



Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro

September 23, 1924 - December 13, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro, age 93, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. At the time of her passing she was surrounded by the love of her family.

She was born on September 23, 1924 in the town of Missanello, Province of Potenza, in the Southern region of Basilicata, Italy, the daughter of the late Rocco and Giulia (Fantasia) Bruno. She was raised and educated in Italy. In 1948 she wed Giuseppe DiPierro with whom she shared 13 years in a loving marriage until his untimely passing on October 3, 1961. Congettina was a 'Unique Treasure' and one of Utica's best-kept secrets. She inspired and introduced many delicacies that would go on to be imitated or duplicated in different versions to this day. Her greens and giambotte were legendary, and her pasta was renowned, especially her raviolis. Many of Utica's finest eateries featured her talented culinary creations. Her family marveled at her tremendous strength and sensitivity. She was an exceptional woman with a warm and welcoming heart that held so much love for her family. When you met her, she greeted you with genuine good will, and her compassion and humanity forever remained in your heart.

Concetta was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and at one time was a member of the St. Rocco Society and San Donato Society. For relaxation, Concetta loved to play Bingo and enjoyed family trips to the casino. Among her countless acts of maternal devotion and

self-sacrifice, her children will cherish the memories of their mom bringing them to professional wrestling events. When a loved one like Concetta passes, ordinary experiences of the past become extraordinary pieces of the present that live on in stories told to future generations.

Concetta is survived by her daughter, Julie A. Conti of Utica. Always cherished was the memory of her beloved daughter, Maria Annette who passed away in 1963. She also leaves her sons and daughter-in-law, Rocco and Suzanne DiPierro of New Hartford, and Joseph A. DiPierro and fiancée Haydee Fernandez of Utica; her grandchildren, Robert Conti; Maria Gina DiPierro, Roxanne G. and Patrick Berkey, Steffani DiPierro; and Joseph Rocco and Kimberly DiPierro; great-grandchildren, Anthony; Rocco, twins Matteo and Joseph; Alana, Giuseppe, and twins Giulianna and Gianna; and her sister, Maria Orsino of Italy. She was also blessed throughout her life with the love of the Priore family, Marge and John Collis and family, the George family, Debbie and Ray Ortiz and their daughter Christina who was like her own, Mary Colucci and family, Kathleen “Kay” Arcuri and family, Rose Trevisani and family, Dolores Massa and family, Marion Desiato and family, and her “game show sidekick” Samantha. In addition, she leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, all residing in Italy, France, and England; and cousins, especially acknowledging Biagio and Elvira Chirico and family of Utica, and Joseph and Emma Spina and family of Frankfort; and her beloved godchildren, Leonarda Priore, Tina George, and Joanne Kortrite. She was predeceased by her brothers, Giuseppe Bruno, Rocco Bruno, Antonio Bruno, and Eduardo Bruno; and her sister, Caterina Carbone all of Italy. She was also predeceased by cousins, Franco and Rosa Rinaldi, and Rocco and Maria Rinaldi of Utica.

The family extends a special thank you to Melissa Richlin for her loving care, Ernie Massa who was attentive to her needs and who she loved as a son, Alek from PCU at the Faxton-St. Luke’s campus and Kimberly from the 3rd Floor Comfort Care at St. Luke’s for their loving care, and Dr. Abin Pachikara for his kindness throughout the years.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Concetta's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 18. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

SR

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. R.I.P.*

susan Rahauiser - December 23, 2017 at 11:39 PM



“ *Dear Julie, Joey and Rocco,*

I am so saddened to hear of your mother's passing, coincidentally, on the same day my mother died 34 years ago.

When I met Concetta in May when I was admitted to the hospital , she helped me get through those difficult and stressful first nights when I felt I wasn't able to breath. She was caring and kind and had a warmth that shown through for others. Just a wonderful person, and all that Concetta was, shows in all of you.

With my sympathy and affection,

Linda Turley

Linda Turley - December 19, 2017 at 03:59 AM

JD

“ *Suzanne, Rock and Family...I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I have so many memories of Suzanne and I sitting in her kitchen many years ago on Sundays after church eating meatballs and drinking wine. My deepest thoughts are with you all. Love, Janet Daniels*

Janet Daniels - December 18, 2017 at 04:45 PM

AD

“ Joe, Rocco, Julie, So sorry to hear of your Mothers passing. You are all in are thoughts and prayers.

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolus - December 18, 2017 at 03:35 PM

VC

“ Rock, Sue and family
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your mother.

Vinny and Ann Calogero



Vincent Calogero - December 18, 2017 at 02:32 PM

EE

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Your Mom was wonderful woman. Hard-working, compassionate and always with a smile. I enjoyed working with her at Fisherman's Wharf many years ago. God Bless her. Love and prayers.



Elizabeth Eaton - December 18, 2017 at 01:48 PM

EE

“ To Concetta's family: My sincere condolences. Your Mother will always be in my prayers. Sorry I could not be in attendance. Elyssa Santalucia



Elizabeth Eaton - December 18, 2017 at 01:45 PM

MJ

“ *Michael A Joseph purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.*



Michael A Joseph - December 18, 2017 at 10:00 AM

JC

“ *Jeff Cuda lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro*



Jeff Cuda - December 18, 2017 at 09:49 AM

BO

“ *I'm heartbroken over the loss of a beautiful woman. Congettina was a mother to her family and also to the neighborhood kids of Bleecker St. and always had a smile on her face. Whenever she saw me her first words were "Oh Bobby honey how are you" in a very sincere way. She made the best damn Giambrotte in all of Utica. Whenever I would stop at one of the many places she worked after hours, I would get a big dish of Giambrotte in front of me and when eating it I could feel the love she put into it. She had to be one of the strongest women in our neighborhood, bringing up her family and supporting them all on her own for many years. She will be sadly missed by many, I know that when she crossed over the first thing she heard was "Hi Honniee" with a smile on TR's face. Julie, Joey and Rocky I will keep you all and your families in my prayers and I will especially keep your mother near and dear to my heart until we meet again and I hear "Oh Bobby honey". May she RIP.*

Bobby Ollerenshaw - December 18, 2017 at 08:09 AM


Michelle
Gulla

“ Our deepest condolences and sympathy go out to Concetta’s family. Michael Peterson and Michelle Gulla / My Concetta, from the first time I met you my heart melted around you with love and compassion. I felt as if I had known you for many many years. You have left beautiful children to carry on your legacy’s and love. I am just as blessed to have them in my life as I was truly blessed to have you. I will never forget your offering as my heart broke losing my own Mama. Your loving words to me were “I will be a Mama to you now honey”. Those words are etched in my heart till we see each other again. I love you Mama. Riposa in pace e Dio sia con voi
Michelle

Michelle Gulla - December 18, 2017 at 06:49 AM

PP

“ Just a wonderful woman. Always had a smile for me and my Family. Always happy to see us. God Bless her, Julie, My friend Rocco and the entire Di Pierro Family.

*Deepest Sympathy,
Peter A. Palleschi*

Peter A. Palleschi - December 18, 2017 at 03:53 AM

BZ

“ Barbara Ziezio lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro




Barbara Ziezio - December 17, 2017 at 11:54 PM

BZ

*Congetta, I will always cherish our friendship and will always remember you as my precious angel. I love you.
To Julie & family...my heart goes out to all of you in the loss of your wonderful Mom. I will always keep your Mom in my daily prayers.*

Barbara Ziezio - December 18, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ *Dear Julie,Rocco,Joe and familia, I had the pleasure of first meeting your Mom with my Nana (Frances Scalzo) who was a close friend. She always offered me something great to eat with a smile on her face. We went there normally to pick up her homemade pasta's she always, which of course were amazing. She will be sadly missed. Always remember she is with you always,remember the great memories, talk about her it makes you feel good inside. RIP
Congetta* 

Karen Mannino - December 17, 2017 at 11:05 PM

KF

“ *To. Julie & Family,we are so very saddened to hear of mom passing .Concetta was a very proud woman who loved everyone .And i was extremely blessed to have had the pleasure of meeting her !!! She always made everyone feel welcomed & loved !!! I will truly miss her she will always be remembered & kept in our hearts . The Fleury Family*

Karen fleury - December 17, 2017 at 10:16 PM

LI

“ Dear Julie, Rocco & Joe,
We are sending you our prayers, love and most deepest
condolences on the passing of your beautiful Mom. Concetta was a
very special woman & whoever came in contact with her fell in love
with her. She had a heart of gold.
My mom & Pop will take good care of her ❤️
With deepest sympathy
All our Love,
Lisa, Patrick, Ariel & Jonathan

Lisa - December 17, 2017 at 10:00 PM

GM

“ Gina Mott-Stevens lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro



Gina Mott-Stevens - December 17, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was
purchased for the family of Mrs. Concetta
"Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.



December 17, 2017 at 06:48 PM

DC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Owen Williams and Oscar E. Calv0 - December 17, 2017 at 11:44 AM

DF

“ The concept of humanity has suffered a significant loss with the passing of Mrs. DiPierro (Concetta).

To all those who had the distinct privilege of knowing her, she was a veritable oasis of comfort, kindness and warmth in a world seemingly gone cold with cynicism and self indulgence. She was a rank member of that category of people who can accurately be described as “universally loved”.

As I contemplate her passing I am reminded of a quotation... “Well done, is infinitely better than well said.”

Well done, Mrs. DiPierro. There is no doubt where your spirit now resides.

My heartfelt condolences to Julie, Joey & Rocco, their families and all friends of “Congettina”

David Femia

David Femia - December 17, 2017 at 08:49 AM

JC

“ Dear Julie, Rocky, Joe and Families,
I was so saddened to hear of your mother's passing this week. She was truly a beautiful woman with a warm, welcoming and contagious smile. There are people in our lives that come and go and there are others who come into our lives and never leave our hearts. Your mom is truly one of those people who I met as a child and who has and will always continue to have a place in my heart. May you be embraced and comforted by the support of family and friends. and may your hearts be warmed by the wonderful legacy your mom has left for your family to continue. May your mother rest in peace eternally.
With our love always,
Brad and Joann Cavo Campbell

Joann Campbell - December 16, 2017 at 10:57 PM

LP

“ Congettina was a truly beautiful and wonderful person in my life. I chose her as my confirmation Godmother because she was precious to me. Over the many years that have passed, she always was there for me up even until Sunday when we were able to share some special words even though she was so very ill. I knew she had to be leaving us soon, and I wanted to be sure she knew how much I love her.....of course she did....she told me "I know Lee Lee! I love you too".....I know we all had to let her move on to her next home, but she is cherished beyond words! I have been truly blessed to have such love in my life. I feel her with me still. Lee Lee
Leonarda Mary Priore

Leonarda Priore - December 16, 2017 at 06:58 PM

EC

“ *Elvira, Biagio and Pino Chirico purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.*



Elvira, Biagio and Pino Chirico - December 16, 2017 at 04:36 PM

JF

“ *Joe & Lorraine Fraccola purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.*



Joe & Lorraine Fraccola - December 16, 2017 at 08:31 AM

LP

“ *Love to the family, Eddie & Pam purchased the White Sympathy Baskets for the family of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.*



Love to the family, Eddie & Pam - December 15, 2017 at 10:00 PM

SJ

“ *Her smile and laughter will forever be in our memories . We were honored to have her in our lives and she will always hold a special place in our hearts, someone so easy to love. May she be at rest in Gods hands.*



Sal & Jackie - December 15, 2017 at 05:53 PM

S&

“ *Sal, Jackie, Sal Jr, Chris & Paula purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Concetta "Congettina" (Bruno) DiPierro.*



Sal, Jackie, Sal Jr, Chris & Paula - December 15, 2017 at 05:43 PM