



Elizabeth "Betty" (Brown) Gurdo

June 13, 1934 - November 21, 2007

Mrs. Elizabeth "Betty" (Brown) Gurdo, age 73, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Born in Utica on June 13, 1934, Betty was the daughter of the late Francis and Mary (Albright) Brown. Raised and educated locally, she graduated from St. Francis Desales High School. On October 17, 1953 she married Anthony R. Gurdo with whom she shared a wonderful life during their 38-year union. Mr. Gurdo passed away in July of 1992.

A very special part of Betty's life was her employment with Upstate Cerebral Palsy where she worked with children with disabilities. She was proud of her association with the program and found her service there to be fulfilling and rewarding. Betty readily earned the love of family and friends and always enjoyed their company. A talented cook, she was always proud to share her passion of food with her loved ones. She loved a good time, including the excitement of games of chance at the casino.

Mrs. Gurdo is survived by 2 daughters, Kathie Greco and fiancé Jason Taillon of Utica, and Mary Lourdes and Donald S. Paciello of New Hartford; and 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Anthony and Donna Gurdo of NC, and Larry and Bridget Gurdo of Verona. She carried deep in her heart a longing sadness for the loss of her daughter, Mary, who passed away at birth. Betty is also survived by her grandchildren: Alaina, Alyssa, and Michael Gurdo, II; Cabryn, Lawrence, and Richard Gurdo; Gabriella and Francesca Greco;

Anthony Gurdo Giglio ; Dominick and Nina Elizabeth Paciello; and Garrett and Kayla Peterson. In addition, her survivors include her many special nieces and nephews and their families; her in-laws, Kathleen and Joseph Tomaselli, and Arthur and Maxine Gurdo; and her cousins, with special mention of Johnny and Susan Rickard of Lake Placid. Betty was also blessed with the love of her lifelong friend Margaret and Frank Jakubowski, as well as Katie and Dick Timpano, Joann and Roger Loran, Donna and Bernie Coffay, Marlene and John Giuliano, and Rose and Tony Miller.

The family extends its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Joseph Booth and the wonderful caregivers of RCIL who have provided much-appreciated compassion and support. A special thank you is also offered to Father Fred Daley for his spiritual guidance and friendship.

Visitation will take place on Sunday from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Mrs. Gurdo's funeral will commence on

Monday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mike, Larry, Kathie and Mary Lourdes,
Every so often I read the OD online just to catch up on the news from Utica. I was very saddened to see that your mom had passed. We had a lot of good times at your house. Your mom was sure a great cook.
Please accept my deepest sympathies and may all your memories keep your mom's spirit alive in your hearts.
Sincerely,
Craig Wittman

November 27, 2007 at 06:23 PM



“ Kathie and Mary Lourdes,
So sorry to hear about your mom, my prayers are with you and your family.

November 27, 2007 at 03:48 PM



“ My prayers are with the family at this difficult time in there lives.

November 26, 2007 at 10:11 AM



“ All our love and sympathies to the whole family. Thank you to Aunt Betty for all the good times and memories. She will be dearly missed.

November 25, 2007 at 08:32 PM



“ *Kathie MaryLourdesLarry Michael and families we are saddened to learn of the passing of your Mom. She was a special lady always smiling and full of fun! May you find comfort iin all your good memories. Love and blessings to all of you. Lenora and Tom.##imported-begin##Lenora and Tom Trevisani##imported-end##*

November 25, 2007 at 07:19 PM



“ *Mike, Donna & family, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I remember your mom would call your home when I used to babysit Alaina & Alyssa. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With Love, Michele (Arcuri) Lewis##imported-begin##Michele Arcuri-Lewis##imported-end##*

November 25, 2007 at 04:34 PM



“ *Dear Michael, Donna and Children. you are all in my many thoughts and Prayers at this very difficult time. I am at home recuperating from a total knee replacement so unable to see you in person as much as I would love to. I think of you very often and miss you. you all were and are very special to me. again my sincere sympathy. love Carol##imported-begin##Carol Gollegly##imported-end##*

November 25, 2007 at 11:48 AM



“ Dear Kathie, Mary Lourdes, Michael , Larry and Family,

We will all miss Aunt Betty. I will always remember her and the fun times we all had together. She was an exceptional woman with a huge heart and a love of laughter. She had a wonderful ability to care for others and make everyone feel welcome in her home.

Memories of her will never be forgotten: taking care of Michael Scot and I when we were small, up to camp with Spot, Christmas Eve at Aunt Betty and Uncle Tony's, Jiggles, the best apple pie, trips down to Mary Elizabeth's. Aunt Betty and I had a fun trip together to Florida and stayed at my grandparents, she loved shopping and the slots! Her generosity was always with love and affection. She was one of the most fun people to be around! We all had so many good times.

Aunt Betty will always be remembered for her humor, kindness and generosity. We will all miss her, but so thankful to be apart of her life!

My thoughts and prayers are with all the family. I am sorry I cannot be there to celebrate her life with you. But, we are remembering her and thinking of you all.

Love, Kelly##imported-begin##Kelly Tomaselli##imported-end##

November 25, 2007 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Kathy, I am now living in Texas near 5 of the kids, I also went to St Francis and when I saw Betty's obit, was surprised that it was your Mom. I know when we did talk, you always said how much she helped you with the girls. I think of you often and pray the Lord holds you and the girls close to His Heart in the days and nights ahead.

When you feel up to it email me sometime and take care of yourself. You always held a special place in my heart. Love Fran
Kelly###imported-begin###Fran Kelly New Braunfels Tx###imported-end##

November 25, 2007 at 10:56 AM



“ I am in Colorado visiting Caren and Jennifer. Beth called to tell me of your Mother's passing. I was very sorry to hear of it. I have so many fond and happy memories of your Mom. We had so many good times together and she was such a wonderful friend to me. The best cook in Utica! We were just talking about how we loved sitting in your kitchen and eating her meatballs as she made them.. She could not believe that Jen would only have one slice of bologna on a piece of bread with no mayo, mustard or butter! She was the first one to get her to eat "real food". We will all miss her dearly and will keep her and all of you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Pam, Beth, Caren, Jennifer and Michael.###imported-begin###Pam Christopher###imported-end##

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