



## Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei

February 23, 1914 - October 4, 2013

Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei, age 99, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 at the Katherine Luther Residential Health Care Center surrounded with the love and comfort of her family.

Born in Century, WV, on February 23, 1914, Kate was the daughter of the late Vito and Serafina (Dell'Erba) Potenza. Thereafter, she was raised and educated in Utica. On June 2, 1934, Catherine married Rocco C. Graziadei and they shared a loving and devoted union until Rocco's passing on April 28, 1986.

For over 18 years, Mrs. Graziadei was employed at the General Electric Company's Bleecker Street plant. A very spiritual person, Kate was dedicated to her church and practiced her faith on a daily basis. She was active in many church activities and organizations including the St. Cosmo and Damian Society, and the Altar Rosary and Sacred Heart societies. For over 20 years, Kate was a volunteer receptionist at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Kate's family is forever appreciative of the love, concern, and devotion she bestowed on them; in addition, they always marveled at her strength of character. Catherine's Italian delicacies were the foundation of family holiday meals and her nurturing benevolence will forever be the source of countless wonderful memories.

Catherine is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Carmella M. Teti of Naples, FL and the cherished memory of her son-in-law, Nicholas J. Teti, Jr., who passed away in 1990; and Sara Jean and Dominick Pepe of New

Hartford; her son and daughter-in-law, Carl A. and Jo Ellen Graziadei of Mentor, OH; her cherished grandchildren, Michael Teti of WV, Nicholas J. Teti, III of Atlanta, GA, Stephen and Jackie Teti of New Hartford, Terese M. and Steven Livermore of Rome, Christopher and Sherita Teti of Orlando, FL, Nicole Kimball of Naples, FL; Gina M. and Pat Baird of VA, David A. and Brenda Pepe of Ithaca; Carla and Len Cech of MI, Dana Graziadei of MI, Stephanie Kellner of Mentor, OH, and Joseph and Starshine Graziadei of Mentor, OH; 25 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn her passing are her sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Sebastian "Buster" DiCesare of New Hartford; a brother, John Potenza of Syracuse; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-law, Jody Potenza of Rochester. Mrs. Graziadei was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida Rose and Peter DeCarlo, Sr., Palma "Polly" and Raymond Zangrilli, Jr., Nancy Potenza, Rose D. and Joseph D. Fiore; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Abbate "Pat" Potenza, Stephen and Mary Potenza, and Dominick and Ann Potenza.

The family extends their deepest appreciation to the staff of the Valley Crest Unit at the Katherine Luther Residential Health Care Facility, and to Father Mark Kaminski and Deacon Bill Dischiavo for their spiritual care and guidance. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations in lieu of floral offerings may be considered to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Catherine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei.*



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October 08, 2013 at 09:34 AM



“ *Georgianne Graziadei lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei*



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**georgianne graziadei** - October 07, 2013 at 11:27 PM



“ *Sorry about your loss. My prayers and thoughts go out the family. Love you all*  
*Mike*

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**mike** - October 07, 2013 at 08:40 PM



“ *Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei*



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**Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell** - October 07, 2013 at 11:48 AM

RM

“ *Robin M. purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei.*



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**Robin M.** - October 06, 2013 at 07:16 PM

Dana  
Graziadei

“ *Dana Graziadei lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei*



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**Dana Graziadei** - October 06, 2013 at 01:31 PM

DC

“ *Doreen Camerona lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine D. "Kate" (Potenza) Graziadei*



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**Doreen Camerona** - October 06, 2013 at 07:37 AM

DC

*my thoughts and prayers go out to Catherines family*

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**Doreen Camerona** - October 06, 2013 at 07:39 AM

MH

*To Our Beautiful and Favorite Aunt Kate - thank you for all of your beautiful childhood memories when we came to Utica!! We all love you so much and will always miss your beautiful smile!! Now you are with our Dad and all the rest of your siblings and Uncle Roc! Kiss my hubby for me! Rest in Peace our precious aunt. We will always love you!*

*Love Niece Mary Beth, "Always" My Bob, and family*

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**Mary E. Hughes** - October 07, 2013 at 02:55 PM

GG

*sorry for your loss my prayers are with you and the family she will be sadly missed*

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**georgianne graziadei** - October 07, 2013 at 11:38 PM