



## Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore

May 14, 1940 - December 29, 2011

Elsie Marie "Elsa" Fiore, of New Hartford, died on Thursday, December 29, 2011 following six years of living her life to its fullest under the staggering weight of a terminal cancer diagnosis. In strength, passion, and grace, Elsie celebrated each day of her life giving of herself to her friends and family. She found the most happiness in the presence of her five grandchildren who learned the meaning of love wrapped tightly in her arms, and hearing her sweet voice in song and story. As the matriarch of the Fiore family, Elsie opened her home over the years to countless friends and family who always found a nurturing, warm, open environment. The Fiore home was the place of choice for her three sons and the countless numbers of their friends who passed through its doors. She was hearth and home, and her light blazed bright in the lives of many.

She was born Elsie M. Ambrosi, youngest child of Erasmo and Claudia (Maestri) Ambrosi, who emigrated to the United States in 1935 from their home in Carisolo, Italy. Elsie was educated in Utica schools and enjoyed a 35+ year career as a Cosmetologist, where she made many lasting friendships. In her later years she found great joy in expressing her creativity through watercolor painting, photography, gardening and travel.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Joseph Fiore; her three sons and their families, Joseph Fiore of Raleigh, North Carolina and his daughters Isabella and Claudia; Paul Fiore of Cambridge, Massachusetts, his partner David Foley, and their son Lukas; and Marc Fiore of Rochester, NY, his wife

Andrea, and their sons Coz and Matthew. In addition to her children, she is survived by her sister-in-law, Carmella Basi of New Hartford, sisters and brothers-in-law Mary and Richard Christensen of Utica, and Rita and Michael Delia also of Utica; and many loving nieces, nephews, and their families. Elsie was predeceased by her parents, her brother, Hector Ambrosi; and her sisters, Cheserina Hazelwood, and Lena Summa.

Elsie's family would like to thank her treatment team at the Dana Farber Cancer Institution in Boston, especially Dr. David Kwiatkowski, for their exemplary care over the past six years. They have given us time, the best gift we could ask for. The family also wishes to thank Kathy Smyth, Elsie's hospice nurse. Kathy went far beyond the call of duty and became part of the family as she helped Elsie die with the dignity and grace that was her trademark.

Please join Elsie's family in a Mass to celebrate her life at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church at 1pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2012. Per the family's wishes, please do not send flowers or deliver food to the family. In honor of Elsie's lifelong love and support of animals a fund has been set up in her name; "The ELSA fund" Ever Lasting Support of Animals (to benefit central New York animal shelters). Donations can be made online at [www.elsafund.com](http://www.elsafund.com) or sent to; The Community Foundation, 1222 State Street, Utica New York 13502. Make checks payable to The ELSA fund, or envelopes will also be available at the church service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Carolyn Faccioli lit a candle in memory of  
Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore



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**Carolyn Faccioli** - January 05, 2012 at 07:02 PM

CF

*Elsie was a beautiful lady, inside and out. My deepest sympathy to Joe and family.*

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**Carolyn Faccioli** - January 05, 2012 at 07:05 PM

ST

“ Susan Testa lit a candle in memory of Elsie  
Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore



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**susan testa** - January 05, 2012 at 05:46 PM

JF

“ *What a very special lady. I used to love hanging out at your house. Elsie always made everyone feel welcome and feel like they were part of the family. She was truly one of my favorite people. My heart, prayers and thoughts are with you all. With love,  
Jennifer Albanese-French*

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**Jennifer M. French** - January 03, 2012 at 10:11 PM



“ *Joey, Joe, Marc and Paul.  
I'm so sorry! Eu e David amavamos muito a Elsie, ela sempre foi muito amável com a gente, fui muito feliz por ter convivido com ela, várias vezes. Nunca esqueceremos dela.  
Amo você Elsie Fiore!!!  
Angélica e David*



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**Maria Jobim de carvalho** - January 03, 2012 at 09:02 PM



“ *It has been years since I spent July 4th with the Fiores but every July 4th I still think of Elsie and Joe and their amazing hospitality. My deepest condolences to you Joe, Joe, Paul and Marc. You were so very blessed to have her as wife and mother; and so your loss is so very great. Be strong, knowing that she is at peace and that her love for you will endure the ages.*

*Much love and hugs to you all,  
Lillian Creglia Quartuccia*

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**Lillian Quartuccia** - January 03, 2012 at 08:04 PM



“ *Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore*



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**Michele Simmen** - January 03, 2012 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ Dear Joe, Rita, Mary and Family':  
I was so very sorry to read of Elsie's passing.,Know that she and you, her loved ones have been in my prayers.  
God bless,  
Michele Fiaschetti Simmen

Michele Simmen - January 03, 2012 at 06:09 PM

LW

“ Joe and Elsie were at Mary Berger's last art show. We talked quite a bit about your 3 sons who were my students, cancer, attitude, open mindedness, their grandchildren and strong love of their sons and their families. I was pleased to meet such enlightened people. Love never dies but you know this. You will feel Elsie when you are not grieving so hard and believe these signs. Thinking of you, knowing your loss, realizing the joy you will feel when it is your turn and she is waiting for you .... Louise "Wrate" White

Louise White - January 02, 2012 at 09:19 PM

SD

“ Joe, joey, marc, and paul, and the entire fiore family: Please accept my deepest sympathies to you, as you all have lost a truly beautiful wife, mother, and one of the most giving persons I have ever known. Always a smile for everyone, and you immediately liked her, the first time you met her. Such a vibrant woman, and always willing to help in any way possible. Joe, I still cherish the times we all spent together, and the laughter, and of course the music that bonded our friendship. God bless you all, and you have so many friends and family to help you through this very sad, and emotional time. I am very thankful, that I had the pleasure of knowing her. Again, "god bless."



Sonny Dee - January 02, 2012 at 08:31 PM

JD

“ Joe, Joey, Paul & Marc,

*I can't image life with out Elsie, I grew up in your home she was everything I wanted to be. She was first my mothers friend, then my hairdresser, my friends mother, my co-worker for 18yrs and one of my bestfriends.*

*She will be truly missed, but never forgotten. My whole family and many of my friends, thought the world of her. She was "one of a kind", you only had to be in her company once and you would never forget her.*

*She may have left this world to soon, but she is still a very lucky person who had alot to be proud of.*

*I love you guys,  
The DeLuke Family  
Jennifer, Dan, Dano, Alivia and Sophia*

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**Jennifer DeLuke** - January 02, 2012 at 07:41 PM

CF

“ *What Can I say that can describe the impact that Elsie had in my life and in my family's life... ? I remember meeting her for the first time in Daytona beach as Joey's new girlfriend, and falling in love with her right away! She became a mother to me and then a grandmother to my daughters... All I can really say is thank you! Thank you for being this amazing woman, mother and grandmother, I will always keep our moments together really close to my heart! I love you all, My deepest sympathy to The Fiore family!*  
*-Christiane*

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**christiane ferreira** - January 02, 2012 at 05:04 PM

PS

“ *To Joe and family; Our deepest sympathy for your loss.  
Sincerely,  
Carol and Philip Scampone*

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**Philip J. Scampone** - January 02, 2012 at 08:51 AM

DP

“ *Dick And Sara Pepe lit a candle in memory of  
Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore*



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**Dick and Sara Pepe** - January 02, 2012 at 08:45 AM

DP

*We have wonderful memories of times spent with Elsie at family gatherings--such a lovely person!! May your beautiful memories of her help you through this difficult time. May she rest in peace.  
Love,  
Sara and Dick*

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**Dick and Sara Pepe** - January 02, 2012 at 08:50 AM

RA

“ *Dear Joe and family, So sorry for your loss. Have known her from grammar school. It was great to meet up with you two several times this fall.*

*Roseann and Bob Alessandrini*

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**Roseann Alessandrini** - January 02, 2012 at 08:39 AM

TZ

“ Dear Joe and family,  
We will all miss Elsie very much. She was very special to us. She always showed special attention to us. She will always be our special cousin. We love you Elsie  
Aryanna & Ahlanna Russell

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**Terry Zangrilli** - January 01, 2012 at 03:52 PM

DM

“ From the moment we met Elsie, she treated us like family. I will always have fond memories of her visits to our neighborhood in NC, the Thanksgivings we shared, and the 4th of July bash we were fortunate to attend at her and Joe's home in NY. She was truly one of the most sparkling people I have ever known - an aura of happiness radiated around her! A lovely, special woman who will be missed by everyone who knew her. Much love to all of you...  
Dian, Tuck and Tully McGeehan  
Raleigh, NC

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**Dian McGeehan** - January 01, 2012 at 01:56 PM

SJ

“ Our lives were Blessed when we met Elsie. So many memories of Elsie sitting with Claudia or Bella in Joe's driveway, working on a new art project, helping with homework or cutting someones hair. Memories of dashing through arenas to make sure we had front row view of our girls at cheer competitions - Elsie yelling louder than anyone! The girls always loved when Elsie came to competitions because she always had the best hair products and straighteners. Memories of huge meals at Joe's with some much love and laughter. Memories of her kindness & love for all animals - even a little hamster named Twittles. But my favorite memory is all the nights we watched American Idol together because Joe did not have cable! So much fun!



*I have no doubt that Elsie will live on forever in our hearts and will continue to be a Guardian Angel in our lives. Love to Elsie and all the Fiore's!*

Susan Johnston  
Raleigh, NC

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**Susan Johnston** - January 01, 2012 at 12:38 PM

RZ

“ Elsie was a very special & beautiful woman. She touched the lives of all that knew her. I will keep all of the memories I have of her close in my heart, going back to when I was a little girl playing in her basement while she cut my Grams & mothers hair & over the years of many 4th of July parties & numerous family functions. She will remain in our hearts forever! Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Joey & her 3 boys & their families. We love you cousin Elsie, may you now rest in peace.  
Love, Rhonda, Patrick & "your girls"

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**Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell** - January 01, 2012 at 11:37 AM

JG

“ *Jody Guarnieri lit a candle in memory of Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore*



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**Jody Guarnieri** - January 01, 2012 at 10:15 AM

EM

“ *We're thankful to have known Elsie, and to have been part of the fun and fellowship that always seemed to blossom up around her.*

*Our family will always remember our fun celebrations with Elsie, especially her "Fourth's." This past summer, I asked her about the the Fourth's history as I watched the the umpteenth keg being hurled into the swimming pool and awaited the municipal-grade fireworks display.*

*"So what year did things start to get outta hand?" I wondered.*

*"What about this is outta hand?!" Elsie asked incredulously, gesturing toward the undeniable mayhem in the yard and in the meadow beyond.*

*Elsie reminded us all to embrace the 'outta hand' with an open-hearted and welcoming joy. We celebrate her spirit and we're holding your family close in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Much Love,  
The Masercola Family (Mark, Erin, Miles, Alex, Major & Ike)*

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**Erin Masercola** - December 31, 2011 at 05:24 PM

TG

“ Dear Joe and Family,  
The World lost a very special woman. Your family has always been special to us. We enjoyed seeing Elsie this past 4th of July. She was the consummate hostess, full of life.  
We will miss her. Our thoughts , prayers and condolences are with you and your family.  
May Gods peace be with you during this difficult time,  
Sincerely,  
Tony, Lynn, Brianna and David Gigliotti



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tony Gigliotti - December 31, 2011 at 03:29 PM

C(

“ Joe and family,  
Words can never express the greatness of Elsie. Her presence is everywhere. Her smile, her wisdom and her gentle touch and words will never be forgotten. We have so many incredible and wonderful memories of her. The vacations you spent with my parents are stories we still enjoy listening to this day. Joe- you were there for us when we needed you . Please know that we are only a call away.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. God has gained an incredible angel!  
Love,  
Christine Gigliotti

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Christine Gigliotti (Spearow) - December 31, 2011 at 12:42 PM

LB

“ So many special memories and much laughter! I'm very sorry for your loss, Joe, Joey, Paul, Marc, David, Andrea, all the grand-kids and extensive family...my thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Elsie sure was special, I have always held her dear to my heart and always will. I have hundreds of photos and great memories to remember her by. This one sits in my living room.



Lisa Morocco Brown - December 31, 2011 at 11:56 AM

LB

The photo that was taken every time there was a wedding for one of their children. Theresa D. , Mom (Betty), Elsie, and Kathi S.

Lisa Morocco Brown - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 PM

LB

“ Lisa Morocco Brown lit a candle in memory of Elsie Marie "Elsa" (Ambrosi) Fiore



Lisa Morocco Brown - December 31, 2011 at 11:28 AM

AC

“ Joe & Family, We are so sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with you, May she rest in peace! Andy & Linda Convertino



Andy & Linda Convertino - December 31, 2011 at 11:12 AM

JP

“ Will always remember her beautiful smile and laughter. May she rest in peace. Our condolence to her family.

*Mariano & Jeanette Penge*



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**Jeanette M. Penge** - December 31, 2011 at 10:20 AM

JP

JOE AND FAMILY WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT ELSIE. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WE WISH THERE WAS SOMETHING WE COULD SAY OR. DO TO HELP YOU THRU THIS HARD TIME. JOAN & JIM PARAVATI

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**JAMES & JOAN PARAVATI** - January 01, 2012 at 12:47 PM