



Catherine (Moran) Vatalaro

June 29, 1925 - August 27, 2006

Mrs. Catherine “Katie”(Moran) Vatalaro, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, August 27, 2006, at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center after a courageous six-year battle with cancer. Her loving family was by her side at the time of her passing.

Born in Syracuse on June 29, 1925, Katie was the daughter of the late William J., Sr. and Elizabeth (Carey) Moran. She was raised and educated locally. As her vocation, Katie was a teacher’s aide at the Neighborhood Center. The children she tended affectionately referred to her as Nonnie K. A cultural woman, she was eminently proud of her Irish heritage and held it close to her heart. Accomplished in culinary and baking skills, she was generous with these talents and was appreciated by family and friends. She also crocheted many fine articles of clothing for friends and relatives.

Katie’s devotion to her family was abundant, and she provided them with a loving environment. Ever attentive to their needs, she instilled in her children charitable ethics and moral conviction. Her children and grandchildren meant the world to her. A woman of great inner strength and charity, she taught her family, by example, the value of unconditional love and devotion. She was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church and a member of The Christ Child Society. She was dedicated to her religion.

Mrs. Vatalaro is survived by her children, Ray Vatalaro, and Nick Vatalaro, both of Utica, Beth and Bob Davies of Mount Holly, NJ, Lillian Vatalaro of Utica, and Kevin and Terry Vatalaro of Long Island; and their father, Nicholas

Vatalaro. In addition, she leaves 9 grandchildren, with special mention of MaryKay Vatalaro and Jackie Vatalaro, who considered their Nonnie as "Mom". She is also survived by 6 great grandchildren. Being one of 8 children, she is survived by her sister, Bridget Yourno of West Winfield; several nieces and nephews, with special mention of her nephew Joe and his wife, Bev Moran of CA; and great-nieces and great-nephews. Katie will also be missed dearly by many friends. She was predeceased by her sister-in-law, Marie Vatalaro, with whom she shared a close friendship.

Katie's family extends their deepest thanks to Dr. Atul Butala and his staff, Dr. Thomas F. Spath, and the nurses and staff of the 6th floor and the Emergency Room of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their compassionate care.

Visitation will be held today (Wednesday) from 5-7 pm at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Katie's honor to the Neighborhood Center or the Christ Child Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mrs. Vatalaro's funeral will commence on Thursday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Crown Hill Memorial Park.

Previous Events

Service

AUG 31. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
700 Kossuth Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ My heart is so full of wonderful memories of my sweet Aunt Katie. I will never forget her.##imported-begin##Mary Moran Benson##imported-end##

August 31, 2006 at 12:49 PM



“ I am sorry I could not make the wake yesterday. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. I worked with Katie at the Neighborhood Center for many years. She was like a second mother to me. Even though I have't seen her for a very long time I thought about her often. She was a wonderful lady. I will never forget her. Special condolences to Lill.##imported-begin##Pam Brescia Mazzorana##imported-end##

August 31, 2006 at 07:16 AM



“ I am so sorry about Grandma Kays passing. She fought a couageous battle and will be sadly missed by family and friends. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this difficult time.
Sincerely,
Lynn and family##imported-begin##Lynn Stevens (Sears)##imported-end##

August 30, 2006 at 07:14 PM



“ She was my grandmother, my mother, my friend.... She had a smile that would light up any room. A laugh that could make everyone laugh along with her. An embrace that would make anyone melt in her arms. A trusting personality that would make you want to tell her anything. And I did tell her everything. Stories that you could listen to over and over. She had such a passionate love for her children and grandchildren that she would go to any lengths to make them happy. Im sure I speak for all when I say, we will miss her with all of our hearts. Remember with her with a smile, because thats all there was around her..... I LOVE YOU "MA"!###imported-begin##Mary Kay Vatalaro###imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 11:06 PM



“ Nonnie,
You always made my day.
You always made me smile.
I love you and I'll miss you.
Always###imported-begin##Allison Davies###imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 10:04 PM



“ If tears could build a stairway,and memories a lane . I would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.No time to say "goodbye"you were gone before I knew it.And only god knows why.My heart still aches with so much sadness.What it meant to love you no can ever know. xoxoxoxox I love so so so much love always yours###imported-begin##your always###imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 07:31 PM



“ i love you and i miss you grandma##imported-begin##vincent
sgaglione##imported-end##

August 28, 2006 at 11:08 AM



“ No one deserved a good life more than Aunt Kay. She was a special
person who never let the bad out weigh the good. Always ready to
listen, make you smile, and let you lick "the Bowl"
As a child I had designer clothes...Made by Kattie.
Now rest in peace Aunt Kay..you have more than earned it..Say
hello to My Dad and Aunt Marie.
You will always be in my heart.
Love,
Sandra##imported-begin##Sandra Vatalaro Montalbano##imported-
end##

August 28, 2006 at 05:02 AM