



Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella

October 9, 1930 - November 11, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella, age 88, passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2018 at the Masonic Care Community of NY after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Born in Utica on October 9, 1930, Constance was the daughter of the late Albert "Al" and Mabel (Olite) Grimaldi. Connie was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1948 and went on to complete her course work as an X-Ray Technician in New York City, and she would often refer to that time as "the best year of her life". On August 25, 1951 she married Peter J. Mannella who passed away on August 10, 2005. A commitment was made, vows were honored, and memories were shared during their nearly 54 years.

Connie held positions with St. Elizabeth's Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital on Whitesboro Street. After several years as an X-Ray Technician at the Children's Hospital, she accepted a position with Dr. Harold Heintz where she was employed as an X-Ray Technician for some 29 years. She also held Technician's position with Dr. John McKennan at Oxford Imaging and was a valued and beloved member of their staff, retiring in 2000. Connie had an incredible work ethic and a heartfelt concern for her patients. She served her employers faithfully and her co-workers were her closest friends. Connie was simply amazing. She was always doing something worthwhile and uplifting for others. She could make difficult tasks seem easy, and she was humble and shy about taking credit for all her acts of kindness. She worked hard to achieve her success and found an inner courage to remain strong and

focused. In the many long-lasting relationships she formed, she treated others with respect, offered encouragement, and always wished the best for them. Her children were her greatest joy and she loved each of them equally and often spoke of their accomplishments. Connie and Peter were engaging parents involved with their kids' activities, including cross-country runs, musicals, sports, and PTA meetings, to name a few. They were always working behind the scenes in all their endeavors. Her best work was in creating a beautiful relationship with her grandchildren. She sent them cards and presents for special occasions, made phone calls, baby-sat them, attended events in their lives, and was always fun and animated when she was with them.

Connie found happiness and contentment in the simple things of life. A great cook and wonderful baker, she always honored holiday traditions, especially New Year's Eve parties at their Rutger Street flat which were wonderful times, with plenty of people, food, spirits, and conversation. Everyone wanted to be there, especially when the ball dropped and they all exchanged hugs and kisses. They were the "best of times", threads of a tapestry we must all leave behind, but always keep in mind.

During her spare time, Connie enjoyed going to the casino, attending Broadway Theater League performances, and especially traveling to Maine every year with her late friend Ellie Brindisi. Connie was musically inclined and self-taught in playing many instruments particularly her organ and the piano. She even volunteered to play the keyboard for receptions at a local nursing home. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, and at one time she was a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Anthony of Padua. She held a great devotion for St. Jude Children's Hospital and it held a special place in her heart.

Connie is survived by her children and their spouses, Peter F. and Carol Mannella, Ronald A. and Renee Mannella, and Lisa A. and Michael F. Melara; her grandchildren, Karen and Chris Daniel, Katie Mannella, Tori Mannella and Ryan Waugh; Olivia Mannella; Juliana Melara, and Dominick M. Melara;

great-grandchildren, Andrew, Melina, and Keegan; and her brothers and sister-in-law, Albert Grimaldi, and Vincent and Esther Grimaldi, who along with their children and grandchildren, were always there for her. She also leaves many nieces, especially acknowledging, Roseanne and her husband Dick Suhr; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Rose and Ted Mosakowski, special friends who were an extension of her family: the Brindisi family: Sandy & George Srour, Vivian Giansante, and Theresa Brindisi and her son Louie. Connie also wanted to mention Sandy Gaetano and her "Office Girls" who were wonderful to Connie; Mary Matthews, Marilyn Baryla, Marguerite LaVine, and Kim Bywater. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ralph and Vincenza Mannella; in-laws, Diane Grimaldi, Mario J. and Albertina Mannella, Grace and Leo Mitsler, and Ann and Joseph S. Torchia; special nephew, Mark Mannella; and dear friend, Ellie Brindisi. The family wishes to thank the personnel of the Presbyterian Home/Rehabilitation Department, the outstanding caregivers of the Old Forge Household of the Masonic Care Community, as well as Nancy Furlong/PA. A note of thank you to Deacon Bill Dischiavo of St. Anthony's Church for his prayers and visit.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Alzheimer's Association/Central NY Chapter, online at <https://www.alz.org/centralnewyork>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Connie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 11:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Committal prayers will take place in Calvary Chapel followed by Interment alongside her husband.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 16. 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

Service

NOV 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Ron and family, so sorry to read of your mother's passing. That smile on her face always uplifted your spirits, she was so kind and caring. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt



Jacquelyn Schmidt - November 26, 2018 at 08:35 AM



“ We share in this time of grief but also share in the love and memories of good times spent together. Connie was always a smiling face and a good laugh and will be missed. XXOO Joni Wolkowicz Casasanta

Joni Casasanta - November 19, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



November 16, 2018 at 01:21 PM

CP

“ Peter, Ron, and Lisa and families, please accept our condolences. Your mother was an amazing woman. She always had a smile to share. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Sincerely, Ray and Grace Durso, and families.

Cissy pastorella - November 16, 2018 at 10:07 AM

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“ *The Nugent Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.*



The Nugent Family - November 16, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.*



November 15, 2018 at 05:03 PM

MR

“ *Dear Lisa, and family: Please accept our sincere condolences for the loss of your mom. She sounded like a wonderful person living a beautiful life in a love-filled family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, and the entire Mannella family, during your time of sorrow. With our love and prayers,
Sue and Mike Rauer*

Michael Rauer - November 15, 2018 at 04:20 PM

PT

“ *The neighbors and friends of Applewood Community send our love and prayers to all of Connie's family. She was a light among us. She shared her talents of music, cooking and baking at our many activities in which participated. She spoke from her heart being true to her faith and life. We had her with use briefly. May God bless you all. Pat Trzeciak*

Pat Trzeciak - November 15, 2018 at 01:57 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



November 14, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *From the "Squad" (Jillian, Julie, Kenzie, & Lucy)* purchased the *Sweet Tranquility Basket* for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



From the "Squad" (Jillian, Julie, Kenzie, & Lucy) - November 14, 2018 at 08:06 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



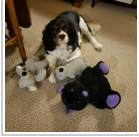
November 14, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



November 14, 2018 at 03:11 PM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We hope you find great peace and comfort through family and friends in the coming days. You remain in our thoughts and prayers.
With love, Denise & Peter Headd.

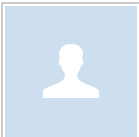
Denise Headd - November 14, 2018 at 10:32 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Connie's family....I lived across the street from Connie in Applewood...she and I got to be good buddy'sI have missed our chats and silliness...she was a very special person ...may she rest in peace and may you find peace in God's Grace

Terri Wadsworth

Terri Wadsworth - November 14, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Constance M. "Connie" (Grimaldi) Mannella.



November 13, 2018 at 03:41 PM