acknowledges the care that was rendered to Bertha during the later years of her life by the staff of the Masonic Care Community of NY Placid household. The patience, kindness, and respectful dignity they expressed as they tended to her needs will remain in the hearts of her family. Thanks also to the personnel of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Room, the East Orthopedic Ward, and the physicians and staff who offered comfort and assurance to Bertha.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Bertha's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Committal services will be held

graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



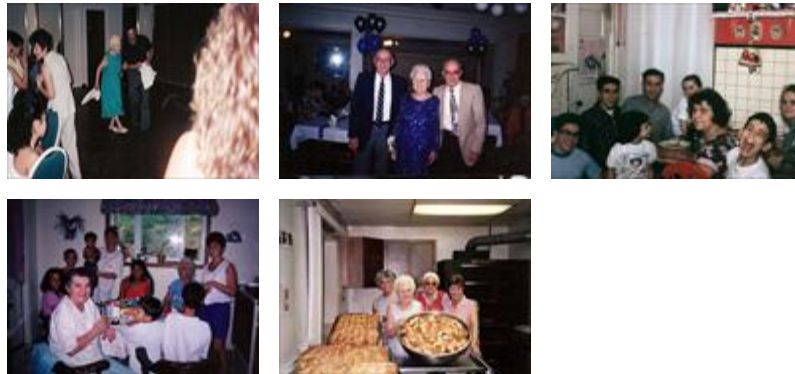
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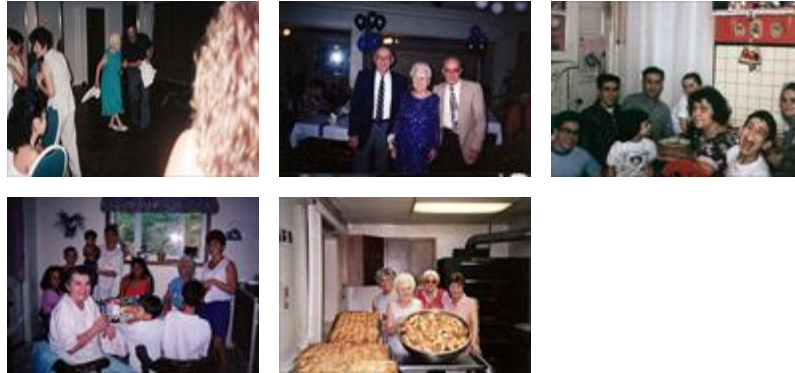
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“ *Ann and Famly*

I was very sad to learn of the passing of your mother. I asked about her all the time wondering how she was doing and if she was well.

This time when I asked they told me she had passed. She was a wonderful Lady and so very kind to my mother, Francesca.

I hope they are together in Heaven, cooking up a storm.

My deepest sympathy to you all. You now have a Very Special Angel watching over you.

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“ Gina and family,

Please accept our condolences on the passing of your Nonna/Babcia Bertha. Your stories of her paint a picture of a beautiful woman and a life well lived. May God Bless your family during this difficult time.

Love,

Craig, Patty and Brandon

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“ *I am an LPN float nurse at Masonic and had the pleasure of taking care of Bertha numerous times. One memory that my entire family will hold dear....my husband and children came to visit Masonic their first ever visit...took them to Placid Neighborhood to meet the residents. Bertha got up to a song that was playing on the radio and proceeded to grab my husband by the arm almost falling to get to him....starting kicking up her legs like a true Rocket!!! My husband got the biggest kick out of her. I walked my husband out of the building and came back and said...."Boy Bertha I am really mad at you my husband is most likely going to leave me for you as you are such a great dancer" Her Reply to me was "Have I met your husband!"*

Bertha was a blast to talk to she always had a smile and reading her obituary what an amazing woman. May memories such as this and your own help you all at this difficult time....and Bertha I hope you are kicking your heels from up above.##imported-begin##Cyndi Gee##imported-end##

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“ I will always remember my Aunt Bertha as a very active and loving member of the family. She was always there to help anyone through anything.

I will always remember her laughter and bright smile. She was always cooking the best in Polish and Italian foods I have ever had. Her talent can never be matched.

My condolences to the family. I wish I could be there to celebrate her life with all of you. God Bless.

Lenore Sokolowski

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