



## Caroline A. (Ricci) Squillace

September 1, 1922 - June 7, 2020

UTICA - Caroline A. (Ricci) Squillace, age 97, peacefully passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2020 at MVHS Rehabilitation & Nursing Center.

Born in Utica on September 1, 1922, Caroline was the daughter of the late Sabatino and Stella Ricci. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1940. A hardworking woman of her generation, Caroline held jobs at Sal Caruso Cheese Company, and Avico Spice Distributors. Her long working career culminated in a most rewarding retirement.

Caroline lived a full, fruitful life. She was a wonderful mom, always active in her sons' lives and dedicated to their wellbeing. She was proud of her Italian heritage and her cooking proved that, especially during the holidays and every Sunday—her meatballs could not be replicated, period. She had a green thumb and her vibrant, fully bloomed African violets verified that. She had a well-kept, comfortable home. She had fond memories of taking the bus to Utica's bustling mid-century downtown to shop and hit the hot spots! She also shopped from home, and QVC was her favorite retail tv network. More than anything else, she was blessed with grandchildren who loved, respected, and honored her, and she treasured them as her greatest joy.

Caroline is survived by her sons, Philip J. Squillace with whom she shared a home, and Joseph Squillace; her grandchildren, Cara Squillace, and Kaitlin Squillace; and Casey; and her adored great-grandchild, Sofia Stalarczyk. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Carmela Ricci; sister

and brother-in-law, Sue and Steve LoPiccolo; and her best friend, Jane Melchiorre.

The family extends their appreciation to the staff of MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center/Clark West for the care and compassion rendered to Caroline, and for keeping her spirits up, for which her sons are so thankful.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Caroline's life privately and funeral services will be held with immediate family only.

Please take a moment to connect with Caroline's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *To the family of Caroline:*

*My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother and grandmother!  
She was a nice lady.*

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**Michele Morawiec** - July 14, 2020 at 06:12 PM

WM

“ *Phil and Joe, so sorry for your loss, your Mom was a great lady who  
was always nice to me, I always appreciated that. May she Rest In  
Peace.*

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**William Mammone** - June 17, 2020 at 10:21 PM

RL

“ *Phil and Joe, So very sorry to hear of your loss. She is in comfort  
within the Lord's hands now. Our prayers for her and your family.  
Rick and Linda LaClair*

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**Rick LaClair** - June 16, 2020 at 09:03 PM

TA

“ *Phil joe so sorry to hear about your mother May she Rest In Peace  
god bless  
Tom Arcuri*

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**tom arcuri** - June 14, 2020 at 08:29 PM

WG

*Phil, Joe  
So sorry for your loss*

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**Wayne Gorczyca** - June 18, 2020 at 05:38 AM

WK

“ *Phil and Joe,  
So sorry for your loss. Prayers and sympathy to you and your  
family. Treasure the memories of a wonderful mother. Wade and  
Jennifer Karam*

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**Wade Karam** - June 14, 2020 at 01:16 PM

SN

“ *Sweet Caroline, how she loved that song and sweet and loving she  
was as well as full of fun. She brought us many happy moments and  
we lived we will always remember her with love.*

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**suzanne,caroline' neice** - June 12, 2020 at 02:26 PM

NA

“ *Nick & Barbara Alberico purchased the Full Of Love  
Bouquet for the family of Caroline A. (Ricci)  
Squillace.*



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**Nick & Barbara Alberico** - June 12, 2020 at 10:15 AM

BA

“ *A lot of smiles from the wonderful memories, it was always going to  
be fun when Aunt Caroline was there. Every family gathering was a  
party and a cherished memory.*

*Barbara (Ricci) Alberico*

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**Barbara Alberico** - June 11, 2020 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ *Phil & Joe,  
So sorry to hear about passing of your Mother. I have many fond  
childhood memories of our good times together. May her Soul Rest  
In Peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult  
time.*  
*Joe Buttiglieri*

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**Joe Buttiglieri** - June 11, 2020 at 08:10 AM

SD

*I always thought Aunt Caroline was a “cool aunt”... she was fun to be  
around! I loved visiting around any holiday because she decorated for  
the small ones as much as the big ones. Sending love and prayers.*  
*Sandy ( Buttiglieri) Dimeo*

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**sandy dimeo** - June 11, 2020 at 10:25 AM

PB

*My sincere condolences on your loss. God Bless Aunt Caroline , living  
to age 97.*  
*Phil Buttiglieri*

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**Phil Buttiglieri** - June 11, 2020 at 11:49 AM

PC

*I have many fond memories of visiting Aunt Caroline and being spoiled  
by her. She always had delicious treats to share!  
Losing a mother is never easy, hold onto the wonderful memories.*  
*Pam (Buttiglieri) Casamento*

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**Pam Casamento** - June 11, 2020 at 01:01 PM

MG

“ *May your journey to heaven be calm and  
peaceful  
My sympathy goes out to Phil and family*



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**Mike Guarno** - June 10, 2020 at 05:00 PM

SR

“ We send our condolences to you Phil and your family! May your mom Rest in Peace!  
Steve and Christine Russo



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**Steven Russo** - June 10, 2020 at 04:15 PM

MM

*May she Rest In Peace.  
So very sorry for your loss.*

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**Marie Maracchioni** - June 17, 2020 at 08:45 PM