



## Evelyn F. (Arrigo) Gaeta

October 19, 1922 - September 11, 2007

Mrs. Evelyn F. (Arrigo) Gaeta, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, September 11, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica, Evelyn was the daughter of the late Anthony and Anna (Longo) Arrigo. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On April 8, 1961 she was joined in marriage to Joseph F. Gaeta with whom she shared 46 years in a model marriage founded on love and devotion.

Evelyn worked for many years as a secretary at the Utica Merchandise Co. She subsequently was employed with the Utica City School District as a secretary to the principal of Kernan Elementary School and later at John F. Kennedy High School until her retirement in 1985. A compassionate, loving, and nurturing woman, Evelyn provided great support to those she loved, especially with her listening ear. She was devoted to her family and especially to her cherished grandchildren. An excellent baker and cook, she provided many feasts for family and friends. She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, knitting, and creative arts and crafting. She found much pleasure in her flower garden. She loved all types of music and was blessed with a beautiful voice. Among her other abilities, she was a talented golfer who once made a hole-in-one. As a faithful communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, Evelyn was devoted to her Catholic beliefs. She served as president of the Assumption Society for many years, an organization which was founded with the help of her mother.

Evelyn is survived by her husband Joseph; her daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Paul Diesfeld of St. Charles, MO; her son and daughter-in-law, Joseph N. and Susan Gaeta of Manlius, NY; and her grandchildren, Erica, Evan, and Elise Diesfeld; Ariana Gaeta, and Joseph Salem Gaeta. Also surviving is her sister, Mary Gaeta of Utica; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, especially acknowledging Regina Lewis; her in-laws, Theresa Arrigo of Utica, Angela Arrigo of Utica, Vito LoParco of Utica, Agnes and Vaughn Combs of Blossvale; and her many dear and cherished friends. She was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, Frank C. Arrigo, Mariano N. and Antoinette Arrigo, and James Arrigo; her father-in-law, Joseph Gaeta; and her in-laws, Rasaline LoParco, Carmella and Louis Chirillo, and Frank Gaeta.

The family extends appreciation to Dr. Naji El-Khoury and his office staff, and the nurses and staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for all their care and attention.

Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 5:00-7:00 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 Evelyn's honor to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association, or a Mass in Evelyn's honor; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Evelyn's funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ I am so sorry to hear about Evelyn. I will carry all my fond memories of her with me. I will always remember her positive attitude and how friendly she was everytime she came in the office.

*My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*love, Liz##imported-begin##Liz Kwiat (Dr. Mecca's)##imported-end##*

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September 13, 2007 at 06:22 AM



“ Dear Mom,

*Thank you for all your love, kindness and gentle spirit throughout the years. Without you, I would not be the man I am today. I was, and always will be so proud to call you mom. You will always be in my heart. May your home in heaven be beautiful and glorious.*  
*Tiamo##imported-begin##Joe Gaeta (son)##imported-end##*

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September 12, 2007 at 10:52 PM



“ Uncle Joe, Gail and Joey,

*I wish I could be with all of you in your sorrow, but I know Aunt Evie is with God and all those she loves and will always be your special angel. All my prayers and thoughts are with now and always.*  
*Love, Charlotte##imported-begin##Charlotte Arrigo##imported-end##*

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September 12, 2007 at 10:10 PM



“ Dear Grandma,  
I'm sorry to hear you have passed away. We are still trying to soak this in. We have great memories about you and papa at home. Like your cooking, or papa cutting the grass with Evan on his lap, or even you playing cards with us. All these memories are ones that we should remember you by. Not the ones in the hospital. I could still think of us running through the trees. we love you!  
-Erica xoxoxox###imported-begin##Erica Diesfeld###imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 08:44 PM



“ Dear Gail, Dad and Joe:  
  
I'm so sorry about Evelyn. She was a great lady. I remeber the time she got her hole in one, or the times she would sing to the kids or call Evan "Pischa Gaeta". Erica and I were talking about mom last week, while making cookies. Erica asked me , What is your favorite cookie ? I said without any hesitation, " Grandma Gaeta's Almond Paste Cookie".  
My deepest sympathy.  
Love  
Paul Diesfeld (son-in law)###imported-begin##Paul Diesfeld###imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 08:31 PM



“ I'm so sorry I could not make the wake but my heart is with you & your family###imported-begin##Mrs Margaret Sciortino###imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear Grandma:

*I'm sorry that you missed my sports. I'm sorry you died.*

LOVE

ELISE XOXOXOXOXO##imported-begin##Elise  
Diesfeld##imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 08:16 PM



“ Dear Grandma

*I'M SORRY YOU DIED. I HOPE YOU ARE FEELING ALRIGHT.*

LOVE

EVAN DIESFELD##imported-begin##Evan##imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 08:12 PM



“ Joe, Joey & Gail,

*We are all so sad to hear of Evelyns passing. I'll always remember her smile and kind voice. We're thinking of you all and know how difficult it is. You are in our prayers.*

Roz##imported-begin##Roz, Ronnie, Roxann & Edith  
Sangiaco##imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 04:07 PM



“ We are deeply saddened with the loss of Aunt Evie. Our condolences to the family and close friends. Our Prayers are with you. God Bless!##imported-begin##Gina Gaeta-Elsenbeck##imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 10:45 AM



“ We are deeply saddened with the loss of Evelyn. Our condolences to all of her family and close friends. May God Bless you all!##imported-begin##Joseph A. Montanaro##imported-end##

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September 12, 2007 at 09:05 AM