



Dorothy A. (Brown) Rivecca

October 23, 1925 - February 1, 2014

Mrs. Dorothy A. (Brown) Rivecca, age 88, passed away peacefully, on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at The Pines at Utica in the arms of her loving family, after a brief illness. She leaves us deeply saddened but profoundly grateful for the love, compassion, intellect, wit, and creativity she shared with us during her long life.

Born in Greenville, South Carolina on October 23, 1925, Dorothy was the daughter of the late Allen and Lamira (Smith) Brown. Raised and educated in Yorkville and Whitesboro, she earned her Business degree from the Excelsior School of Business. On November 15, 1947 she married her high school sweetheart, Nicholas J. Rivecca; Nicholas passed away on August 7, 1991. Dorothy and her late husband established Rivecca's Deluxe Floor Covering Company, Inc., a landmark business in downtown Utica where she anchored the Administrative area of their enterprise. Dorothy's professional responsibilities did not deter her from her maternal calling. She always made herself available to her family and her children, as their upbringing was her first and foremost priority. Her culinary talents were well-appreciated by her family and friends. Dorothy was accomplished in needlepoint, cross-stitching, crocheting, and crafts, and as a member of the Faxton Hospital Counsel, she spent countless hours knitting baby layettes. During her spare time, she enjoyed reading. She cherished all God's creatures.

Dorothy is survived by her children, Nicholas and Marjorie Rivecca of Wisconsin, Barbara and Leonard Kallaur of Whitesboro, with whom she

resided, Lori Rivecca of Utica and New York City, and Allan and Nora Rivecca of New Hartford; her grandchildren, Jamie Rivecca, Nicholas and Brenda Rivecca, Amanda and Josh Hynes, Michael and Nicole Rivecca, Brandie and Felix Mendez, Corey and Angel Rivecca, Lisa and Dustin Haggart, Brittany Schober, Tatiana and Thomas Hansen, Sub-Deacon Alexander and Marina Kallaur, and Rev. Arch Deacon Eugene and Katherine Kallaur; her 21 beloved great-grandchildren; and the expected summer arrivals of 3 more great-grandchildren. In addition, she leaves her brother and sister-in-law, George "Gebber" and Beverly Brown of Whitesboro; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially Barbara and Jay Dispirito. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Shirley Brown; her sister, Mildred Brown, who passed away at the age of 9 months; her cousin and best friend, Ellen Talerico; and cousins Curtis and Margaret Smith. The family extends gratitude to Dr. Samuel Gooldy, Dr. Sultana Razia, the staff of the Visiting Nurse Association, and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their professional attention and compassion. Thanks also to the nurses and staff of the 3rd Floor at The Pines at Utica, especially Tina Zahniser, and Alesa Fail, for the loving care extended to Dorothy during her stay.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 12:00-1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be considered to the Make-A-Wish Foundation or the Stevens-Swan Humane Society in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Dorothy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation offered by Rev. Paul Drobin.

"May she rest in peace, and may her memory be eternal".

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Thinking of my grandma as the anniversary of her passing approaches. I learned a lot from her. She taught me to crochet when I was 7 and I have shared the fruit of that craft with many loved ones. She had so many talents. The wonderful nurses that cared for her at the end of her life made me want to give others the same loving care and dignity in their senior years. Because of that I became a caregiver for seniors and I think of her with everything I do to care for others. I love and miss her and have many cherished memories of her.

Amanda Jones - January 31, 2025 at 06:11 PM

SH

“ I just recently heard that your Mom went home to be with Jesus. I'm so sorry for the loss you must still be feeling. I will always remember summers on 18th Ave and her peach pies. She was such a big part of my young life and will miss her. I will pray for peace and comfort for all of your family. Stephen Hurn



S. John Hurn - August 05, 2017 at 08:08 AM

LB

“ Dear Barbara and Lenny, I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. Although I only met her a few times I feel like I know her more than that from all the times you talked about your special Mom. I know she was talented with her cross stitch and crafts, she loved her children and grandchildren very much and she was an overall good person. Her picture is beautiful! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love, Laurie and Paul

Laurie Bushnell - February 09, 2014 at 04:09 PM

SH

“Lori, we wish we could be there to hug you! You know that you are in our hearts and in our prayers. Treasure your siblings (nothing blesses the heart of a mother more!). We will talk to you after you have some time to rest.” Love, Dad and Sharron Hale

Sharron Hale - February 05, 2014 at 09:10 AM

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Diana Roerig - February 04, 2014 at 02:05 PM

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This is one of Dorothy's cross-stitch works of art.

Diana Roerig - February 04, 2014 at 06:59 PM

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A cross-stitch created by Dorothy.

Diana Roerig - February 04, 2014 at 07:00 PM

DR

“ I loved Dorothy so much. She will be missed. I'm blessed to have several of her cross-stitch pieces . Before framing, I brought them to the dry cleaner to have them readied for the process. The owner of the dry cleaner commented that he had never seen finer work and pointed out that the backs were almost as lovely as the front side. Like Dorothy, anyway you looked at her, there was perfection. God blessed her with many talents this is just one them.



Diana Roerig - February 04, 2014 at 10:47 AM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. (Brown) Rivecca.



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February 04, 2014 at 10:26 AM



“ *Lori - So very sorry for your loss. I know how close you were to your mom. My prayers go out to you and your family.*



Bill Ellenwood - February 03, 2014 at 07:12 PM



“ *Barbara & Lenny~ we are so sorry to learn of your beloved mother's passing. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead as you celebrate her treasured life. Thinking of you over the miles, with love... The Disinger family*



Lauri, Brian & Ben - February 03, 2014 at 06:37 PM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dorothy A. (Brown) Rivecca.*



February 03, 2014 at 04:32 PM

DM

“ *Lori & family so sorry for your loss know that Angels are always near to those who are grieving, to whisper to them that their loved ones are safe in the hand of God. May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish*

Diane Murphy - February 02, 2014 at 09:14 PM

SB

“ *Stephen Broen lit a candle in memory of Dorothy A. (Brown) Rivecca*



Stephen Broen - February 02, 2014 at 08:28 PM

SB

We will miss you so much aunt Dorothy tell gram hi and give her a kiss from all of us you will be forever in my thoughts

Stephen Broen - February 02, 2014 at 08:31 PM

LB

*Lori,
Prayers of comfort to you and the family.*

lisa mattison bates - February 02, 2014 at 09:19 PM

SG

*Lori,
Please accept my sincere sympathies. I know how special your Mom was and how much you wanted to be with her when your were traveling with work during these last few years. She is with the angels now.*

Sharon Grandinette - February 03, 2014 at 02:42 PM