



## Dorothy M. Peppenelli

October 16, 1945 - September 13, 2020

UTICA - Dorothy M. Peppenelli, age 74, passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2020 with those she loved most in her heart.

Born in Utica on October 16, 1945, Dorothy was the daughter of the late James A. and Antoinette (DeFazio) Peppenelli. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School.

Dorothy loved working as a waitress at the legendary Tiki Toi Restaurant where she developed a warm rapport with the patrons. She was also employed at the Masonic Home as a kitchen assistant. A fun-loving character and conversationalist, Dorothy enjoyed good times, and even though she was the target of many jokes, she took them in stride because she was a real sport! She often sang "Happy Birthday" to friends and family, sometimes out of key, but it was always received with appreciation. She loved line dancing to country music at the Mayfair Restaurant and Dance Hall and S Kickers Saloon & Steakhouse, especially to ballads like Achy, Breaky Heart by Billy Ray Cyrus. Black Velvet was her drink of choice, Super Ball Keno was her game, and the Casino was very much a home for her and a place to unwind and try her luck at the slots. Dorothy and her twin sister Donna were always together ~ mind, body, and soul, frequently sharing the fairways at Valley View. They shared a unique connection and were the best of friends... even though they wouldn't admit it. Dorothy loved baking cookies for all, during the Christmas and Easter holiday seasons. Most notably, she was an honorable and remarkable godmother to many nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is survived by her twin sister and life partner with whom she shared a home, Donna Peppenelli; a goddaughter, Margo Pascerelli; many nieces and nephews, with special mention of Anthony Peppenelli, who took his aunts from the cold winters of Utica to his home in Florida, which they truly enjoyed; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and longtime friends, Mary Ann (golf partner), Nicolette, Tracy Jones, and Theresa Carlone. She loved her dogs and the companionship and genuine love they gave her through the years, which was immeasurable. She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, John "Big John" and Ilse Peppenelli, Philip and Jean Marie Peppenelli, James "Mousie" and Mary Peppenelli, Anthony "Satch" and Sandra Peppenelli, Marie and John J. Greco Sr., Joseph and Sharon Peppenelli, and Delores Ann Peppenelli. She was also predeceased by her nieces and nephews; Phyllis Ann, Shannon Lynn, Phillip, and David Peppenelli; James Greco, Sr.

The family extends their gratitude to the personnel of The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing at Utica who appreciated Dorothy's good humor, from the front door to all those who looked after her well-being. They were compassionate and caring, and Donna and the family wish to thank them all for their love and friendship.

Visitation will be held Saturday afternoon from 1:00-2:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Dorothy's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence at 2:00 pm at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation. Due to the current restrictions, we will be operating at a limited occupancy. We ask for your patience as we try to accommodate those coming to support the Peppenelli family. Face masks must be worn and contact tracing will be implemented. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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## Celebration of Life

SEP 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall

MP

“ We are sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. Our prayers are with you during this difficult and sad time.

*Maria Pandolfo & Stan Siuta*

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**Maria Pandolfo** - September 19, 2020 at 10:35 AM

MN

“ My happiest times of my visits was downstairs was with Aunt Dorothy and Aunt Donna sparring back and forth. RIP

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**Marjorie Clemente Peppenelli De Nigro** - September 18, 2020 at 09:51 PM

LB

“ To Donna and Family: Mark and I are so sorry to hear of Dorothy's passing. I will always hold in my heart her memory and the good times we shared at Masonic and at your house playing cards and laughing! Such great times!! Such a wonderful soul, May she fly high and rest in eternal peace. You will be in my thoughts and prayers, God Bless!

*Lori & Mark Biel*

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**Lori Biel** - September 18, 2020 at 06:47 PM

ST

“ im so sorry krysta and mom i remember seeing your gma and gpa and aunts all sitting at the table having coffee and everyone one be laughing and tell jokes. rip very sorry for your loss.

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**stephanie** - September 18, 2020 at 09:20 AM

EI

“ *Eileen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy M. Peppenelli*



Eileen - September 17, 2020 at 10:13 AM

EI

“ *Dorothy was one of a kind. Always loving and giving. She made me feel so welcome when Jim and I were married. Always played with Jimmy every time we were up there and going to see her at the restaurant. You will be sadly missed.*

Eileen - September 17, 2020 at 10:12 AM

CC

“ *It is with a heavy heart to learn of Dorothy's passing. I grew up with Dorothy and Donna on Jay St before moving to Rochester NY. Some of my best memories were spending time with you two at the kitchen table having coffee with your mom. Or the time your mom would send you to get bread on Bleecker St and we would eat the bread on the way home and your mom had to send you back for more. My deepest condolences to the Peppenelli family. You will truly be missed.*



Christiana Conway - September 17, 2020 at 08:20 AM

AC

“ *We Are So Sorry For Your Loss Our Thoughts & Prayers are with the Family! Andy & Linda Convertino*

Andrew & Linda Convertino - September 17, 2020 at 08:10 AM