



## Mrs. Carmella N. (Esposito) Falvo

October 19, 1914 - October 1, 2010

Mrs. Carmella N. (Esposito) Falvo, age 95, of Utica, was embraced by Our Lord, Jesus Christ on Friday, October 1, 2010. Her passing occurred at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Utica on October 19, 1914, Carmella was the daughter of the late Rocco and Maria Theresa (Lopardo) Esposito. She was raised and educated locally. On October 17, 1936 she entered into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony with Salvatore "Sam" Falvo who passed away on June 12, 1997. Theirs was a loving 60-year union, and their family takes great consolation knowing they are now reunited.

Carmella worked at the Oneita Knitting Mills during her years of employment, but her life's priority was caring for her family and her home with much dedication. She especially enjoyed celebrating the holidays making sure that tradition was always maintained. Summers found her busy canning the bounty of vegetables from her husband's garden. She was an inventive cook, and all of her dishes were creative wonders prepared without a written recipe. She was affectionately known as the "general" and was admirably regarded as the matriarch of her family. She was deserving of the love and respect that her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren gave to her during her lifetime and considered these her greatest blessing and accomplishment. For recreation, she enjoyed playing bingo and she found happiness in the simple pleasures of life – going for a little ride, communicating with family and knowing about events in their every day lives. Carmella renewed herself daily

in Jesus, and offered heartfelt prayers for the needs of her loved ones. Her Bible studies were very important to her. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Carmella is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemarie and Robert Gianotti of Utica, and Theresa "Terry" and Frank Carbone of Deerfield; her grandchildren, to whom she was lovingly known as 'Nanni', Donna Gianotti Schlager and James Schlager, Carla and Jack Spaeth, Robert, Jr. and Anne Marie (Brindisi) Gianotti; Frank A. Carbone, Susan Carbone Humphrey and Dr. Mark Humphrey; and her great-grandchildren, Heidi Rose and Samantha Grace; Joshua, Ethan, and Emily; Sophia and the anticipation of her 9th great-grandchild; and Adam and Rebecca. Survivors also include her nieces and nephews; and the blessings of her many friendships throughout her life. She was also thankful for the faithful visits from her friends Mary Ellen and JoAnn. She was predeceased by her brothers, Angelo Esposito, and Frank Esposito; and her sisters, Rose Evangelista, Mamie Fierro, and Julia Testa.

The past two years of Carmella's life have been spent among the wonderful caregivers of the Masonic Care Community of NY, especially those of Windham household. These "angels" possessed compassion, dedication, and loving ways that enabled Carmella to look upon them as her extended family. A special thank you is also extended to Dr. Guy Wilcox, and hospitalist Dr. Anand Ravi, for their professional guidance; and Pastor David Green for his prayers and support of Carmella's family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) 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 made to the Salvation Army in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Carmella's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

"We will miss you mom!"



# Cemetery Details

## **St. Agnes Cemetery**

Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Mrs. Falvo (as I have always called Carmela) in 1962 when I started nursing school. She had a laugh and smile that lit up a room and never changed through-out the decades as life continued with twist and turns, highs and lows. So many memories as we would meet and always the welcome smile as I would tell her about the world I explored, travelling by sailboats and so distant from Utica life. She always was interested in my often boring travel stories and video. I miss her and have a memory last time I saw her of a wonderful view from her window, her smile. She loved her family and always spoke from her heart. Aldona

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