



Eleanor (Cavalier) Salerno

November 1, 1935 - August 22, 2007

Mrs. Eleanor (Cavalier) Salerno, age 71, of North Utica, passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2007 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 1, 1935, Eleanor was the daughter of the late Nicholas, Sr. and Frances (Vivaci) Cavalier. Raised and educated in Utica, she attended Mt. Carmel Elementary School and was a 1954 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. At one time, she was married to Joseph Salerno.

Eleanor's working life included a variety of positions. She began at the Marine Midland Bank as a bookkeeper. She was next employed by the Utica City School District as the manager of food services at Roosevelt Elementary School and T. R. Proctor High School, a position from which she retired in 1982. She also worked in the food service department at the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Center. She was then offered a position with the City of Utica in the Comptroller's Office, where she was respected for going beyond the call of duty to assist and lend a helping hand. The responsibilities, devoted friendships, and respect offered by this understanding group of people made the last 25 years of Eleanor's work immeasurable. She was also remembered as welcoming the patrons of Café Caruso where she was proud to serve the customers.

With a perpetual smile on her face, she embraced optimism in her daily life and was admired as a 'great lady'. She was endowed with a humorous personality and a hard work ethic. A wonderful mother and caretaker by

nature, Eleanor always had the best interest of her children and grandchildren at heart. Her most precious memories reflect back to the days she loved, when families were together for holidays and celebrations. She was devoted to her daily prayers and was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Eleanor is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Carmel and Mark Dodge of Marcy, and Francine and Daniel J. Ferro of Utica; her son, Joseph N. Salerno of Schuylar, NY. Always close to her heart was the memory of her infant son, Anthony J. Salerno, who passed away on January 23, 1961. Also surviving are her adored grandchildren, Alexandria Dodge, Suzanne Salerno, Joseph Salerno, Anthony Ferro, and Jennifer Ferro; and her two great-grandchildren, Jason John, and Jordan James. In addition, she leaves her devoted and loving sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Carmen Caruso of Utica; her brother, Nicholas J. Cavalier, Jr. of Utica, with whom she shared a great closeness; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her sister-in-law, Linda Cavalier. She was also blessed with terrific and loving friends, especially Thelma Porter. Eleanor loved everything about Thelma's kindness and the special sisterhood they shared. Another exceptional, wonderful friend, Teresa Morreale, catered to Eleanor's needs. Mike Cerminaro, Comptroller, and her fellow co-workers have been so supportive with gentle guidance and outpouring of love, especially Ron McMaster, her fun-loving friend with whom she shared many laughs. Eleanor was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, John W. and Mary Cavalier, and Anthony G. Cavalier; and her sister-in-law, Mary Ann Cavalier. The family extends many thanks for the daily phone calls, visits, prayers, and acts of support from family, friends, and co-workers; gratitude to Dr. Sultana Razia and staff, and Dr. Daniel C. Goodman for their honest, compassionate, and unending commitment; the staff of Slocum-Dickson Medical Group Chemotherapy Department; and Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc, whose staff shared much comfort and kindness. Her children want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and friendship during Eleanor's time of

need and at the "Great Lady Party" event in June of 2007 --- they remain grateful for the outpouring of this community.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 3:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Eleanor's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish at Mt. Carmel Church. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ I miss you very much. I still wait for your calls and find myself picking up the phone to call you sometimes. We are all going on but there will always be a big hole in all of our hearts for missing you so much. I have to believe you are in a better place and have family and friends close by. Not a day goes by when i do not think about you. I will love you always and miss you forever. Love your daughter Carmel Ann###imported-begin##Carmel Ann###imported-end##

August 22, 2008 at 10:11 PM



“ Your mother will be remembered for all the smiles and laughter she shared with everyone who had the extreme honor to share even just minute of her life. Eleanor was always there with a helping hand, a shoulder to cry on, and a smile that warmed your heart. She never judged or said a cruel word about anyone. She loved her family and that family is a tribute to her life. I will never forget her fun loving spirt and I will cherish my wonderful memories of this "GREAT LADY".

Love,
Patty Cittadino###imported-begin##Patty Cittadino###imported-end##

August 28, 2007 at 01:06 PM



“ Eleanor will be missed. I am sorry I didn't spend more time with her. To her children: talk to her and about her she will always be close by. My memories of Eleanor are of her carring and love of others.###imported-begin##Elaine Colenzo###imported-end##

August 28, 2007 at 09:28 AM



“ Mom,

You've been an angel all of your life! You were the center of my life and I will miss you oh so much! Everything & everyone you have touched oh so many times! You will be deeply missed!

Fun times were the best when I would always make you laugh! You taught me how to love, laugh, cherish, most of all care for people! I tried my best in caring for you, god has taken you above now, but I will never forget you.

Your an ange above! You were the best mom a daughter could ever ask for! FUNNY, LOVING, CARING, SHARING, & ALWAYS HAS THAT SMILE ON YOUR FACE! OH, how I miss pinching your cheeks already!

I love ya mom, I will visit you quite alot, because, hey lets face it we were alot alike! Someday an angel will take me to you, we will be together, you will never be alone! May you be blessed in heaven above, & rest in peace!

Love You,

xxxxooooxxxx

Your daughter

FRANCINE##imported-begin##Fran Ferro##imported-end##

August 27, 2007 at 10:32 PM



“ Carmella, Joe & Fran

*I am sadden,
My Deepest sympathy, goes out to each of you, Ms. Eleanor was truly one of God's greatest gifts, I'm glad I got a chance to speak w/her a few months ago, I misplaced birthcerts & she sent them to me here in Houston TX. Be strong & prayerful for one another, God Bless you All.*

Tammy###imported-begin##Tammy DeLoach Brown##imported-end##

August 27, 2007 at 10:26 AM



“ *With heart felt sympathy, I am so sorry for your loss. I knew Eleanor When I worked at the Sitrin Healthcare Center many years ago in the Kitchen with her as a teenager. She was a great lady who was fun to work with and with whom I had the pleasure to know. She is now in a better place with the Lord. She'll be with you always in your heart and in your memories. God Bless.###imported-begin##Kelly Acee { Iacovissi}##imported-end##*

August 26, 2007 at 06:24 PM



“ *Carmel, Francine and Joe....we want to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your families during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of our childhood years when we used to go visit Maria D. on Lansing St. and come across the street to your house. Your mom was always so welcoming. She always had a smile on her face and big "hello" when I would go to City Hall or Cafe Carusos. Our thoughts and prayers are with you....Lisa and my mom Rosa###imported-begin##Lisa (Druscovich) Gilberti##imported-end##*

August 25, 2007 at 09:12 AM



“ *##imported-begin##Jeff Franz##imported-end##*

August 24, 2007 at 09:32 PM



“ *Just try to remember at times like this, that we do not lose our parents. They have gone before us, because they themselves would have it no other way.*

We have MANY happy memmmories, We live our days the way they have taught us. We teach our children what we have learned. We put our trust in God, and he himself promises us that we will be together again someday. Whenever I saw your mother, a certain calm always came over me. No words needed to be said, and I always knew that I was in the presence of a wonderful woman. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for sharing her with us. When I see her, it will be the first time I won't have a tax bill in my hand.

Warm regards, jeff##imported-begin##Fran, Danny, and family##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 09:28 PM



“ *This was a truly wonderful woman, always ready with a smile, always eager to help, always willing to go above and beyond.*

My sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Cynthia S'Doia##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 07:30 PM



“ *My grandmother "NONNIE" always loved all of her family and friends. Now that she has moved onto a better place we will always know she is watching over us. We will miss you very much now, but your family and friends will always love you very much. Your family & friends will always miss you for many years to come!*
WE ALL LOVE YOU VERY MUCH !!!

Anthony##imported-begin##ANTHONY##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 05:53 PM



“ *Carmj and family:*

We are so sorry to hear about your mom. I know how much she suffered and also how much she tried ti fight this battle. I know she will truly be mmissed at City Hall. My husband always talked about her and what a wonderful person she was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you but her suffering is over and she is now at peace.##imported-begin##Cndy and Mike Rizzo##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 05:40 PM



“ DEAR CARMEL, FRANCINE AND JOEY , I HAVE HAD YOUR MOM ON MY MIND ALL WEEK, COULDNT FIND HER NUMBER IN MY FILES, WAS GOING TO CALL JACKIE T THURSDAY FOR IT, BUT GOT HOME LATE AND DIDNT DO IT. SAW IT IN THE PAPER, AND CRIED MY EYES OUT, SINCE SHE GOT SICK, I HAVE SAID PRAYERS AND NOVENAS FOR HER EVERY SINGLE DAY, I WILL MISS HER, I LOVED HER, WILL NEVER FORGET THE GOOD TIMES WE HAD AT WORK, HOW WE WOULD SNEAK INTO THE OTHER ROOM SO I COULD FIX HER HAIR. SHE WAS SO WARM AND LOVING, A TRUE ANGEL, HOW COULD ANYONE NOT LOVE HER, YOU KIDS WERE BLESSED WITH HER LOVE, AND ELEANOR, I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, AND THINK OF YOU WITH A SMILE FOR THE WONDERFUL PERSON YOU ARE, AND THE KINDNESSES YOU HAVE SHOWN ME OVER THE YEARS I WORKED WITH YOU. REST IN PEACE, LOVE, DARLENE##imported-begin##DARLENE TROMBETTA KING AND HUSBAND HAROLD JR. ##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 02:29 PM



“ My nonnie loved and cared for her family more than anything She was a very well known and loved person and i will never forget her she will always be in my heart##imported-begin##Jennifer##imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ I AM SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR MOMS PASSING..LOSING A LOVED ONE IS NOT EASY..I REMEMBER YOUR MOM FROM LANSING ST..THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOT THE SAME ANYMORE..WE HAD ALOT OF GOODTIMES AND LAUGHS..TO JOE,FRAN AND CARM YOUR MOM IS IN GOOD HANDS AND MY MEMORIES OF HER WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN..GOD BLESS YOU ALL..DEBBIE###imported-begin###DEBBIE (VALENTI FAMILY)###imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 09:01 AM



“ To my MOTHER who I loved so very much. I will remember all those cherished memories daily. I feel comfort in knowing that you are at peace and not in pain. We did our very best to comfort you in your time of need.
Mom you have always been there for me and I was glad to be there for you. You will be missed very much. I will always LOVE YOU and never forget what you have taught us through out the years. I Love You and will miss you
Carmel###imported-begin###Carmel,Mark and Alexandria Dodge###imported-end##

August 24, 2007 at 06:48 AM