



Mrs. Concetta P. "Connie" DeCesare

May 6, 1922 - March 19, 2016

Mrs. Concetta P. "Connie" (Santoro) DeCesare , age 93, of Utica, passed away peacefully on St Joseph's Day, Saturday, March 19, 2016, with her family by her side.

Born in Cisternino, Province of Bari, Italy on May 6, 1922, Concetta was the daughter of the late Martin and Marrietta (D'Aversa) Santoro. She immigrated to Utica at the age of nine and completed her elementary and high school education in Utica schools. In Connie's later adult years, she was especially proud of continuing her education at MVCC.

On October 20, 1945, she married Carlo J. "Carl" DeCesare, with whom she shared a blessed union of 45 years until his early death in 1990. Connie was a wonderful, faithful wife, a caring and loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, great grandmother, and a delightful friend. Her positive, energetic, compassionate, and independent personality had a meaningful effect on everyone she met. Connie had a thirst for knowledge, was an avid reader, and eagerly shared her life experiences to help others. Her strong will and perseverance allowed her to meet adversity head on and was an inspiration to all that knew her. Her devotion to helping others led to working part time for B.O.C.E.S. as an assistant, helping new immigrants learn the English language. She was grateful for the friendships she developed and maintained from that endeavor. She was blessed, honored, and humbled to be recognized by her family and friends for her generosity, thoughtfulness, and caring for others with a glorious celebration of her 90th birthday.

Connie and her family were grateful to those who provided services and friendship that was an integral part of maintaining her independence during her later years: Johanna and Dennis, Nicholas, and Carli Brenon; neighbors who became her second family. They would also like to thank her nieces and nephews, Annette and Francis Paparella, Armand and Natalie Festine, and Bernadette and Ralph Ventura; her brother-in-law, Joseph DiCesare; her cousins, Lorraine Post, and Anna Maria Leach; and Mary Ann Sbiroli from Independent Care.

She will be reunited with her infant daughter, Carla Jo DeCesare, and her son Michael DeCesare who preceded her in 2001. She is survived by her two sons, Joseph DeCesare and Patricia Thompson of Tennessee, and Daniel DeCesare of Utica; her daughter-in-law, Mechtild "Mechy" and her husband Greg Smith of Florida; her granddaughters and their spouses, Carla and Craig Schwartz of MD, Lisa and Patrick Werbeck of OH, Monique and Shelly DeCesare, and Annika and Tim Seaton, all of Florida; her beautiful and beloved great-grand children, Samantha, Cooper, Michael, Olivia, and Elise. She will be remembered by her sisters-in-law, Helen DiCesare, and Angie and Jim Fitzgerald; her brother-in-law, Joseph DiCesare; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in laws, and friends. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In order that the traditions and ceremonies of the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week may be respectfully and properly observed, Connie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church with Rev. Mark A. Kaminski presiding. Entombment will take place at Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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Tribute Wall

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“ Joe, and Family, We are so sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - March 24, 2016 at 10:44 PM

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“ To deCesare family, please accept our condolences. from Dominick & Linda Bonamassa (son of Bertha Molly deCesare-Bonamassa)



Bonamassa - March 24, 2016 at 08:35 PM

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“ Joe,

Sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. We grew up at the Terrace/ Matt Apts many years ago. I keep in touch with George Casaletta and he still lives in Utica. Hope all is well with you & your family through this tough time.

*Regards,
Chuck Faass*

Chuck Faass - March 22, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Concetta P. "Connie" DeCesare.*



March 22, 2016 at 09:44 AM



“ *To Joe, Daniel and all of her family, Connie was an amazing woman, loved all of you and was so proud of you. Her granddaughters and great-grands were the lights of her life. I loved her, loved spending time with her, and enjoyed her wisdom and her shared memories. Rest in peace, dear Connie.*

Lorraine Post - March 21, 2016 at 03:04 PM



“ *This goes out to the whole DeCesare family my sincere condolences to all of you for the loss of such an amazing women, Connie. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to spend so much time with her. She was a very independent woman, and at the same time she had a passion for always having family, and or friends over to visit. Her family meant to the world to her and she always wore such a beautiful smile during any conversation about them. I will miss her dearly.....Go in Peace Connie.*



Love You,

JoJo

Johanna Brenon - March 21, 2016 at 02:10 PM