



Mrs. Carmelita (DeRosa) Graniero

December 22, 1930 - November 22, 2012

Mrs. Carmelita “Carm” (DeRosa) Graniero, age 81, of New Hartford, passed into the hands of the Lord on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, 2012 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on December 22, 1930, Carmelita was the daughter of the late Edward and Ann (Milozzo) DeRosa. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1948. On May 16, 1953 she married Richard J. “Dick” Graniero with whom she shared a union of nearly 60 years. Carm was dedicated to her husband and his well-being, and was so much in love that she often expressed her admiration for him.

In her younger years, Carm worked with Dr. Gerald Natiella, DDS in her vocation as a Dental Assistant. She then took time to raise her children and dedicate herself to nurturing her family. She was wise and understanding in her parental guidance, and she inspired her children to be fair-minded, well-mannered, and non-judgmental. Her sons and daughters admired all that she did for them in shaping their lives. She was honored and embraced by her loved ones, and they opened their hearts to her. She valued each moment of their development at their own pace. In retrospect, the greatest fulfillment of her life was the realization of her children and family, and her ability to have mastered a unique relationship with each of them. She rejoiced in the success of her children and grandchildren, and in the end, each of them will have a piece of her heart forever because she planned it that way. It was a precious lesson that she learned as she journeyed through life. At one time, she

assisted her husband in the operation of Richard's Restaurant located on Route 49 in Marcy specializing in Italian food, and possessed a family atmosphere and was a place that each family member held responsibility. It was well-noted and recognized that Carm was a living example of class, grace, and eloquence especially in the style in which she presented herself. A responsible soul, she was supportive and encouraging in a gentle way. During the summer, their camp at White Lake was a haven for three families "plus", a place that gave rise to some of her most memorable times. In 1984, Carm and Dick moved to Kayuta Lake for the serenity of the area. She was very particular in the presentation of her home and the articulated arrangements and adornments within. She was also an excellent entertainer and a spectacular cook and baker. She was endowed with an all-encompassing creative nature, and "Martha had nothing on her". After a busy day, she enjoyed the evening ritual of tipping a martini with Dick. She was an antique aficionado throughout the years and partnered with her daughters in proudly establishing the "Black Crow Antiques" shop at their home in the midst of perfectly manicured floral and herb gardens. Her leisurely interests included playing mahjong at the Jewish Community Center which was her most recent pastime. She was an avid reader and re-reader of classic works of literature, and appreciated orchestral and jazz music among other genres. A romantic at heart, she had a fondness for classic movies of the golden age of cinema which were laced with moving narratives and intertwined plots. She also kept numerous journals throughout the years. Carm trusted in her God and believed that her faith directed her life. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Carm is survived by her husband, Dick; her adored children and their families, Janice R. and Richard Santillo of NC, Dr. Richard A. and Jenny (Stevens) Graniero of CT, Gina Graniero of Utica, and Christopher and Margaret (Geraci) Graniero of Marcy; her beloved and cherished grandchildren, Sarah, and Richard Santillo; Emily, and Matthew Graniero; and Cristiana, and Angelyna Graniero. Also left to mourn her passing are her sister and brother-

in-law, Regina and John Aliasso of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws Walter Lorenz, and Lee Graniero. Carm was also blessed with many loyal and lifelong friends as well as many new friends who have been attentive to the very end. She was predeceased by her sister, Vida Ann Lorenz; her brother-in-law, Michael Graniero; and several special aunts and uncles.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to her primary healthcare providers, Sally O'Callahan, Nurse Practitioner, and Dr. Joseph Choma and the staff at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, NY, for their sincere comfort and professionalism; the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, especially Mary, for their knowledge and assistance in caring for Carm and giving her the strength to endure her battle. They are also most grateful to family and friends who expressed an outpouring of support that was incredibly heartfelt.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-5 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 Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Carmelita's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

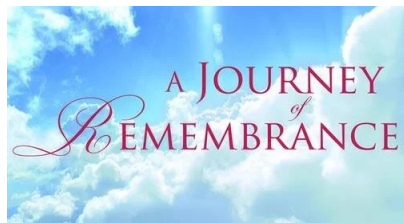
NOV **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Carmelita (DeRosa) Graniero



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - November 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ My deepest sympathy. We will all miss Carmelita at Mahjong.-
Phyllis Hasenauer

phyllis hasenauer - November 26, 2012 at 05:58 PM

DS

“ Diane Shephard

Diane Shephard - November 25, 2012 at 07:14 PM

JR

“ Regina and John,
Our sympathies are extended to you with the hope that God's strength will be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Theresa Rizzo and Family

Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt - November 25, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DB

“ *Debbie Barbero lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita (DeRosa) Graniero*



Debbie Barbero - November 25, 2012 at 10:36 AM

MC

“ *Miranda Crossley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmelita (DeRosa) Graniero*



Miranda Crossley - November 25, 2012 at 07:47 AM

RG

“ *What can I say about my Aunt Carmie, She had it all. Beauty, Grace, Style, Class, charm, compassion, love and understanding. She always knew what to say to make you feel better. She was always there to make you feel special. You knew when she walked in a room and smiled, that there was immense love behind that smile. Thank you Aunt Carmie for making my childhood years so memorable up at your camp on White Lake. I know that even though I griped about being left back at camp with you, my mom and Aunt VedaAnn, I know now that I was the lucky one. :) That I got to spend time learning from all of you and spending time that I would give anything to have back right now. Thank you for helping me an an adult, helping me with your wise words during tough times of my life. You were always right. I now know and have some comfort knowing that you are going to be watching over all of us, and cheering us on, as you always did. I love you always, Rest In Peace my dear Aunt. Till we see you again in Heaven. You and grandma have the sauce ready!*

Robin Grimaldi - November 24, 2012 at 02:09 PM

GP

“ Dear Regina -

My genuine sympathy of the loss of your beloved sister. I, along with my twin Gerald, first met Carm and her husband and their children at Rita's graduation party from Proctor High School in 1976 at your home. She was gracious and pleasantly welcoming. And I vividly recall your family recollections over the years that reinforced your unbreakable bond with your "older" sister. Carm shines upon you now and will forever be at your side. She is another member of heaven whom you can pray to.

May you find comfort along with John, your family, and your sister Carm's family as you all move along the journey of life knowing you're blessed aplenty that such a wonderful human being came your way.

Hope & Love,

*Girard A. Plante
Newton, MA*

Girard A Plante - November 24, 2012 at 04:20 AM

RA

GERARD

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR BEAUTIFUL COMMENT. YOUR
THOUGHTFULLNESS IN REMEMBERING THOSE WONDERFUL
DAYS WHEN LIFE WAS GOOD AND MEANINGFUL. LOVE*

REGINA AND JOHN

REGINA & JOHN ALIASSO - November 24, 2012 at 09:35 AM