



Betty Jane Rossi

November 26, 1936 - October 25, 2023

UTICA - Betty Jane Rossi, age 86, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, with her loving son by her side.

Betty was born in Utica on November 26, 1936, to the late Salvatore and Concetta (Pettinato) Rossi. Raised and educated in Utica, Betty pursued her passion in the beauty industry. A beautician by trade, she owned and operated four different businesses locally. Betty was a loving and devoted mother. She was seen as a trailblazer, always interested in being the first to embark on a new venture. Her dedication to her family and their needs was unwavering. An avid traveler, Betty did it her way and was described by many as a firecracker. Her steadfast determination meant she did not allow any obstacles to deter her from accomplishing her goals. Among her favorite pastimes, Betty loved the excitement of bingo and a good card game. She also enjoyed gathering with the group of women at the Steinhorst for various social activities. A woman of faith, she was a member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Betty is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Sheli Norelli. She held close to her heart the memory of her son, Frank S. Norelli, who preceded her on November 11, 2015. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Regina Norelli; Nicole Norelli, and Katherine Norelli; great-grandson, Justin Nash; and her sisters and brother-in-law, Gloria Simonette, Carol "Cookie" Abruzzo (the late Timothy Abruzzo), and Lucille "Lulu" and Ronald Wereszynski. Betty was preceded in death by her sisters and

brothers-in-law, Rose and Tony Mastracco, Mary and Peter Capparulo, Isabelle "Izzy" Rossi, Josephine "Joanne" and Raymond Sabino, Virginia "Jeannie" and Kenneth Berthiaume, and Angeline "Angie" and Louis Ficchi. She leaves many nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Jude Abruzzo Clark and her husband Michael, Judi and Scott Bushway, Vincent and Eileen Mastracco, Dina Abruzzo, and Tonia Hill; and great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was also predeceased by her nephews, Anthony "Nino" Abruzzo, Michael Catrombone, Anthony Mastracco, Joseph DePaul, Joseph Ficchi, and John Capparulo.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of The Grand at Utica for their care and compassion. Thanks also to Debbie Williams, who lovingly stayed in touch, keeping Betty's spirits uplifted.

The family will honor her life at a Graveside Service to be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. at Calvary Cemetery, 2407 Oneida St.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE

NOV 9. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GC

“ Rest in peace from neice Gina Ficchi Cates and family

Gina Ficchi Cates - November 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM

KB

“ Kenneth B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Rossi.

Kenneth B. - November 02, 2023 at 03:21 PM

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“ Rest in peace Aunt Betty Jane, we love you ❤️
Tonia, Travis, Tristan, Tyson and Talia ox



Tonia Hill - November 02, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Betty Jane Rossi.

November 02, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Betty Jane Rossi.*



November 02, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about BJ, may she rest in peace Darlene Trombetta King apt.B210*

Darlene Trombetta King - October 31, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Jessica Bronga lit a candle in memory of Betty Jane Rossi*



Jessica Bronga - October 30, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Raymond S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Rossi.*

Raymond S. - October 29, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Debbie Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Betty Jane Rossi.*

Debbie Williams - October 29, 2023 at 03:51 PM

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“ *Debbie Williams purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Betty Jane Rossi.*



Debbie Williams - October 29, 2023 at 03:51 PM

DW

“ *There are so many memories that I will cherish of Betty Jane I always called her ma and I will treasure those memories for the rest of my days. We met in early Feb 1980 and once her son Frank got her approval, we married Feb 22nd. She & her friend Joe were our witnesses. Every time she visited us I got a new hairdo whether it was only colored or a tight perm, it didn't matter she was always up for the task. I had to find every place that was doing Bingo while she was visiting too. She was very lucky also and could play like thirty cards while I had four. I will miss her so, for that was my last tie to Frankie. So glad to have known her, rest in peace for there is no more pain & suffering. Many Blessings to Christopher & family for your devotion, she loved you so much.*

Sincerely

Debbie Williams

Deborah Williams - October 29, 2023 at 02:47 PM

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Thank you Debbie, mom really loved you as a daughter. She spoke of you with love and laughter. Nothing can express how grateful I am for your devotion to her in her final years. Love Christopher.

Christopher Norelli - October 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM