



Deva M. (Rosano) Morice

September 7, 1911 - January 27, 2014

Mrs. Deva (Rosano) Morice, age 102, entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 27, 2014 at the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Facility while in her sleep. Born in Utica on September 7, 1911 to Italian immigrants Gaetano and Josephine (Rio) Rosano; Deva grew up in Utica without any brothers or sisters and attended local schools. After her graduation from the Utica School of Commerce, she worked for Sunnyborn Taylor's, a typesetting and printing company, as well as Joseph & Feiss, a clothing manufacturer. Deva married Salvatore Morice on September 4, 1939; she loved her husband and shared with him a union of love and devotion for over 42 years. Sal died in 1981. Over the years, she resided on Broad St., Blandina St., Webster Ave., and Rutger St., and for the last 15 years she lived independently at the Mt. Carmel Apartments Senior Housing with support services from Senior Network Health. To celebrate her 100th birthday, her sons hosted a family dinner at Grimaldi's Restaurant, and the tenants who share her building also held a birthday party for her. Deva was a parishioner of St. Agnes Church where she served as president of the St. Agnes Altar Rosary Society for several years. She loved working, as well as being a mother to her two sons, Guy and Joe. During retirement, Deva and Sal did a lot of traveling, visiting countries in Europe including Italy, where she met the Pope; France, and England, where she met Queen Elizabeth. These were great memories for her. Deva left a lasting impression on all the people she met. Her loving smile, tender eyes, and her humorous side touched the hearts of everyone, while her expression

of love for life shined through. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Guy and Carol Morice, and Joe and Carol Morice; her cherished granddaughter, Janine Morice; step-granddaughter, Dana Solomon; sister-in-law, Mary Gianotti; and numerous loving family members.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Joseph Booth, the staff at Senior Network, the residents of the Mt. Carmel Apartments, and Selma Duracak, for their special acts of kindness, thoughtfulness, and professionalism.

Deva's family honored her life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Memorial contributions may be considered to the St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the service or directed to 648 Jay Street, Utica, NY 13501. Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Deva was my mother's best friend. She was always at our home (just across the street) for afternoon coffee, or to share lunch or dinner. My father, who was a very quiet man, thought the world of her, and often would walk across the street to visit or to invite her to our home. She and my mom would watch their soaps together, and shared many laughs.*

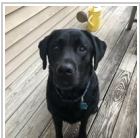
I was always impressed with the fact that when other women of her age were wearing house dresses, Deva wore slacks. She was a woman ahead of her time in Utica! Her gentleness and understanding were an important part of who she was. But the most important thing to her were her wonderful sons. I remember when they came to her and her husband. She was the happiest person in the world. Because I also have adopted children. she and I had many wonderful conversations about our joy in our families.

Guy and Joe, and your families, my heart goes out to you . How lucky you are to have had her for so may years. Even so, her loss is deeply felt, I know. Please know that you are all in my prayers.

God bless.

Rosemary Bumbalo

Rosemary Bumbalo - February 04, 2014 at 02:59 PM



“ *We will always cherish our memories of Aunt Deva. She was a very special member of our family and we will miss her loving ways, and beautiful smile and skin! May God bless her in Heaven.*

Marianne Grandusky - February 03, 2014 at 02:07 PM

DM

“ I will always remember the quiet, sweet wonderful woman your mother was. Deva and my mother-in-law Jennie Merhib walked downtown many days with my daughter Lisa. Those were the days when you could walk down town and sit on the porch and enjoy the summer days. We, the Merhibs, all thought the world of her. I am so sorry we lost track of everyone. May God keep her in his arms. Our deepest condolences.
Donna Merhib and family

DONNA MERHIB - February 01, 2014 at 11:47 AM

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“ DONNA MERHIB lit a candle in memory of Deva M. (Rosano) Morice



DONNA MERHIB - February 01, 2014 at 11:41 AM

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“ So sorry for your loss! I remember all the good times we had on Rutger Street and White Place!!! Where have the years gone? Love,
Debbie (Manganelli) D'Accurzio

debbie daccurzio - February 01, 2014 at 07:54 AM

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“ Guy, Carol, Joe, Carol and Janine, Just wanted to say how sorry I was to see that Aunt Deva passed away. I truly thought she would live forever. We had many good times when grandma Fannie and grandpa Roger would go to visit, I couldn't get into the car fast enough. I will miss her asking me when she would see me if I still was in "high school" I never aged lol. She was lucky to have all of you. She so enjoyed her apartment and to be able to stay there until a month ago is a blessing. So enjoyed that beautiful 100th birthday party. she was a beautiful lady in and out. Will miss her but know that she is truly happy now being reunited with her beloved Savy.....RIP Aunt Deva Love Debbie DeLaFleur (Fontana)



debra delafleur - January 31, 2014 at 04:01 PM

PB

“ Joe, Carol, Janine, Guy & Carol, I will always treasure wonderful memories of your Mom (grandmother). Joe, my memories only date back to our high school days (that was only a few years ago, right?). Unfortunately, it was about 50 years ago. How we age. My memories of recent years include Deva's 90th and 100th birthday parties. Wonderful parties! I will most treasure Thanksgiving of 2012 at my house when Deva's sense of humor far exceeded her appetite. God Bless Deva and all of you. I am very sorry to miss the services on Monday, but Joe knows that I will be in Phoenix with my daughter Brandi's family. Phil Buttiglieri

Phil Buttiglieri - January 31, 2014 at 12:56 PM

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“ Guy, Joe and families, We are saddened at the passing of your beloved mother and grandmother, Deva. What a beautiful life she had surrounded by all of you. We particularly cherish our time with all of you celebrating her 100th birthday and our being with her at another time when we traveled through Utica to have a bite of lunch with her at one of her favorite restaurants and a "must stop" at a favorite bakery for dessert! We also remember the times she came to Illinois (one of them being Christmas Eve at our house); being able to see her and visit then, too. She endeared herself to everyone and was such a pleasure to be around. We shall miss her and send to all of you, our deepest sympathy. We will hold you close in our hearts and prayers as you grieve, but also celebrate a beautiful woman and the life she lived. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Ann and Don Ernst

Anna and Don Ernst (friends) - January 31, 2014 at 12:47 PM

BH

Joe, Carol, Janine, Guy & Carol,
I was very saddened to hear of the passing of Aunt Deva. I have so many fond and cherished memories of her from my youth and all the way up to present day. We all loved spending Christmas and other family holidays with her. I will always remember her for her lovely smile, jovial sense of humor and flawless skin! Aunt Deva was a lovely person inside and out and I am grateful for all the time that I have spent with her through the years. My children are so fortunate to have their own memories of their great-great aunt and to have celebrated her 100 birthday with Aunt Deva and all of her. Our thoughts are with you and Aunt Deva today.

Love, Beth, James, Alex, Alan and Zoe Hua

Beth Hua - February 03, 2014 at 09:14 AM