



## Mrs. Dorothy C. "Dot" (Gelfuso) Battelene

October 5, 1931 - August 3, 2016

Mrs. Dorothy C. "Dot" (Gelfuso) Battelene, age 84, passed away on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Utica on October 5, 1931, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mamie (Gambino) Gelfuso. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1949. On June 2, 1951 she married Donald E. Battelene and shared with him 45 years in a union blessed with unity in all endeavors of their life.

Dot was an intelligent and independent woman. She worked for an independent accounting and auditing firm, as well as the Department of Commerce; in both jobs she held office responsibilities. She subsequently held a position at the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center as a receptionist, a job she carried out with hospitality and kindness. She always had a smile upon her face and affectionately greeted people with the touch of her hand. Her generosity of heart and thoughtfulness will be well-remembered. Dot had many "isms" and life lessons that she shared with her family, especially her grandchildren. She attended and applauded her grandchildren's events and was known by all their friends. Her loss has impacted her loved ones and friends she held dear over the years.

Holidays and special events of the season were important to Dot and she honored them with family celebrations. She had a regimented life style and her daily routine included solving crossword puzzles, reading magazines and

books, and keeping an immaculate home. She was a faithful and faith-filled woman who recited a daily litany of prayers in praise and petitions to the Lord. She attended weekly Mass as a parishioner of St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church. Looking back at her life, Dot's children were her greatest joy: her daughter surpassed her mom's expectations in life, she was always proud of her late son's talents, and she beamed with joy for the blessing of her grandchildren. She held them in her heart and she played a part in every phase of their lives.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Renae and Cole Henderson of Jamesville. She always cherished the memory of her son, Ronald D. Battelene, who passed away on May 29, 2004. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Erika and Nelson Matos, and Courtney Henderson; Chad Battelene and his mother Carolyn Battelene; her great-granddaughter, Juliana Renae; and her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Christine Gelfuso who were her best friends. Her extended family includes her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Harold F. and Clara Battelene; and her wonderful neighbors who watched over her with so much concern. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Jane and William Dillon.

The family is grateful to the New York State Troopers for their compassion and concern; the First Responders, and all those who assisted during a difficult time.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Mary's Academy in Baldwinsville for a Scholarship Fund where her daughter is the principal and Dot was always proud of her accomplishment, online at <http://www.smabville.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Dorothy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take

place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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# Tribute Wall

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“*"Dottie" ,as she introduced herself at mass to us at St. Anthony/St. Agnes Church, usually sat behind my husband, Jim and myself every Sunday. She would tease my husband at recent masses that he had not saved her seat for her if someone else was sitting in "her" seat! She even sat with my family during mass this past Easter. She was fun to listen to- she told us about her daughter and her granddaughter who is a State Trooper. Her granddaughter would warn her not to "get drunk"- something Dottie often said she would do until my husband remarked one day "oh, you will not" (get drunk)! She was always smiling and we enjoyed talking to her every week.*

*We will certainly miss seeing her at mass. Our condolences and prayers to your family. I hope that in time the memories you have of her will bring a smile to your faces.*

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**Nadean Gleitsmann** - August 08, 2016 at 03:03 PM

RH

*Thank you so much for sharing this. We will miss her more than words can say*

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**Renaë Henderson** - August 09, 2016 at 06:02 AM

KC

“*Dot was the first person I met when I started working at Sitrin many years ago. She was so sweet and kind. When my son became sick, Dot and her husband were so wonderful to me and to my son. I was always so grateful. Dot was one of the nicest people I've ever known. It was a privilege to have known such a graceful woman. My sincere condolences to Dot's family.*

*~Kim Carr*

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**Kim Carr** - August 08, 2016 at 09:05 AM

AC

“ Anne, Natalie, Lucas, Sopia,Olivia CATANIA purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Mrs. Dorothy C. "Dot" (Gelfuso) Battelene.



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**Anne, Natalie, Lucas, Sopia,Olivia CATANIA** - August 07, 2016 at 09:03 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Dorothy C. "Dot" (Gelfuso) Battelene.



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August 07, 2016 at 05:16 PM

 Jenifer  
Fike  
Bowman

“ Our backyard will never be the same without our dear Dot next door. Shaking her rug out every morning, and yelling hello neighbor whenever I was out in the back. I loved her spontaneous visits to stop and just say hi, and see how things were. The visit usually ended up being a half hour or more but her stories were a nice to listen to. She loved my children and they loved her, she helped me realize there are still many kind and unselfish people in the world. So Dot as you would always say " I'm gonna get drunk, and drink my chocolate wine" I will have a glass for you as we all sit here and remember the many fond memories we have of you, Gid bless all of her family, she will be truly missed, just know you gained a beautiful angel who loved you ever so much.

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**Jenifer Fike Bowman** - August 07, 2016 at 09:07 AM

KV

“ *Dot was the first person I met when I started working at the Sitrin home... Truly one of the sweetest and heartfelt women I ever met. So proud of her children and grandchildren. Peace be with your family.....Kim Varin*

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**Kim varin** - August 07, 2016 at 07:10 AM

MS

“ *Bobby & Chris we are so sorry to hear of your loss, Dorothy was a great person. We are thinking of your family at this time. With Deepest sympathy. , MaryroseJimmy Schiavetta,Roz Mazza*

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**Maryrose schiavetta** - August 07, 2016 at 06:54 AM

JG

“ *I was so saddened to read of Dot's passing, I recall her fondly from working at the Sitrin home many years ago while I was in high school. She was such a sweet, charming woman who was well-loved there. I know she went straight to heaven.*

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**Jason Gerling** - August 07, 2016 at 06:46 AM

PG

“ *I had the opportunity to know Dorothy thus my sister-in-law and brother-in-law. She was a beautiful person. She could make people feel comfortable, never had a harsh word to say about anyone and loved her family with all her heart. She will certainly be missed here but, I an sure God has welcomed her with open arms. Prayers of comfort to all who knew her.*

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**Pat Gurley** - August 06, 2016 at 05:15 PM

ML

“ *Dot was a wonderful woman that I had the pleasure of knowing. I worked with Dot at Sitrin and continued to see her through the years at church. Whenever I saw her she always asked how my family was and especially my boys. She will be missed.*



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**Mena Testa LoMedico** - August 06, 2016 at 11:57 AM

JC

“ *I will forever miss this sweet, bubbly, happy, friendly, woman with a heart of gold! Dorothy came to visit my sister-in-law at Masonic Care Community and ALWAYS stopped to chat with me in the Gift Shop. She never went by a resident without saying Hi or stopping to talk to them ( which brought some SUNSHINE to their day!) . My heart goes out to all of her family and I am so sorry for your loss! Know that she made a lot of people happy just by being her!*

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**JEANIE CIRUZZI** - August 06, 2016 at 08:29 AM