



Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio

July 16, 1926 - September 6, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio, age 91, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with her loving family by her side as attentive as they were during her times of need.

Born in Mohawk, NY on July 16, 1926 on the feast of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, Carmella was the 11th of 15 children of the late Joseph and Rose (Fidduccia) Cushman. She was raised and educated in Mohawk and was a graduate of the Utica School of Beauty Culture in the early 1960's. On November 30, 1946 she married Ralph D. "Ray" Scanio with whom she shared 58 years and an abundance of love. As a couple, they worked diligently to provide for a good family life. Ray passed away on April 9, 2005.

During the years between raising her children, Carm worked at the General Electric Company at the Bleecker Street location. She also held positions at Hamilton Digital and Joseph & Feiss Company. But the highlight of her working career was when she operated her own Beauty Salon, Carm's Beauty Shop on Gilbert Street.

Carm was blessed with a strong constitution and a thoughtful, giving character. Her priority was her family and her motto was "There is room in my heart, and room in my home". She always arrived at a celebration or special occasion bearing gifts including crocheted heirloom afghans for family and friends. She also loved to cook and bake, and she was one of the original gals who made Pizza Fritta at the annual St. Anthony and the St. Cosmos & St.

Damiano Feasts. She loved to putter around in her meticulously manicured garden. Carm was a brave woman when it came to her health issues. She was accepting and showed great fortitude... she never gave up. As a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, parish life was important to her. It brought her peace, prayer, and participation in social events with members of the congregation. She was a member of the Knights of St. John Ladies Auxiliary and a recipient of their Queen of Saints Award. She was also a member of the St. Theresa Society. Throughout her life, her spirituality was her foundation. She was grateful that God gave her the gift of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In their eyes she saw love, and in her heart she felt pride.

Carmella is survived by her children and their spouses, Edward R. and Pauline Scanio, Mary Lou and Brock Butler, Carol and Dennis Capraro, and Lorrie and Steve Tibbits; her beloved grandchildren, Ralph and Karen Scanio, Mark and Kristen Scanio; Everett and Kate Butler, Rebecca Butler, and Laura Butler; Lindsey and Giles Smith, and Katherine Capraro; great-grandchildren, Alexandra, Nick, Michael; Andrew, Parker, and Will; and Jackson. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, Mary Cushman, and Annette Amendolare; and the many friendships that graced her life. She was predeceased by her siblings, Joseph, Anthony, Samuel, Pete, Sandy, Frank, PFC/Ross (killed in action during WW II), Charles, John, James, and Daniel Cushman, Mary Miller, Concetta Tinervia, and Rose Peterson.

The family is grateful to Dr. Kevin McCormick for his professionalism and support; and the personnel of the Masonic Care Community/Wiley Hall/Windham Unit, all of whom were comforting and caring of Carmella's well-being.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations may be considered to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Carmella's funeral service and Celebration of Life will

commence on Monday morning at 9:30 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. Arthur Krawczenko. Committal prayers and Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall

RL

“ *RoseMarie & James Light lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio*



RoseMarie & James Light - September 12, 2017 at 04:23 PM

JF

“ *Carmella was a wonderful friend of my parents, Don and Bea Beekman. They were together at Wiley Hall (MCC). She was always there for them with a helping hand. Carmella was a very loving and caring person, and will certainly be missed. Judy & Louie Franz*

Judy Franz - September 11, 2017 at 09:49 PM

DK

“ *DEAR CAROL, DENNIS, CUSHMAN & SCANIO FAMILIES, May we send our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers for the loss of your mom Carmella. May she rest in place where there is no pain, no grief, no sighing but everlasting life !!!! Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski*

Deacon Dan Klockowski - September 11, 2017 at 07:06 PM

RL

“Eddie and Pauline, MaryLou, CarolAnne, Lorrie, and all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren: We had an angel here on earth and now she is in heaven; know that she is still caring and still watching over all those she loved. Aunt Carm, you were a beacon of light to all who needed someone to shine for them; you always put others before yourself, without expecting anything in return, except a hug and a smile. You set an example for every mother to follow, your advice always sound and always true. You were a natural-born teacher, philosopher, and woman of so many talents to even begin to list. Phenomenal cook, a true queen of hospitality, and most of all, every person she touched became a better one. Being in her presence, she gave the feeling that you were the most important person in the world; her kitchen was the core of her home. I spent many hours there growing up, always enjoying each fantastic dish she presented with pride. I have used her Christmas recipe for Roast Beef for over 35 years, and always tell my dinner guests that it was my Aunt Carm's recipe. I still have quite a few of her handwritten recipes that I will treasure and pass on to my own daughters, continuing her legacy of love expressed through her cooking. Her wisdom, strength, and perseverance came from the generation that had to "make it" on their own, taking care of each other growing up, and she did that for all of her siblings before she became a mother. She was a wonderful sister to my father, Frank, and he adored his "Carmie". She was and always will be an inspiration to me of great strength, intelligence, and perseverance. May you rest in peace, Aunt Carm -- You have done your job here on earth, and we will continue to keep you alive in spirit and in our hearts, today and forever more. Much Love, Your Niece, RoseMarie Light

RoseMarie Light - September 11, 2017 at 06:24 PM

JB

“ *Ed & Pauline, Marylou, Carol and Lorrie and family,
I was so sad to hear about your Mom. What a wonderful and beautiful person she was. May the great memories you have of her help you get through the next few days, weeks and months. With our deepest sympathy.*
Jo Anne & Al Burrill



Jo Anne Cushman Burrill - September 10, 2017 at 09:29 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio.*



September 09, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio.*



September 09, 2017 at 04:24 PM

WH

“ *What an honor to share in celebrating the precious memory of Mrs. Carmella Scanio. This beautiful lady is the wife of an American Hero and the mother of a very dear friend. We are thankful for her immeasurable contributions to our Nation, and for her love and kindness, the effects of which have touched so many, including our family.*

*With Love,
The Hall Family*

Willus Hall - September 09, 2017 at 04:12 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio.*



September 09, 2017 at 11:18 AM



“ *White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio.*



September 08, 2017 at 02:52 PM

MR

“ My heart is so heavy...sweet, kind, loving Mrs. Scanio who showed me the way on more than one occasion. When I was hungry she fed me, when I was sad she hugged me.

Mr. and Mrs. Scanio were my neighbors and my guardian angels. Such beautiful kind people. This world needs more people like them.

May you rest in peace...I love you and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Michelle Randazzo

Michelle Randazzo - September 08, 2017 at 10:51 AM

TM

“ Ed, Pauline and family, Please accept our condolences on your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you . God Bless . Tom/Tarry Marchesane

Tom Marchesane - September 08, 2017 at 07:31 AM

LM

“ Lee-Ann (Buddenhagen) Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio



Lee-Ann (Buddenhagen) Martin - September 07, 2017 at 04:35 PM

MW

“ *Marion & Bernie White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Carmella L. (Cushman) Scanio*



Marion & Bernie White - September 07, 2017 at 04:03 PM