



Mrs. Congetta J. "Connie" (Renno) Paternoster

February 8, 1922 - October 30, 2017

UTICA/CLEARWATER BEACH, FL - Mrs. Congetta J. "Connie" (Renno) Paternoster, age 95, was received into heaven when she passed away on Monday, October 30, 2017 in the comfort of her Clearwater Beach, Florida home with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on February 8, 1922, Congetta was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Mary (Abruzzi) Renno. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1940. On February 17, 1944 she married Dominick A. "Dick" Paternoster. They were perfect partners in life, sharing their love and supporting their endeavors for 73 years!

Connie was the co-owner and operator of the landmark Tasty Creme Ice Cream Shop at the intersection of Albany Street and Welshbush Road, a successful family business for over 12 years. Connie had a hand on the pulse of her business and built up a legion of loyal patrons. She always had a smile on her face, sincerity in her heart, and compassion in her soul. As a matriarch, Connie's concern for her husband's well-being was constant, and as a mother, she had only the best in her heart for her children. She supported all their activities and applauded their achievements. She was a woman in charge of her household, and she was happiest when she was cooking and caring for her loved ones. Her values and work ethic began as a child, assets that were passed on to her children who carried them on as their lives unfolded.

In 1962, Connie and Dick ventured to the North country, to their summer camp and second home on the shore of White Lake in the Adirondacks. They

appreciated the relaxing and breathtaking beauty of the lake, the woods, and the community of neighboring camps as members of the White Lake Association. Connie's hospitality was seen once again along with her sense of adventure as she rode co-pilot with Dick in their seaplane, and when he flew solo, she sat on the dock keeping a watchful eye for his safety. They were also blessed with family and new found friendships formed during the 20 years they spent at their house in Florida. Connie practiced her Catholic creed as a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where she found comfort in the Lord.

Connie is survived by her husband, Dick; her daughter, Rachel Paternoster-Cohen of Clearwater, FL; her son, Frank James Paternoster, Sr. of Clearwater; her grandchildren, Dominick II and Nicole (Rondenelli) Paternoster of Dunedin, Frank James Jr. and Renae (Johnson) Paternoster of Utica; and Camaron Congetta Cohen of Ithaca; and her great-grandchildren, Amelia Rose, Grace Ann, and Dominick Anthony Paternoster, Jr. She also leaves many nieces, especially acknowledging Mary Ellen Arcuri who was like a second daughter; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sisters-in-law, Rose French, and Carmella Gallimo; and lifelong friends, William and Mary Rego, and Marie Talento with whom she shared a common background and a special bond. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Jennie R. and Alfred P. Belmont; her infant siblings, Sam Renno, and Nicolette Renno; nephew, James Vincent Paternoster Sr.; and in-laws, Vincent James "Jim" and Marcella (Kinville) Paternoster, Louis Paternoster, Edward R. Gallimo, and Vernon French.

The family offers sincere thanks to the staff of the Suncoast Hospice who provided care, comfort, and support to Connie and her family as well. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Avenue. Connie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Entombment

will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum in Holy Trinity Cemetery privately and at the convenience of the family.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760, online at www.suncoasthospice.org or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215, online at www.diabetes.org; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Dick and Family,
Very Very sorry for you and family loosing such a nice person such as Connie. I am remembering lots of good times at the Family gathering when we were all alot younger. My best regards to you all with dealing with the loss of , She will be missed a great deal by everyone who knew her.
Sorry i will not be able to make the Wake of the Funeral because i cannot leave Lou alone, at this stage in his illness, he needs 24/7 care please forgive me.
Esther Comito*

Esther Comito - November 07, 2017 at 11:26 PM

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“ *The Paul Zoz and Al Sherman Families
purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs. Congetta J. "Connie"
(Renno) Paternoster.*



The Paul Zoz and Al Sherman Families - November 06, 2017
at 10:01 AM

VB

“ *Dick, Rachel and Frank, I'm so sorry to hear that Connie passed away. She was a beautiful women inside and out. Connie was always very helpful when we were all in the ice cream business together. Connie and Dick helped and taught us how to succeed in our business that we still operate currently. She truly was a kind, giving lady who will be missed by all of us. May she rest in peace.
Vinnie and Debbie Bonomo, and the entire Bonomo family.*

Vinnie Bonomo - November 05, 2017 at 09:39 PM

BT

“ *Barrie & Lorraine, Gary & Tanya purchased the Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket for the family of Mrs. Congetta J. "Connie" (Renno) Paternoster.*



Barrie & Lorraine, Gary & Tanya - November 04, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mrs. Congetta J. "Connie" (Renno) Paternoster.*



November 03, 2017 at 12:16 PM

AB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Connie was a dear friend, a sweet woman, and a hard worker. She was always kind and helpful to us!! God Bless you Connie.*

The Bonomo Family

angelina Bonomo - November 03, 2017 at 11:44 AM


Cameron
Cohen

“ 4 files added to the album *Connie in her later years*



Cameron Cohen - November 02, 2017 at 11:27 AM

CK

“ *Dick, Rachael and Frank,*
Words cannot express the sadness we feel for your loss. Connie was a wonderful person. John and I enjoyed your family's hospitality, warmth and friendship throughout the many years we were neighbors and beyond. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family at this very sad time.

God Bless
John and Caprice

Caprice and John Kleaka - November 01, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JL

“ *Our condolences from the Lyman family to all the Paternosters. My father (Dan) enjoyed the many evening dinners at Dick and Connie's White Lake home that Connie prepared. He always looked forward to the invitations seemingly every weekend. I will not forget as he headed over he would say to me so many times " she is a great cook ya know". I'm sure she was just as good a mom!*
Jeff Lyman

Jeff Lyman - November 01, 2017 at 08:39 AM