



Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli

May 29, 1957 - February 13, 2016

Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli, age 58, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in the comfort of her home. At the time of her passing, she was in the hearts of those she loved the most.

Born in Utica on May 29, 1957, Eleanor was the daughter of Gloria R. (Peppenelli) Pandolfo and the late Philip L. Pandolfo.

She was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1975. Eleanor always dreamed of becoming a wife, a mom, and a grandmother. On August 9, 1975, she wed her childhood sweetheart, Robert "Rob" Visalli, and all her dreams came true. For 40 years, they shared a love that was complete, unconditional, and unchanging.

As she began to raise her family, Eleanor also embarked on a career in nursing. She attended M.V.C.C., graduating in 1981. She then became a professional Registered Nurse and accepted a position at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in the Surgical Med unit. Nursing was her calling, and Pediatrics was her niche, thus Eleanor gravitated to that unit. She was so happy and so connected to her young patients, and providing quality care with compassion was so important to her. But in 1996 at age 39, Eleanor was diagnosed with a rare form of Lung Cancer which attacks non-smokers. Her treatment and recuperation were extensive and precluded her from pursuing her profession which was such an important part of her life.

As a matriarch, Eleanor was a wonderful homemaker and mom. What kept this extraordinary lady going was her family. From childhood, she was a kind,

compassionate, caring soul, attributes that led her to a fulfilling life of helping so many people in so many ways, as a mender of bodies and a mentor to minds. As a mom, she only wanted her children to be safe and happy, and her wish came true as her children grew to become sincere, steadfast sons who lived up to her standards and shared great bonds and friendships. When her grandchildren were born, Eleanor was present at their births which added a new dimension to her life. She adored each of them because they were an extension of the love she held for her children. In 2003, she graciously took her mom into her home and cared for her with compassion and continual love. She also shared a great closeness with her sister, Maria, as they walked their journey of life. Maria admired her sister's kindness, goodness and dignity as Eleanor fought her medical battles. Eleanor was her moral compass. Part of her heart will remain with her sister always.

Eleanor served as the coordinator of family celebrations, an assignment she took on with delight and excitement. She also embraced everyday events with zest. She was young-at-heart and accommodated all at any given time, unsolicited and graciously. She was fun-loving and expressed her feelings and emotions in singing songs, although not always in tune and sometimes slight of lyrics. And her home was the center of it all! She was a second mom to her son's friends, and they were welcome to share her home and her heartfelt hospitality. She genuinely loved to do the simplest yet most helpful things for family, friends, and strangers (who became immediate friends). She was intuitive and selfless in her giving, and the likes of this angel would be difficult to duplicate. She raised three compassionate, kind gentlemen and that was her greatest accomplishment. Being among those she loved was what she loved the best in life. She honored her civic and social responsibilities, matters of the heart, helping those in need, and engaging in friendships with her whole being. A true believer, her Catholic faith was a great comfort to her and sustained her during her illness. A communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church, Eleanor was drawn to this parish and its mission that paralleled her personal and moral convictions. Her prayers were genuine; her petitions were

humble. All were offered up to the will of God.

Eleanor is survived by her husband and true love, Rob; her sons and their wives, Phil and Alaina Visalli, Christopher and Melissa Visalli, and Nicholas Visalli; her beloved mother, Gloria; her adored grandchildren, Bennett Raymond Visalli, and Violet Grace Visalli; and her sister, Maria Pandolfo and her husband Stan Siuta. Her extended family includes her nephew, Dr. Ken Visalli, Jr. and his wife Noel, along with their children Tino and LuLu; and her niece, Amanda Visalli, who was also her godchild and enjoyed so many wonderful times together. She also leaves many cousins; many godchildren; and her brothers-in-law and a sister-in-law, Ken and Janet Visalli, and Wayne Visalli. She was blessed with amazing friendships with Julie and Bob Zaykoski, Diane and Pat Mullally, and Joe Rebisz, among many, many other close friends.

When we are blessed to be related to a person, we are honored, but the love that Eleanor shared with her sister-in-law, Janet, was the love of a kindred spirit. The family is grateful to Dr. Jerry Sloan, an incredible physician, friend, and confidant, as well as his highly capable staff; and Rev. John Buehler and Sister Sharon who shared friendship and faith in God's merciful love.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been greeted. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a contribution to the Historic Old St. John's Food Pantry; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Eleanor's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and 10:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler.

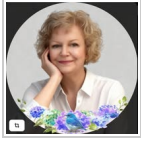
Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. I am a Registered Nurse and knew Eleanor from the hospital. She had a beautiful golden heart.* ”



Jane Gigliotti - February 17, 2016 at 09:22 PM



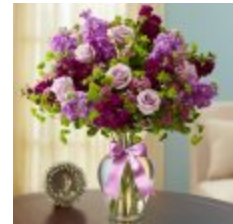
“ *Ann Marie Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli* ”



Ann Marie Ollerenshaw - February 16, 2016 at 02:16 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.* ”



February 16, 2016 at 02:11 PM



“ *Jeffrey Nicholas purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.* ”



Jeffrey Nicholas - February 16, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Pink Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 16, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 16, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 16, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *Linda Bonamassa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli*



Linda Bonamassa - February 16, 2016 at 09:48 AM

LB

to family of Eleanor: thinking of you, sending condolences. and remembering times spent working with Eleanor when we both were at St.Luke's. times were happy as well as sad, could be crazy, bewildering, and comforting in building friendships out of being co-workers. my path in life crossed twice with Eleanor. she had a relationship with my mother-in-law, Bertha Bonamassa, thru their employment and when my mother-in-law required hospitalization, all prior to her passing in 2000.

Linda Bonamassa - February 16, 2016 at 10:00 AM

JF

“ *John and Nancy McDonald and family purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



John and Nancy McDonald and family - February 16, 2016 at 09:39 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 16, 2016 at 09:32 AM

MR

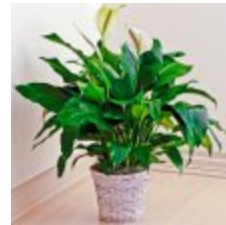
“ *Mary R. purchased the Peaceful Wishes for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



Mary R. - February 16, 2016 at 09:27 AM

CB

“*Craig & Roxanne Bilsky purchased the Floor Plan t for Sympathy for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



Craig & Roxanne Bilsky - February 16, 2016 at 09:25 AM

JE

“*Rob, Nick, and family, Maria, Stan, Mrs Pandolfo, Kenny, Janet, and the whole Visalli/Pandolfo family - my prayers and thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. Eleanor always had a warm, caring, loving presence about her, since our childhood days at Mt Carmel. Smiling through the the trials and challenges of her young life, grounded in the foundation of her precious Catholic faith, she is inspirational to us all.*

I am so sorry to be away from Utica, and regret not being able to be there tomorrow. Valerie and I will attend morning Mass for her intention, and with a spirit of thanksgiving for the love of your family as you gather together in her honor.

The beautiful testament outlined in her obituary only reaffirms the incredible loss and the huge vacancy that is left for us to bear. We take comfort and consolation in our faith, for we truly know as she passes the threshold to Eternal life she will hear the words: “Well done my good and faithful servant, now at last enter into the joy of your Master’s house.”

My prayers and love to all...

Joe Elacqua

Joe Elacqua - February 16, 2016 at 07:46 AM

SL

“ Sharon Longo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli



Sharon longo - February 16, 2016 at 05:50 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.



February 15, 2016 at 11:39 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.



February 15, 2016 at 11:25 PM

MR

“ Mary Russo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli



Mary Russo - February 15, 2016 at 09:18 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flower Wreath was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 15, 2016 at 08:53 PM



“ *May the road rise to meet you.May the wind be always at your back.May the sun shine warm upon your face.And rains fall soft upon your fields.And until we meet again ,May God hold you in the hollows of his hand. I would to send all my thoughts are prayers to your family.God bless.Donald.*

donald cavanaugh - February 15, 2016 at 07:52 PM



“ *Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli*



Gary Ollerenshaw - February 15, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of eleanor's passing, I've known her since mt.carmel school, and also her sister maria was in my class. My heart is broken for the family...may all your beautiful memories of eleanor keep you happy, and my thoughts and prayers are always with maria and her family.*

Love

Pamela Fuino Basi

pamela fuino basi - February 15, 2016 at 06:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.



February 15, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ *White Satin Heart Casket Pillow* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.



February 15, 2016 at 03:55 PM



“ *El, We have known each other since 1975. NO matter where life took us, we always picked up as if it was yesterday. My heart ached for all you endured, yet God gave you the strength to care for your mom. That is the beautiful women you were. You loved your grandchildren. They were such a bright spot for you. Your family is beautiful. They are a reflection of you. I will miss you my friend. God bless Gloria, Rob and your children. I will pray for you all. Judy*

Judy Nelli - February 15, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.



February 15, 2016 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Uncle Chuck and Aunt Jean Daniels purchased the Healing Tears - All Pink for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



Uncle Chuck and Aunt Jean Daniels - February 15, 2016 at 02:52 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 15, 2016 at 12:24 PM

JM

“ *Josette (Sardelli) Mousso lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli*



Josette (Sardelli) Mousso - February 15, 2016 at 11:14 AM

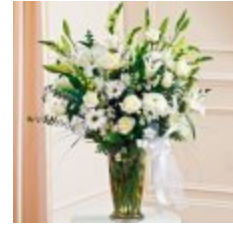
JM

Rest in peace, dear sweet friend.

Josette (Sardelli) Mousso - February 15, 2016 at 05:13 PM



“ *White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 15, 2016 at 10:15 AM



“ *Rob and family we are very sorry to hear of the loss of Eleanor. As former neighbors we always enjoyed talking with her while watching our children grow up together. Unfortunately we are away from Utica and will not be able to attend the services.*

Gene and Mary Theresa Quadraro - February 15, 2016 at 07:12 AM



“ *Katie & Fran Roberts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli*



Katie & Fran Roberts - February 15, 2016 at 05:40 AM



Rob and family we are so sorry for your loss. Eleanor was a very special women. She will be in our prayers always.

Katie & Fran Roberts - February 15, 2016 at 05:42 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Eleanor M. (Pandolfo) Visalli.*



February 14, 2016 at 06:12 PM



“ *Rob and family members, I'm so sorry to hear the news about Eleanor. She was a very special woman and friend to many. She was always there for people she knew and I've been fortunate over the years to be one of those people. Unfortunately I'll won't be able to travel to Utica to pay my respects to all of you and most of all to Mrs. Pandolfo. I'll keep El and all of you in my prayers and thoughts. May she RIP.*

Bobby Ollerenshaw - February 14, 2016 at 05:34 PM