



## Mrs. Betty (Gentile) DeCosty

January 11, 1926 - October 31, 2011

Mrs. Betty (Gentile) DeCosty, age 85, currently of New Hartford and formerly of Utica, passed away on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the Siegenthaler Center with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 11, 1926, Betty was the daughter of the late Donato and Antoinette (Scoba) Gentile. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. She shared a blessed marriage with Charles P. DeCosty until his passing in 1980; Betty and Charles were drawn to each other and their love endured through the years.

Betty retired in 1988 from her position as Office Manager for the Jim Brock Insurance Agency. She loved to cook and was always in the kitchen assuming the role of both teacher and student, and was able to learn to prepare dishes from taste. She took care of her family, and forever spoiled her children and grandchildren, all the while teaching them to be strong and determined in reaching their goals, and steady and dedicated in their working life. Betty also served as a caregiver to anyone who needed her, as this was her selfless and giving way of life. She loved to host the holidays at her house, especially Christmas Eve, along with decorating, creating floral arrangements, attending cooking classes, and traveling. Blessed with a strong spirituality, she raised her family in the Catholic faith, and became deeply devoted and closer to God in her later years. She was a member of the Sts. Cosmo and Damiano Society located at the Kossuth Avenue Chapel and a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Betty is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Dawn and Mark Bruzzese of Utica, and Terese "Terry" DeCosty of New Hartford; her son and daughter-in-law, Charles "Chip" and Jodie DeCosty of Clinton; her grandchildren, Lisa Brice, Paul Bruzzese, Erika DeCosty, and Jared DeCosty; and her 3 great-grandchildren. She also leaves many friends and cousins, especially acknowledging Jay Gentile. She was predeceased by her sister, Grace Gentile.

The family extends a special thank-you to the Siegenthaler Center and its staff for the high standard of care and compassion shown to Betty and her family. They truly gave her the gift of life during her final days.

Visitation will be held Thursday morning from 9:00-10:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Siegenthaler Center in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Betty's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ Terry, Chip and Dawn--Your mom was a great lady! She will be missed.

*Karen and Helen Mancini*



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**Karen Mancini** - November 03, 2011 at 02:15 PM

DG

“ Denise Pristera Giruzzi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty (Gentile) DeCosty



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**Denise Pristera Giruzzi** - November 03, 2011 at 10:00 AM

DG

*Dawn, Mark & Paul, We are so deeply sorry for your loss..Dawn, I remember so many happy times as we were growing up...& Paul it is so very hard to lose a grandmother...Our prayers are with you and your family.*

*Deepest sympathies, Jimmy, Denise & Jim Giruzzi*

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**Denise Pristera Giruzzi** - November 03, 2011 at 10:02 AM

EL

“ Dawn, Terry, Chip, and families:  
So sorry to hear about your mother. I have many fond memories of her while I was growing up. She and my mother were very good friends and had a lot of fun together. We always enjoyed her company. Sorry I am unable to attend the services but want you to know my prayers are with all of you. God bless your mother and all of you.

Sincerely,  
Ed Lasek

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**Ed Lasek** - November 02, 2011 at 05:34 PM

CP

“ Jodie and Family: So sorry to hear of her passing. I just saw the beautiful picture of her on your facebook page, what a lovely lady. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Carrie (Briggs) Powers  
Va. Beach, VA

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**Carrie Powers** - November 02, 2011 at 10:23 AM

JD

“ Chip, Jodie and Family,

We were so sorry to hear of Grama Bettys passing. She was such a warm and loving woman and will be missed.

Love & Sympathy,  
Rob, Julie, Robbie and Jacqueline

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**Julie Delia** - November 02, 2011 at 08:18 AM

