



Fay C. (Ruggiero) Fiorentino

July 24, 1928 - June 24, 2013

After nearly 85 years of love, family, friendship and laughter our mom went to be with Dad who predeceased her by 17 years. She left this life as she lived it, with dignity and family nearby. We applaud her character, her wit, her wisdom and compassion for others less fortunate. She strived to connect with people in the hopes that she could brighten their day in some way. Mom was loved by many because she treated others with mutual respect. Her inseparable friend Irma Fitzgerald and lifelong friends Bob and Nancy Mancuso witnessed Mom's gentle way almost every day. We hope that some of her kindness can be lived through us daily. Mom was active her entire life and enjoyed many years of league golf at the Yanundasis Golf and Country Club. One of her most memorable accomplishments was a hole in one on the same hole that our dad aced just the year before. The holidays, and particularly Christmas, will never quite be the same without her. Our memory of her will forever shine bright during this time of year and we are certain that her values of love, family, friendship and laughter will live on through her 9 grandchildren. Keep it in the fairways Mom!

Born in Utica on July 24, 1928, Fay was the daughter of the late Philip L. and Anna (Balio) Ruggiero, Sr. She was raised and educated locally. On June 19, 1948 she wed Lawrence J. "Larry" Fiorentino, Sr. who passed away on February 13, 1996; as true partners, they shared 47 years in a happy, harmonious marriage.

She was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Fay is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane M. and Daniel J. Robertello of New Hartford; her sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence J. Fiorentino Jr., and Richard P. and Merry M. Fiorentino, all of Utica, and Ronald C., Sr. and Norma J. Fiorentino of Clay, NY; her grandchildren, Daniel and Jeannine Robertello, Justin Robertello; Steve and Megan Fiorentino, Brian Fiorentino; Richard Fiorentino Jr., and fiancée Andrea Grabski, Christa Fiorentino, Marissa and Travis Olivera, Ronald Fiorentino, Jr., and Amanda Fiorentino; and her great-grandchildren, Benjamin Fiorentino, Maxwell Olivera, and the proud anticipation of a great-granddaughter to be born in September. She also leaves behind her sister, Rose Calaguero of Nashua, NH; her brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Stasia Ruggiero of Whitesboro, and Anthony J. and Linda Ruggiero of Cicero, NY; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws Nina Fiorentino, Nicoletta "Nicki" Fiorentino, Rose Ruggiero, and Laretta Fiorentino; and many special godchildren; She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Philip L., Jr. and Mary L. Ruggiero, and Austin Ruggiero; and her in-laws, Francis Fiorentino, Eugene Fiorentino Sr., Robert Fiorentino and Anthony Calaguero. Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Fay's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Zareski. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

JUN 28. 9:00 AM (ET)

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JUN **28**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

MC

“ We will all miss this fun loving woman and express our deepest sympathy to her family. My mother and Fannie were good friends and neighbors for many years. We will always think of her with fond memories. God Bless you all in your time of sorrow, Mary Carbone, Malorie Carbone and Joya Lee

Malorie Carbone - June 28, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Fay C. (Ruggiero) Fiorentino.



June 27, 2013 at 08:32 AM

FP

“ my thoughts and prayers are with you allsuch a great lady always smiling ..she was like a second mother to me ..always quick to give wise advice (sometimes unasked for ! but wise just the same !) she knew when to scold me and knew when to be a calming influence ,but always you could feel her warmth and love and always put a smile on my face .she is with her husband now and im sure if there is golf in heaven they are playing (and she is probably beating him !) love you mrs f ..frank palmisano

frank palmisano - June 27, 2013 at 07:26 AM

LB

“ No words can bring peace when you loose someone so special-but it may help to know that your loved one was admired by so many. I will always remember Fannie as warm, welcoming, supportive, affectionate and genuinely full of love. No matter how much time or distance had passed, if you ran into Fannie, she made it feel like you just saw her yesterday. As a small child-step-grandchild of her Dad's-the holidays at Grandma & Grandpa's were never complete until all the Ruggiero family came to DePeyster Ave. And when Fannie came, the room always lit up! I treasure those memories. I'm sorry I cannot be there for the services (as I live in Virginia now) but please know I'm thinking of each of you and sharing in your loss. God Bless

Love,
Lisa Mattison Bates
Esther's granddaughter

Lisa Mattison Bates - June 26, 2013 at 09:56 PM

SW

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. We are glad we had a chance to meet such a wonderful woman! God will forever have a beautiful angel.
Shelly and Jason Withers



Shelly and Jason Withers - June 26, 2013 at 08:18 PM

CJ

“ *Community Resources for Justice purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Fay C. (Ruggiero) Fiorentino.*



Community Resources for Justice - June 26, 2013 at 02:23 PM



“ *My prays and thoughts go out to all of you even though I haven't know her for that long she still has a special place in my heart she always warmed up the room with her great personality she will be very missed*

Haylee Woods - June 26, 2013 at 02:17 PM



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Haylee Woods - June 26, 2013 at 02:17 PM

ES

“ *Eileen and Ed Sikora purchased the Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Fay C. (Ruggiero) Fiorentino.*



Eileen and Ed Sikora - June 26, 2013 at 12:48 PM

DS

“ *Diane & Dan: So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Debbie Dougherty (Samoyedny)
MVCC - Class of 1977*

Debbie Samoyedny - June 26, 2013 at 12:44 PM

MB

“ *Diane, Rich, Larry and Ron
We are terribly sorry about your great loss. Fannie was always there with a smile and laughter. She would always ask how we were she was a genuine concerned person about everyone. How she loved her family and all of us cousins. She always dressed impeciable. Her greatest love for life will always carry on in all of you. We loved her very much and she will always have a special place in our heart.*

*All our Love Cousins,
Loretta, Mike, Anthony, Frank and Mary Beth*

mary beth - June 26, 2013 at 10:56 AM

BE

“ *My deepest sympathy to all of you. Fay was a very special person who loved her family so very much. Her grandchildren were her heart and soul. So many wonderful memories for all of us to hold onto and smile when we think of her. I was blessed to have been part of her life. May the Lord comfort all of you during this time of grief. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.*

Becki

Becki - June 26, 2013 at 10:09 AM

EF

“ *Diane, Larry, Richard, and Ronnie*

Cina shared the sad news. I am so sorry. For some things there are no words only shoulders to lean on, thoughts and prayers of others and memories to cherish. Hold those memories close and know that those who knew your mom are remembering her as pleasant, sincere and caring. I, personally, can see the smile on her face and kindness in her voice. She and your Dad were always so interested in and caring of Cina. Lou and I especially enjoyed our Christmas visits with "Larry and Faye" and were amazed at the quantity and quality of the feasts they prepared for all of you and your families.

*With deepest sympathy,
Elaine Falvo*

Elaine Falvo - June 26, 2013 at 07:39 AM

DL

“ *Fay used to get everyone christmas bags every year and made everyone feel like they were a part of the family. she was one of the most generous thoughtful women i have ever met. she loved her family very much and showed it. wonderful lady. great cook and she will be greatly missed. i will never forget you.*

Dawn LaVine - June 26, 2013 at 07:16 AM

KB

“ *Diane, I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Kathy Donowick Brusgard*

Kathy Brusgard - June 26, 2013 at 06:35 AM

TF

“ Please accept our condolences on your Mom's passing. She will remain in our prayers as wil the rest of her family.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - June 26, 2013 at 05:36 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Fay's passing. I remember visiting her house for every holiday. I was always greeted with big hugs, kisses and smiles. I am forever thankful to have been blessed with her in my life. Sending love and prayers to your family at this difficult time.
Cina (Falvo) Babikian

cina babikian - June 25, 2013 at 02:09 PM

DL

I am so sorry to hear the loss of such a wonderful women. she will be greatly missed and my thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Dawn LaVine

Dawn LaVine - June 26, 2013 at 07:14 AM