



Elvira "Vera" (Migliaccio) Heinrich

January 16, 1928 - June 24, 2014

Mrs. Elvira M. "Vera" (Migliaccio) Heinrich, age 86, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at Mohawk Valley Health Systems at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 16, 1928, Elvira was the daughter of the late Pasquale and Palma (DiNapoli) Migliaccio. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and furthered her education at M.V.C.C. where she received a degree in Nursing. On April 12, 1969 she married Albert F. "Al" Heinrich with whom she shared 45 years in a union filled with love, respect, and many good times.

Vera worked as a nurse at the Walcott House on the campus of the New York State Psychiatric Center for many years until her retirement. Generous with her time and talent, the highlight of her career was the administration's recognition of her efforts to improve the quality of life of her patients. She also enhanced her professional skills by attending Michigan University. Whether among co-workers, family, or friends, Vera was charitable, friendly, and warm-hearted. Most importantly, she loved unconditionally and adored the attention and respect she garnered from her children and grandchildren. As a connoisseur in the kitchen, Vera cooked and baked traditional festive fare for the holidays, always catering to each person's wishes. She looked forward to summers at the family camp at Golden Marina on Lake Ontario where she enjoyed glorious sunsets and loyal friendships, especially with Betsy. She was also a voracious reader. Sustained by a strong faith, she recited the rosary,

offering her prayers for family members. She sang in the choir at her home parish, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church at its inception, and she also found peace and entertainment in singing her favorite songs. She was also active in the Catholic community at the Church of the Annunciation in Clark Mills. Vera is survived by her husband, Al; her daughter Filomena Centolella; and her son and daughter-in-law, Ralph III and Maria Centolella, all of Utica. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Sam, and Danielle Centolella; and David, and John Talerico; and several great-grandchildren. Her extended family includes her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially Mary Gasek, and in-laws and her friend Betsy from camp. She will also be missed by her constant canine companion, Chloe. She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, Anthony and Theresa Migliaccio, Michael and Kathleen Migliaccio, Anne and Ralph Rabice, and Louis and Faye Migliaccio. The family extends their gratitude to the entire staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, and the personnel of Acacia Home Care, especially Grace, for the comfort, kindness, and respect they lovingly offered to Vera. Visitation will be held Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Elvira's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Kevin Bunger. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 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

Funeral Service

JUN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

JR

“ so sorry for your loss ,sincerely John and Sue Rahauiser.

John and Sue Rahauiser - June 27, 2014 at 07:55 PM

AD

“ Dear Al so sorry to hear of your loss . You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Jim and Anne Doti

Anne Doti - June 27, 2014 at 11:03 AM

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“ My Dear Nonnie.... You are the Italian grandma I always wanted. You taught me so many great homemade Italian food. Your recipes will live on with me and my family. I was very blessed to have had you in my life. You truly, truly are the real meaning of a wonderful mother, grandmother. etc. My kids were so blessed to have you in there life. You always treated them as if they were your true grandchildren and in their hearts and mine they were. You always helped everyone out and were always there for them never wanting nothing in return. Nonnie you truly were one of gods angels here on earth and now you are with him in peace and out of pain. I will miss you so deeply as will your grandchildren and chloe. Love, Sarah Talerico

Sarah Talerico - June 26, 2014 at 12:01 PM

KD

“ *My beautiful Aunt Vera...so many good memories of her taking me places when I was young, sharing her vast perfume & lipstick collection with all the girls in the family, her wonderful singing voice and more. Now she sings with the angels around God's throne in heaven. Missed but never forgotten and she's in our future as well as our past.*

Love Karen (Migliaccio) Dunham Niece & God-daughter

Karen Dunham - June 26, 2014 at 11:32 AM

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“ *I love you grandma and will miss you always with all my heart, I will always remember you being there for me if it was just some words of advice or when you let me live with you for a year and a half through high school. I will never forget camp and all the times at Oldforge, and the many wonderful holidays at your house. You truly were a wonderful woman. Love - John*

John Talerico - June 26, 2014 at 11:28 AM