



Elizabeth "Betty" (Fraccola) Rabice

June 4, 1915 - June 23, 2008

Mrs. Elisa "Betty" (Fraccola) Rabice, age 93, of the Presbyterian Residential Community in New Hartford, passed away on Monday, June 23, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on June 4, 1915, Elisa was the daughter of the late Louis and Julia (Salerno) Fraccola. She was raised and educated locally. On November 10, 1945 she was joined in the sacrament of marriage to Patrick Rabice who passed away on April 7, 1977. A caring commitment to family was the hallmark of their 31-year relationship.

Betty was employed as a seamstress at various manufacturing companies, and she lastly worked at Faxton and St. Luke's Hospitals. A woman of great strength of character, she had an independent soul. She was a supportive mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother involved in all life's momentous events. She was proud of her accomplishments of 93 years and lived each moment to the very end of her life with determination. A faithful volunteer, she offered her time to the Central NY Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Resource Center for Independent Living. Betty was proud of her participation in the annual parish Italian festivals. During her leisure time, she pursued her passion of crocheting and bestowed many afghans to her family and friends. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and a member of the St. Anne's Society.

Betty is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Julie D'Apice of Queens, NYC, and Mary and Peter DeJoseph of Cedar Lake; her grandchildren, Joelle

and Jodi De Joseph of Raleigh, NC, Maria and Neil Van Kerkhove of London, England; Alisa and Roma DeJoseph of Raleigh, NC; and Roma's twin brother, Ruslan, of Moscow, Russia, who admired Betty as a grandmother; and her great-grandchildren, Giovanni and Luca DeJoseph; Joey DeJoseph; as well as the anticipation of a 4th great-grandchild. Survivors also include her sisters, Flora Rabice of Clinton, and Marie Carzo of Utica, who along with Betty were affectionately known as the "trio"; her brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Ruth Fraccola of Sacramento, CA; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Joe Kupiec. Betty was also blessed with many friends throughout her life. She was predeceased by her sisters and brother-in-law, Anna and Albert Petronio, and Ida Kupiec; her brothers-in-law, Phil Rabice and Joe Carzo; members of the Rabice family of her late husband; and Mary and Peewee DeJoseph who she loved as her extended family.

The family offers heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Al Shaheen, Dr. Dilip Kachare, the 2nd floor staff at the Presbyterian Residential Community, the 5th floor nurses and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. All of these professionals offered exceptional care and support to Betty and her family. Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Betty's honor to the family enabling them to establish a scholarship fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Betty's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *What a beautiful on-line memorial, it enabled those of us who would like to have been there to share in the honoring of Elizabeth's life.##imported-begin##Rosemary Devlin##imported-end##*

August 13, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ *Julie,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Your mother was an amazing woman and her memory will live on. I will cherish the blanket she made for my son Joseph. May God give you the strength to get through this time.
Love
Jen##imported-begin##Jen Carapazza##imported-end##*

June 28, 2008 at 12:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss Julie--she must have been quite a woman. See you at chorus next week.
Sincerely,
Terry##imported-begin##Terry Putterman##imported-end##*

June 27, 2008 at 10:58 PM



“ Julie, the story of your mother's life is an inspiring one. We are all thinking of you and will miss you at Twin County. We look forward to seeing you as soon as possible.

love,

Randi###imported-begin###Randi Sachs###imported-end###

June 27, 2008 at 03:25 PM



“ Dear Julie and family,
So sorry for your loss. May your memories of your mom be a comfort to you and your family.

Fondly,

Susan Shimon###imported-begin###susan shimon###imported-end###

June 27, 2008 at 10:23 AM



“ Dear Julie,
I'm so sorry to learn about your mother's passing. I hope that warm memories help to ease your sorrow. My sincere sympathy at this sad time for you and your family.

Love, Pearl###imported-begin###Pearl Mintzer###imported-end###

June 27, 2008 at 02:14 AM



“ Mary, Peter and Family,

So sorry to hear of the passing of Mary's mother. Our thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow.

Carl and Marianne###imported-begin###Carlton E. Zech###imported-end###

June 26, 2008 at 08:56 PM



“ Dear Julie,
How I wish we could all be with you at this difficult time. After reading your mother's obituary, I know what a wonderful person she was and you certainly are following in her footsteps. My prayers are with you.
Love, Ursula Hudson##imported-begin##Ursula Hudson##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 12:15 PM



“ Dear Julie, Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family. May God send His blessings at this difficult time.
Marie A.##imported-begin##Marie Anderson - Twin County Chorus##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 11:27 AM



“ Julie,
If her wonderful daughter is any indication, your Mom was a great lady.
I will remember both of you in my prayers.
Heavenly Father counts you as one of his most precious daughters, and Our Savior welcomes your dear Mother with open arms. This I know.
Liz##imported-begin## Elizabeth Levitt##imported-end##

June 26, 2008 at 09:27 AM



“ I was so sorry to learn that Betty has passed away. Our families spend much time together when we were all young and I remember her warm smile and in-fectious laugh. She will be missed. My sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Victoria Festine Ciccone##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 06:33 PM



“ I was very sadden at the news of Aunt Betty's passing. My sisters and I reminice often about the times we stayed at her house when we were small. And I remember her smile as she made pizza frite at Mary Mount Carmel feast . We haven't seen much of each other through the years, since my own mom's passing , but she was always in my heart. Rest in peace Aunt Betty ..
Your Goddaughter Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie DelMastro##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 04:42 PM



“ Dear Julie, Mary & Family: She's only away-in your thoughts and your heart you will always be together never apart. Though she may not be with you the memories will always stay. Whenever you look in your heart she will always be there. I am so sorry I could not be with you now I will see you next week. Be at peace..Love Loretta##imported-begin##Loretta Nafis##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 03:54 PM



“ Hi Aunt Betty: Rest with God, I know you are in paradise now, the only place someone like you would be. We didn't see each other that much in the past few years, you always asked about the kids when I did see you. Give Norman a hug for me. Love
Loretta###imported-begin###Loretta Nafis###imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 03:46 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. With deepest sympathy~ Kevin and Alicia###imported-begin###Alicia Skaly and Kevin Brady###imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 03:29 PM



“ Dearest Julie,
Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. We wish that we could be with you at this time. I never had the pleasure of meeting your mom, but if she was anything like her daughter she must have been a beautiful lady. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.
Love,
Maria and Jerry###imported-begin###Maria Schiraldi###imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 01:03 PM



“ I will always remember the wonderful times spent at her house when I was in grade school. I was treated as part of the family by Betty and Pat and they will always be in my heart. Betty was blessed with two wonderful and caring daughters who provided their mom with tender loving care. Frank and I send our love and prayers to the whole family.##imported-begin##Rosanne Composto##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 12:26 PM



“ Dear Julie & Family;

You Mom was such a great lady. I enjoyed our chats very much and, in fact, she said some very comforting things to me when Adele, my mom, was dying. She will be missed, but her love and kindness live on in you.

Love,

Rob##imported-begin##Rob##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ I'll always remember Aunt Betty & Uncle Pat with a smile. We spent many lunch-hours at their house while attending Conkling School & had a blast. Everyone teased Aunt Betty because she had the best sense of humor. She took it all in stride. God Bless Aunt Betty.##imported-begin##Joe Carzo & Family - Rochester##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 08:49 AM



“ I am saddened by the loss of Aunt Betty , I will always remember that I never saw hr without a smile, even as a child I remember visiting her .puling into the driveway.she had joy in her heart to see me and my family,and then Uncle Pat would let me pick a pear off the tree.on a recent trip back home I helped her to the car so she would not slip on the ice,she was determined to make it on her own . I helped any way,she thought of me as her Guardian Angel, now I have one looking out for me.##imported-begin##Michael Manna##imported-end##

June 25, 2008 at 06:25 AM



“ We love you, Gram!!##imported-begin##Joelle, Maria and Alisa##imported-end##

June 24, 2008 at 07:12 PM



“ Aunt Betty was such a wonderful and caring woman. Our family was blessed to have her for so many years. I can't remember a family event without Aunt Betty. I so wish I could be there for the service, but I will see everyone next week.

Be happy in heaven, Aunt Betty. You deserve eternal happiness. The afghans you made me will have even more meaning to me now. I will always treasure them.

Love and miss you already,

Phyllis##imported-begin##Phyllis Moracco##imported-end##

June 24, 2008 at 05:50 PM