



Catherine "Kay" (Lewis) Tomaselli

February 9, 1924 - February 7, 2009

Mrs. Catherine "Kay" (Lewis) Tomaselli, age 84, of New Hartford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on February 9, 1924, Kay was the daughter of the late Charles A. and Anna (Amin) Lewis. She was raised in Utica and attended local schools. On December 15, 1942 she was married to Salvatore "Sam" Tomaselli with whom she shared 66 years; the blessing of their children was their bond to one another.

Kay's working career included her employment with the Bendix Corporation, Partlow Corporation, and the Utica Cutlery. At the age of 50, she received her realtor's license and worked for Century 21, Reilly Agency until her retirement. A truly embracing woman, she loved to travel and her journeys with family and friends spanned the world. At home, she loved to garden, decorate during holidays, and try her luck at games of chance. But Kay's faith was the inspirational force in her life. She offered a recitation of the rosary as a source of daily renewal and was a devout parishioner of St. Thomas Church. She enriched her Christian walk through a Cursillo ministry which included her Wednesday prayer group. These teachings led her to volunteer with the prison ministry sharing empathy with those in need.

Few among us are able to grasp the reality of our temporary here-and-now and the eternal which lies beyond us. To understand and share this truth is beyond the power of all but a very few. Kay Tomaselli was one of these few.

Kay's life taught those around her the immeasurable joy of being and sharing, loving and laughing, living and knowing and feeling the preciousness of time together. Kay was a woman of action. Kay loved life. Kay loved laughter. Kay loved kindness and compassion and generosity. Most of all, Kay loved family and friends. Little else of earthly importance need be said. This truth she taught in her living, in her laughing, in her loving, and in her leaving.

Kay is survived by her husband, Sam; her son and daughter-in-law, Chuck Tomaselli and Nancy Robinson of Westmoreland; her daughters and sons-in-law, Toni T. and Steve Handzel of Pittsford, NY, and Judy Tomaselli-McPherson and her husband Bill McPherson of Kirkland; and her grandson, Jason P. and Kelly P. Tomaselli of Philadelphia, PA. Survivors also include her brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Agnes Lewis of Westmoreland; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, godchildren and in-laws. Kay was also blessed with many wonderful friendships throughout her life with special mention of Angie Asselta, Mickey Scott, Phyllis Lange, Gladys Rogers, and Josie Sgroi-Cotellesse. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Ida and John Kennedy, Louisa and Albert Roy, Susan and Jack Barkett, Helen E. and Anthony E. Joseph, Sr., Rose and Dominick Spinella, Mamie and Walter Mazurowski, Mary and John Spinella, and Marion "Lola" and John G. Gradel; and her brother, Joseph Lewis.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Kay's honor to the "Country Pantry" affiliated with the Annunciation Church in Clark Mills; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Kay's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Thomas Church in New Hartford, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

FEB **10**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Church
150 Clinton Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Uncle Sam, Chuck, Toni, Judy and Family*
We just wanted to let you know how saddened we were to hear of Aunt Kay's passing. She was a very special lady. She touched the hearts of many...including ours. We all have our special memories of her. Robert will never forget the first time he drove up in front of the house with his 18 wheeler..and Aunt Kay said,"Who the ^bleep^ is that?" Also how about the time John Tomaselli came by while we were visiting and we realized that an old friend from Sheila's childhood on the "river" was actually Uncle Sam's brother? What a small world it becomes.##imported-begin##Robert and Sheila Kennedy##imported-end##

February 11, 2009 at 04:08 PM



“ *I met Kay at Killabrew Saloon where I would serve her her, her favorite treat Spicey Wedges. She was always smiling, laughing and full of happiness. I am glad I got the chance to meet her. My thoughts are with her family and friends at this time. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Karin Piotrowski##imported-end##*

February 10, 2009 at 10:08 PM



“ Dear Chuck, St. Scholastica
So sorry to read about your Mom. I remember her fondly from our group meetings of Cursillo.
She had a happy face & attitude that I always looked forward to sharing time with as we praised the Lord. How fortunate you are to have had her so close!
God bless,
John - & prayers from Elizabeth##imported-begin##John Droz (& Elizabeth)##imported-end##

February 10, 2009 at 04:46 PM



“ Chuck,
Knowing you and Jason, it's easy to see that your mom's many wonderful qualities live on in her family. We pray that your sadness at her loss will be tempered by remembrances of her love and many good times shared. Warren & Lori Scoones##imported-begin##Warren Scoones##imported-end##

February 10, 2009 at 03:12 PM



“ Aunt Kay will live in my heart and memories the rest of my life. Cha Cha##imported-begin##Charlie Lewis##imported-end##

February 10, 2009 at 04:53 AM



“ I knew Kay from a dr's office I worked at many years ago, where she was a patient. Even though I have not seen her in a long time, I thought of her often. She was this tiny little spitfiire. Always happy always friendly. She was so full of energy and cheer. She even brought me in a 6 pack of beer on one visit! She lit a room when she came in. She will be sadly missed. I am grateful I was able to know this classy lady. We are sad here on earth, but I am quite sure Heaven became alot more interesting. God Bless to her family.##imported-begin##Michele Stephan##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 03:17 PM



“ Judy and family;
Our prayers are with you, your Mom, and your family along with our heartfelt sympathy.##imported-begin##Maureen and Jim Regan##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 02:45 PM



“ Toni, my prayers are for your and your family's comfort during this most sad and difficult time. Sincerely, Carla##imported-begin##Carla Watkins##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 02:28 PM



“ Chuck, Judy, and Sissy,
We were so sorry to hear of Aunt Katie's passing. Know our thoughts are with you at this time. She was a great lady, and the memories will always be with us. You are in our prayers. All our love, Dick & Paula##imported-begin##Dick & Paula Mariano##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ Toni and Family,

I am very sorry for your loss. Having just met Kay I instantly realized why she was so important to you, Toni. She seemed like a lover of life and had a beautiful smile.

My prayers go out to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Joe Spadoni###imported-begin##Joe Spadoni###imported-end##

February 08, 2009 at 07:51 PM