



Carmella M. "Millie" (Paneghello) DiColla

September 4, 1922 - May 13, 2010

Mrs. Carmella M. "Millie" (Paneghello) DiColla, age 87, of New Hartford, and a native of Philadelphia, PA, passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2010 with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 4, 1922, Millie was the daughter of the late Louis and Florence (Ursone) Paneghello. Raised and educated in Philadelphia, she went on to graduate from Beauty School earning a license to practice as a beautician, a vocation for which she was well suited. On September 2, 1946 she wed Joseph F. DiColla with whom she shared nearly 64 years. Their marriage and journey through life were a blessing, as they worked together, cared for one another, and cherished family life.

As an independent hairdresser, Millie catered to the needs of her clients in the privacy of their homes, as well as those who had special situations. Both at home and at work she was a socially engaging, hospitable entertainer. She had an innate gift of caring for others which she did for many years, especially her own mother and mother-in-law. Her generosity and spirited nature were hallmarks of her family life, and as a mother and marvelous role model, she provided support and guidance to her daughter. A true blessing in her life was her beloved grandson Mark, who brought her so much joy. Millie was a terrific cook and a magnificent baker and her preparations were plentiful. She was also an outstanding domestic caretaker who kept an immaculate home. She lived a life filled with wonderful friendships, and she was masterful in

accomplishing the responsibilities that were presented to her during her lifetime. As often noted, “no grass” was known to grow under her feet. She was always ready for a game of “shanghai” or “dominos” and enjoyed the game of chance. Millie and Joe were happy to relocate to the Utica area, enabling them to be in the company of their daughter and family. A truly spiritual woman, Millie was devoted to her daily prayers and recitation of the Rosary.

Millie is survived by her husband, Joe; her daughter and son-in-law, Donna M. and Mario L. Rocci, Jr. of Utica; and her adored grandson, Mark Rocci.

Survivors also include her sister, Rose Fesi; and her brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Phyllis Paneghello, all of Philadelphia; her sister-in-law, Theresa “Terry” Panichelli, of Sicklerville, New Jersey; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Since residing in the Utica area to be closer to family, Millie was favored with the warmth of the extended family of Mario Rocci and his late wife, Marie; and their network of good friends. She was predeceased by her brothers, Joseph Panichelli, and Vincent Paneghello. The family is grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, the staff at the Regional Cancer Center, Dr. Kevin McCormick, and Lynn Paquette, N.P. All of their care was offered with such kindness and compassion. The family would also like to thank the personnel at the Masonic Care Community/Troy household who were very dedicated and served Millie and her family with much respect and encouragement during her brief stay.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Millie’s honor to the Upstate Cerebral Palsy Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Millie’s Celebration of Life and Mass of Christian Burial which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmella M. "Millie" (Paneghello) DiColla



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“ Uncle Joe and Donna,
Fran and I are so sorry for your loss. Aunt Millie was a special person and we will miss her dearly. One holds a special place for a godmother and Aunt Millie was like a Mom to me. A consolation for me is that she is in a better place with Mom and Dad. Please know we are thinking of you.
Joe and Fran###imported-begin##Joe and Fran
DiAngelo###imported-end##

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“ I have so many fond memories, associated with my Aunt Mille, eating dinner, playing in the basement and going to Cancoon with her. She will be missed.###imported-begin##Stephen, Alexis and Emma Battista###imported-end##

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“ *Millie and Joe have always been very special to us. Millie's memory will remain with us forever and we will keep Joe, Donna, Mario and Mark in our thoughts and prayers.*

Ray and Loretta##imported-begin##Loretta and Ray Gutowski##imported-end##

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“ *Joe & Donna - We wish to say how sorry we are for your loss. We loved Millie very much and we will miss her dearly. Being the oldest cousin she was the cornerstone of our extended family. We all looked up to her and Joe for guidance. Our cousin's parties will never be the same without her presence and laughter. We pray God will help you through this time. Love, Grace & Joe##imported-begin##Grace & Joseph Stellabotte##imported-end##*

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“ *To my dear, sweet Aunt Millie...words can not express how much I will miss you. You, and the wonderful memories I have of you, are embedded in my mind forever. Thank you for all the happy times and loving things you taught me. I will never forget you and know we will see each other again someday. Give dad a kiss for me. Love your Godchild,
Nancy xox##imported-begin##Nancy & Tom Carroll & Family##imported-end##*

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