



Mrs. Delphine "Dottie" (DiCuffo) Marchese

December 21, 1926 - January 22, 2017

Mrs. Delphine "Dottie" (DiCuffo) Marchese, age 90, went home to the Lord on Sunday, January 22, 2017 peacefully in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on December 21, 1926, Delphine was the daughter of the late Martin and Lucy (Perretta) DiCuffo. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1945. On September 17, 1949 she married Nicholas R. "Nick" Marchese with whom she shared 57 years in a marriage of their era; they were young and their love was strong. Nick passed away on December 10, 2006.

Dottie began her professional career at the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. She later worked for the Utica City School District as an assistant to the Corrective Reading Teacher. Subsequently, she held a position with MetLife in the Vision Claims Department, the position from which she retired. Eager to remain productive, she enjoyed working alongside her daughter at Utica Spray & Chemical Company until the age of 85. Dottie was a loving, compassionate, energetic woman who viewed life with optimism. She never spoke negatively of anyone. She was gentle, easy going, kind-hearted, and hospitable. She made Christmas Eve special and memorable by hosting the whole family year after year while making it seem effortless. She wanted to have her family together for these moments of reflective memories. She felt blessed to be a mom, grandmother, and great-grandmother and was humbled by the love and respect they had for her. As a girl, she enjoyed tap dancing

and performed in shows. She treasured the many trips and vacations shared with her husband over the years. Dottie was an avid reader who also enjoyed word searches, and in her younger years, Pokeno gatherings with her club girls. She was a faithful communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

During her later years, Dottie endured the debilitating effects of Alzheimer's disease which caused her to divert from her normal routine, but met that challenge with grace.

Dottie is survived by her children and their spouses, Patricia and Robert Tolfa of New Hartford, Martin and Maggie Marchese of Utica, and Deborah and Terrance Jones of Holland Patent; her grandchildren, Marita and Don Laribee; Tatum Marchese, Ryan Marchese and fiancée Wendy Forsti, Talia Marchese and fiancé John Doti, Santina and Kelly Gordon, Serina Marchese and Nicholas Gentile, Michelina Marchese; and Maryssa Dolan; and her great-grandchildren, Joseph Marchese, Talan Marchese, Lily Marchese, and Serafina Gentile. She leaves her devoted and loving niece, Dolores Salerno, and niece Linda and Marty Jin; her nephew, Edwin McTiernan and Gail Owen; and sister-in-law, Johanna M. McTiernan. She also leaves her cat FiFi. She was predeceased by her sisters and brother-in-law, Mary DiCuffo, and Josephine and Peter Marasco; and her in-law, Edwin J. McTiernan.

Dottie was able to remain in her home through the care of the Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL) and outstanding US Care personnel, including Samantha, Supora, Shaabria, Fatou, Katharina, Janice, and Bee; her neighbor and friend, Wanda, as well as Dottie's children who were by her side every day.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Dottie's honor to the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Memorial Fund or the Stevens-Swan Humane Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Delphine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:00

from the funeral home and at 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 take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN **26**. 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

Funeral Service

JAN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Chuck And Lorraine Curri lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delphine "Dottie" (DiCuffo) Marchese*



Chuck and Lorraine Curri - January 28, 2017 at 12:51 PM

FA

“ *Marty and family,*

We're very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers to you.

Frank and Wanda Arcuri

Frank Arcuri - January 28, 2017 at 09:51 AM

DS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dolores Salerno - January 26, 2017 at 07:39 AM

VF

“ *Patty-*

I am very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time.

Vic Fariello

Victor Fariello - January 25, 2017 at 10:08 PM



“ *I would like to send my deepest condolences to Dottie's family. Dottie worked along side me at Conkling School when we both endeavored to help our students become better readers. She not only became an invaluable assistant but also a wonderful friend. Her family was always the center of her life.*



Rita Flanders - January 25, 2017 at 06:20 PM

BP

“ *To the Marchise Family, I share my condolences to you on the loss of your mother, grandmother and great grandmother. I know what you are going through right now. My thoughts and prayers are with you always. May her memory live on. She was one terrific woman. I am sorry for the loss once again.*

Bradford Paulson - January 25, 2017 at 05:33 PM

DM

“ Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Delphine "Dottie" (DiCuffo) Marchese



Don Marino - January 25, 2017 at 11:38 AM

JL

“ Patty and Family,

I am so sorry about the loss of your mom. She was such an elegant and gracious lady. Every she your come into the funeral home she would always look for me.

John Lilli - January 24, 2017 at 01:20 PM

DH

“ Dottie since 1979 you have been a part of Julio and and my life. Thank you for including us into your beautiful family, the most loving family ever! Marty and Maggie have done so well with your legacy I know how proud you are. Time to finally rest, thanks for the memories, and lessons. God says we will see you soon. 1Thessalonians 4:14-18 the dead who are in Christ shall rise 1st, and we who are here shall be together with The Lord. I miss you, Love Debbie, Julio, Jennifer too.



Deborah Harris-Rosario - January 24, 2017 at 07:34 AM

DV

“ To my other favorite Italian family, my thoughts, prayers, and hugs are with you ALL. Dottie was truly special, one of the nicest people I ever knew. I loved her too! I am honored to have been at a few of her Christmas Eve's and had Nickie's wine. What a feast with great company :) and all the other many times we were together. :) thanks for the memories Deb and George

Debra Veit - January 23, 2017 at 08:02 PM

LR

“ Dear Patty and Rob I am very Sorry for your loss your mom was a very wonderful Lady. May be when she up their she will meet up with the crew on ST Vincent st and have a block party.

leeann romanelli - January 23, 2017 at 06:02 PM

DE

Dear Debbie and family so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. She was always so sweet., and happy as i remember her.. Prayers to you and your family...

Debbie Fontaine

Debbie - January 24, 2017 at 02:50 PM

JL

She was the sweetest woman I ever met.

Janice Lewis - January 26, 2017 at 07:18 AM