



Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer

October 11, 1946 - January 31, 2020

CLINTON - Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer, age 73, went home to the Lord when she passed away on Friday, January 31, 2020 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Ellenburg, New York on October 11, 1946, Bolita was the daughter of the late Maynard W. Sr. and Eva M. (Harris) LaClair. As a young girl, she and her family came to East Utica and made it their home. She attended Wetmore Elementary School and T.R. Proctor High School. In June of 1967 she married Frank J. Gaeta with whom she shared 18 years and the blessing of three daughters prior to his untimely passing on August 18, 1985. She found love once again and on July 1, 1988 she wed Gary K. Schorer. Their union blessed her with a fourth daughter. They were well-matched mates during their 31 years together and shared commonalities when it came to their family.

Bolita alternately balanced several passions in her life that allowed her to venture into two different livelihoods. She worked as a self-employed seamstress, a profession which began with her position at Joseph & Feiss Company. Her business acumen and creativity in her craft led to her owning and operating multiple sites for her enterprise, Bolita's Alterations & Tailoring, in Washington Mills, and on Oriskany Boulevard in Whitesboro. She then pursued her equally fulfilling life work when she opened The Pizza Cafe in Center Court at the New Hartford Shopping Center where everything she made was from scratch! Her creations were spot-on and savory, prepared to perfection in ingredients, portion, and taste. Her baked goods were also made

available at the Pizzeria; it was a memorable family affair. Bolita's benevolence was seen not only in her cooking but also in caring for her patrons. In 2003 she worked alongside Jeff Daniels at Daniele Imports where a lot of fun and hard work went into their masterful creations. She subsequently returned to her alterations profession, rendering her services for local stores. Lastly, she served as a cook at Bon Appétit, Hamilton College's catering service, the position from which she retired.

Bolita's work ethic flourished from a young age as she worked at her family farm. She conveyed that virtue to her children, a gift of which they are very proud and appreciative. She was kind-hearted and selfless in so many ways, she made holiday gatherings and parties memorable, from preparing, to entertaining, to cleaning up! Her baked goods were spectacular and detailed and were always the hit of any event. Though she could be strong-willed and demonstrative, she was sincere in sharing her well-wishes, wisdom, and wit. Her leisure interests included golf, snowmobiling, boating, camping, and ceramics. Her handcrafted creations were natural and intuitive, including the clothing she sewed for her children, costumes for all occasions, and evening, wedding, and baptismal gowns. Bolita practiced her Catholic faith at her home parish, St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Bolita's entire family honored her with love, respect, and a lifetime of beautiful memories. Each of her loved ones experienced her love equally, and her grandchildren were the "extras" that lit up her eyes and uplifted her later years. They were a blessing, and being together as a family gave her the greatest pleasure of all.

Bolita is survived by her husband, Gary; her daughters and son-in-laws, Gina and Gary F. Elsenbeck II, Claudette and Thomas Davidson, MaryJo and Christopher Smith, and Katelyn and Trevor Pratt. Grandchildren, Bryanna and Noah Lupini, Isabel Elsenbeck; Michael and Cadence Davidson, Starrlynn Lonerio and Quinntin James Smith. She held close to her heart the memory of her infant granddaughter, Mackenzie IV Reign Smith who preceded her on December 14, 2012. She also leaves her siblings and their spouses, Andrea

Aurigema, Jacklyn and Patrick "Pat" Gurdo, Maynard Jr. "Ricky" and Linda LaClair, Karen Arrigo and Christine and Gary Artessa; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many cherished friendships that she made throughout the years. She was predeceased by her brother-in-laws, Frank "Sham" Aurigema, and Frank Arrigo, Sr.

The family is grateful to Dr. Hamerton Jeanty at MVHS at Faxton-St. Luke's for his compassionate, gentle guidance; and the nurses and staff of the ICU for their sensitivity and dignity in caring for Bolita.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to the American Lung Association online at <https://www.lung.org>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Bolita's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will follow graveside at St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

GG

“ *I miss you so much Mom* 🥹

Gina Gaeta-Elsenbeck - March 27, 2020 at 12:41 PM

DA

“ *Gina, Claudette & Family*

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with all of you ..

Danielle Coco-Brucker



Danielle - February 06, 2020 at 07:45 PM

EM

“ *I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES GROWING UP AND ALL THE GOOD FRIENDS THAT WERE MADE ALONG THE WAY ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WERE MADE AT PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL.*

R.I.P MY GOOD FRIEND

ED MAJKA

ED MAJKA - February 06, 2020 at 02:34 PM

BD

“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Bob Davidson - February 05, 2020 at 11:51 AM

NK

“ *Natalie Kuczek lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer*



natalie kuczek - February 04, 2020 at 07:18 PM

MM

“ *Gary, Katie, Andrea, Jackie, Ricky, Christine, Karen and families:*

Thinking of all of you at this difficult time. I was deeply saddened to hear of Bolita's passing. I remember when you all moved to Utica, we became friends and have been so through the years. We had a lot of fun together growing up. Bolita always kept in touch even when we moved to Florida. Wish I could be there to comfort you all during the loss of your wife, mother and sister. Wishing you all strength and peace during this hard time.

Love. Mae

mae mutolo - February 04, 2020 at 12:32 PM

NR

“ *I am sorry for your loss Gary. Thoughts and Prayers from my family to your family.*

Nathan & Nicole Randt - February 04, 2020 at 12:01 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Bolita was the best cook ever and was so much fun. She will be greatly missed. God bless to the family.*
Deborah Davoli & Chelsea



Chelsea - February 03, 2020 at 10:19 PM

DC

So sorry for the loss of your sister Bonita. We have known your family for so long. We will always remember the camping we did with all of you. God Bless all of you.

Dyana and Chet Cornacchia - February 03, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DP

*“ I am so sorry to here about the passing of Bolita. We were neighbors years ago in Applewood. My prayers go out to the family.
Dawn Perta*



Dawn Perta - February 03, 2020 at 06:48 PM

MP

“ Maria Post lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer



Maria Post - February 03, 2020 at 05:01 PM

KV

“ Karen & Ron Reina &. Joyce Varano purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer.



Karen & Ron Reina &. Joyce Varano - February 03, 2020 at 04:35 PM

BD

“ *Bob & Wendy Davidson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer.*



Bob & Wendy Davidson - February 03, 2020 at 03:15 PM

AN

“ *I recall the year that we were at Wetmore Elementary together. At that time, she was not only a cousin but also a friend. What beautiful memories her family shared. Our condolences to the family. Arlene (LeClair) and Larry Nichols.*

Arlene Nichols - February 03, 2020 at 03:14 PM

SW

“ *Deepest sympathies and condolences from the Wlock family.*



Scott Wlock - February 03, 2020 at 01:50 PM

TD

“ *Team Austin at MetLife Dental purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer.*



Team Austin at MetLife Dental - February 03, 2020 at 12:26 PM

Paula
Marie
Hollenbec

“ I was so saddened to hear about your Moms passing. Sending condolences to you and the family at this most difficult time.
Paula and John Hollenbeck



Paula Marie Hollenbeck - February 03, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bolita (LaClair) Schorer.



February 03, 2020 at 09:35 AM



“ So very sorry to all of you, may the beautiful memories comfort you when you need it most. Lots of love



Maria Arrigo-sequin - February 03, 2020 at 08:58 AM



“ I am forever grateful for learning some of her amazing cooking and baking techniques. The Pizza Cafe was a great experience and holds a special place in my heart with her, the girls, and Uncle Gary on Saturdays. Growing up with over nights and Holidays in Marcy, eating amazing food feeling like I was in a mansion as a child is a memory dear in my heart. I love her. I love the family. I miss you already. Xoxo

Jessica - February 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM

OD

A wonderful woman who loved her family, I'm forever grateful for being accepted into her and Gary's life for the time we shared. God bless you.

Ottile Duval - February 02, 2020 at 06:15 PM

DM

Joe and I sending prayers to all of you Joe knew Bolita since childhood and I had a pleasure to meet her when when I married Joe. So many fun times boating on 4th Lake. My You find peace in God at this time

Darlene Mutolo - February 02, 2020 at 07:38 PM

KT

I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort that she is no longer suffering & she knew she was loved by so many.

Kay Taverne - February 03, 2020 at 12:34 PM

NW

So sorry for your loss, I grew up with Karen & Christine on Bleecker St. great family. Hang on to all the beautiful memories. Prayers & love to all. 🙏🙏💕 Nancy (Occhiuto) Ward

nancy ward - February 03, 2020 at 01:44 PM

MI

*So many memories, so many laughs , so much good food. I loved to be at your house where ever you lived from the time I was little to the time I was in college. I spend many nights at your house and always felt the love. I will miss you Aunt Bolita. love you lots,
Michelle*

Michelle - February 03, 2020 at 08:55 PM

GL

To Bolita's Family.....So sorry to hear of her passing. May all of your happy memories of her help you during this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy, Gloria Lombardo (Sham & Andrea's cousin)!

Gloria Lombardo - February 04, 2020 at 03:39 PM