



Dorina "Doreen" (Sosteri) Mazzorana

October 27, 1933 - September 29, 2008

Mrs. Dorina "Doreen" (Sosteri) Mazzorana, age 74, of Utica, passed away on Monday, September 29, 2008 at the St. Joseph Nursing Home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Romania on October 27, 1933, Dorina was the daughter of the late Pietro and Eufrosina "Sophia" (Gheorghe) Sosteri. She was raised and educated in Romania and at the age of 10 she moved to Florence, Italy with her family. On May 29, 1955 she married Antonio "Tony" Mazzorana with whom she shared a loving and devoted union of 47 years prior to his passing on September 3, 2002. Soon after their marriage the couple relocated to the United States and settled in Utica.

At one time, Doreen was employed by the Utica Mutual Insurance Co. and after that her primary focus was her home. Doreen's family was the center of her life and she was always proud of each one of them and their achievements, and she instilled traditional values and principles in her children. A kind and gentle woman by nature, she made friends very easily with her outgoing and sparkling personality. At one time she was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, and most recently she was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Doreen is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Donald "Donny" Ernst of Coral Springs, Florida; her sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph "Joe" and Pam Mazzorana of Deerfield, Robert "Bob" and Josephine Mazzorana of Utica, and Anthony, Jr. and Lara Mazzorana of Penfield, NY;

and her grandchildren, Bianca Mazzorana, Gabriella Mazzorana, Danny Mazzorana, Claudia Mazzorana; Donnie Ernst, Devyn Ernst, and the greatly anticipated arrival of an expected grandchild. Always close to her heart was the memory of her granddaughter, Hope Mazzorana, who preceded her in death. Survivors also include her goddaughter, Vinicia DeFazio of New Hartford; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, in Italy; her in-laws, Vittoria, Rosetta, Salvatore, and Angelo, all of Italy; and her friend, Frances Padula. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Leonardo and Rosina Sosteri; her sisters-in-law, Lucia Mazzorana, and Maria Mazzorana; her brother-in-law, Natalino Mazzorana; and her dear friends, Maria Gigliotti, and Elena Gigliotti.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the 4th floor of the St. Joseph Nursing Home for attending to Doreen and her family during her brief stay. Visitation will be held Thursday morning from 10:00-11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Doreen's honor to the St. Joseph Nursing Home; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Doreen's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *that's my Grandma/Nonna in Italian. My father is one of her 3 sons Anthony. I have learned so much about her and my Nonno. I've learned about her personality and see it in all four of her children. I wish I met her, but I know she's dancing with Jesus up in heaven right now. Love you Nonna, I hope you're proud of me.*

charlotte - May 10, 2024 at 08:40 PM

DN

She was the best. Says offering Raisin Bran. She was always happy. I remember going there and feeling so invited around her. I wish I talked to her more when she was here.

daniel nazzorana - October 05, 2024 at 09:25 PM

DN

She would always tell me to go in the cupboard and eat the Raisin Bran cereal. She would be almost 90 right? She would still be outgoing and so loving to all of us ❤️

daniel nazzorana - October 05, 2024 at 09:28 PM



“ *Dear Mazzorana, Ernst, Sostrei Family: I had the privilege and good fortune to have Dorina watch me growing up, after school till my mom got home from Mr.J"s. I don't care if it rained, there was no sunshine, and I had a tough day at Conkling. Dorina is an angel or mercy who comes along and gives you a breath of fresh air. She will always be alive in my heart and soul. Your FFL
Fernando.##imported-begin##Fernando Sortino##imported-end##*

October 03, 2008 at 02:24 PM



“ To the whole Mazzorana Family,
We are good friends of Dorina's daughter, Diana and our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time. I never met Diana's mother but from what I've heard she was the most kind, loving and gentle woman who will be missed. She now is back with the man she loved for many many years and shw will be watching over your whole family.
Our love and prayers,
peter, debbie, alex and sammy keiley###imported-begin###debbie keiley###imported-end###

October 01, 2008 at 05:16 PM



“ Gab,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your grandmother. This will be a difficult time for you, but just remember that she is now with her love, your grandpa. They are catching up on the last six years, laughing and reminiscing.

Please know that you are in my thoughts. I will see you at school.

With love and sympathy,
Mrs. Weimer###imported-begin###L. Weimer###imported-end###

October 01, 2008 at 04:31 PM



“ Mazzoranas,

i am so sorry for your loss. Doreen was such a sweet woman. i will always remember and miss her. She always had a smile and made me eat when i came to visit. i will miss her very much.###imported-begin###volo malara###imported-end###

September 30, 2008 at 06:24 PM



“ To all the Mazzorana Children, their spouses, and dear grandchildren,

We are truly sorry for your loss of your Mother, Mother-In Law, and grandmother. I have enjoyed many conversations with Dorina over the years. She always made me laugh with some of her stories. She is now resting peacefully with your Dad.

Donna, Tony and family##imported-begin##Tony and Donna Caltagirone##imported-end##

September 30, 2008 at 05:11 PM