



Diane "Dixie" Grimaldi

August 8, 1936 - August 23, 2007

Mrs. Diane "Dixie" Grimaldi, age 71, of North Utica, passed away on Thursday, August 23, 2007, with her family by her side in the comfort of her home.

Born in Utica on August 8, 1936, Dixie was the daughter of Theresa (DiAndrea) Martelli and the late Raymond F. Martelli. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1954 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On July 30, 1955, she married her childhood sweetheart, Albert Grimaldi. As partners in a happy and loving marriage of 52 years, they enjoyed family and the simple pleasures of life.

Dixie was always satisfied, never looking for more, and thankful for what she had. Her greatest joy came from attending the activities of her children and grandchildren. Traveling to Georgia and Florida to visit her family were events to which she looked forward. She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church.

Dixie is survived by her husband, Al; her son and daughter-in-law, Aldo and Carolyn Grimaldi of Atlanta, GA; her daughter Dee Dee Grimaldi of Tampa; her daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Joseph Leone of Utica; her mother, Theresa Martelli of Utica; grandchildren, Niki, Ali, Roman, and Marcus Grimaldi; Jeffery and Courtney Heriot; and Joseph and Daniele Leone. Also surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Joseph Caramato of Tampa, FL; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, an uncle, and her in-laws, Connie M. Mannella of Clinton, and Vincent and Esther

Grimaldi of New Hartford. She was predeceased by her sister, Joan Critelli; her in-laws, Albert and Mabel (Olite) Grimaldi; and her brother-in-law, Peter J. Mannella.

The family extends appreciation to Dr. Mary Cunningham and staff of Syracuse, Dr. Kevin McCormick and staff of Utica, the 4th floor staff at Crouse Irving Hospital, and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for providing much compassion and outstanding care. The family also wishes to express a sincere thank you to their family and friends who were so supportive and compassionate during Dixie's illness, especially acknowledging Vinny, Esther, Connie, Marie, Fred, Roseanne, Ricky, Joe, and Flo.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) 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 contributions in Dixie's honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. or to the North Utica Senior Citizens Recreation Center; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Dixie's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Gramma...i don't even know where to start.. you meant so much to me in my life and these past 10 months have been so hard. I loved you so much that you would never know. You did so much for me and i can't wait till the day i see you again!*
I love you so much
Love, Danelli###imported-begin###Daniele Leone###imported-end##

June 30, 2008 at 11:26 PM



“ *Gramma,*

It was truly an honor to have you as my Grandmother. There is not a day that goes by where i do not think of you. You are always in my thoughts, whether its playing baseball, or playing some musical instrument, i know you always loved to watch me prosper at both. I pray everyday for our family to get through with losing you, but it is so hard. It has been nearly 8 months, and all seems so surreal. I call Papa on the nights that he plays poker, only hoping i will hear your voice pick up.. " Marcooch!" I miss that so much. You were and are such an inspiration for me Grama. The way you lived your life is truly one to be looked upon. Always happy and loving, thinking of others before yourself. You are a prime example of what God wants us to live like. I cannot wait for the day where our entire family can be united once again in Heaven with Jesus Christ. It is a day i can truly not wait for. I miss you so much, and thank you again for the 18 years that i have spent with you, but it wont even compare with the eternity i will one day spend with you! I love you sooo much
Gramshkie!###imported-begin###Marcus Grimaldi###imported-end##

April 09, 2008 at 11:01 PM



“ Uncle Al, Aldo, Dee Dee, Lori and your families.....what to say...you said it all. At the funeral home Monday afternoon, it was apparent that Aunt Dixie personified and built a loving family. The body of love that you all created in that room was a testimony to her warmth, her humor, her caring, her love....no greater statement can be made than to say she showed you all how to love and be there for each other. She remains a large part of all she touched. God bless you all....##imported-begin##Peter Mannella##imported-end##

August 28, 2007 at 06:37 AM



“ the Bullock family wants to express our deepest sympathy to the Grimaldi family over the loss of Dixie. I remember her best when we used to talk during Aldo's baseball games (American Lesion-- Adrean Post???? it's been quite awhile!!!!) She was very supportive and encouraging to me during dental school when i would visit Utica from Buffalo and wonder if I would be able to make it. I know she worked for a doctor(Capuano?) and she reassured me I could do it. She also had wonderful food /snacks whenever I visited. She will be missed but never forgotten for all her loving and nurturing qualities. Our best wishes for fond memories forever in the hearts of her family and friends. Sincerely, the Bullocks(Richard, Jacqueline, Connor and Bruno)##imported-begin##richard bullock##imported-end##

August 26, 2007 at 06:11 PM



“ To the Grimaldi family,
I'm so sorry to hear of Dixie's passing. Life is too short. Please
accept my sincere condolences.
With sympathy,
Sandy Siewert###imported-begin##Sandy Siewert###imported-end##

August 26, 2007 at 04:29 PM



“ I want to express my sincere condolences to all of the Grimaldi
family. My prayers go out to all of you. Though time didn't permit me
to get to know Mrs. Grimaldi well, I do know her daughter Dee and
from that relationship I've seen what a wonderful wife and mother
she was! I too will miss her.###imported-begin##Daryl Fielder,
Tampa, Fla.###imported-end##

August 26, 2007 at 12:16 PM



“ Dear Al and family,
We wish to express our condolences for the loss of Dixie. Also to
Connie, Vinny & Esther our thoughts are with you.
Marie Elena & Butch Viti-Florida###imported-begin##Marie Elena &
Dominic Viti###imported-end##

August 26, 2007 at 11:32 AM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathies Al.
I just spoke to Connie the other day, and she told me of Dixie's illness.
It seems like only yesterday that we were all young and carefree.
We are so sorry.
Maria and Richard Coulombe##imported-begin##Maria Pellegrino
Coulombe##imported-end##

August 25, 2007 at 06:21 PM



“ Aldo,
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. Please take comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain and is in a far better place than we can ever imagine.

Love,
Carl and Valerie Prestigiacomo##imported-begin##Carl
Prestigiacomo##imported-end##

August 25, 2007 at 01:39 PM



“ AI, Aldo, Carolyn, DeeDee, Lori, Joe, and kids,

We wish to express our condolences at Dixie's passing. It was always a pleasure to see her in Florida as she visited all of you from time to time. She was a beautiful and wonderful lady and I know you will all miss her greatly.

We wish you all Godspeed in moving forward in the days, weeks, months and years ahead. We will keep you in our prayers.

May God Bless you all,

Ray & Doreen Altieri & boys###imported-begin###Ray & Doreen Altieri###imported-end###

August 25, 2007 at 09:57 AM



“ *I can't find words to express the loss of such a loving wife, mother and friend. I won't even try. I'll just continue to pray for the loved ones she left behind. Thank God for the promise that we'll see her again.###imported-begin###Dick Chancia###imported-end###*

August 25, 2007 at 08:24 AM