



## Mrs. Flora (Fraccola) Rabice

January 7, 1917 - November 3, 2011

Mrs. Flora (Fraccola) Rabice, age 94, who made her home on Kossuth Ave. for many years and more recently of Clinton, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 3, 2011 in the comfort and privacy of her home.

Flora was born in Utica on January 7, 1917, the daughter of the late Louis A. and Julia (Salerno) Fraccola. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy Class of 1935. On September 14, 1940 she wed Felix F. "Phil" Rabice with whom she shared nearly 60 years in a union devoted to one another; their traditional marriage was always supportive of family life.

Flora was employed by the General Electric Company at numerous Utica locations. A humble and serene woman, Flora's greatest gift was motherhood, and the love and respect shown to her by her family was her blessing. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Flora is survived by her children and their spouses, Loretta Manna-Nafis and her companion, Bill Byars of Sebring, Florida; Michael "Mickey" Rabice of Utica, Phyllis Moracco of San Jose, California, and Dr. Louis and Jan Rabice of Clinton; her grandchildren, Tracey Smith, David and Leslie Manna, Dr. Michael Rabice, Phillip and Christine Rabice, P.J. and Tiffany Rabice; Joseph Moracco, Bobby Moracco; and Sarah Rabice. Always close to her heart was the memory of her grandson, Michael Manna, who passed away in 2009. She also leaves her great grandchildren, Kayla Smith, Dylan Smith; Isabella, and Daniel Rabice; Samantha and Reese Moracco; and Harrison Craven; her

cherished sister, Marie Carzo of Utica and her companion Ray Cardinale; her brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Ruth Fraccola of CA; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Joseph Kupiec. She was blessed with the love and friendship of Carol Carzo and Peaches Circelli. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Albert Petronio, and Ida Kupiec; her in-laws, Joseph Carzo, Anthony and Jessie Rabice, Patrick and Betty Rabice, Mary and Ed Rothdiener, and Ralph and Anne Rabice; and her beloved friends, Laura and Larry Russo, and Tom and Grace Maine.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Central NY Cardiology, especially Dr. Brian Gaffney, and Dr. Ashok Patel; also Dr. Toby Taylor and his staff for their outstanding and caring regard; the personnel of the Villas Sherman Brook and its director, Meg Cardamone; and the caregivers of Compassionate Elder Care for the respect and love they rendered to Flora.

The family will honor and commemorate Flora's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Abraham House ([www.theabrahamhouse.org](http://www.theabrahamhouse.org)): a home for the terminally ill operating strictly on donations, or the Thea Bowman House ([www.theabowmanhouse.org](http://www.theabowmanhouse.org)): an organization serving at-risk children and families, or the Stevens-Swan Humane Society ([www.stevens-swan.org](http://www.stevens-swan.org)): honoring her love for animals; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 12. 11:30 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



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Flora (Fraccola) Rabice



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 03, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ Aunt Flora, we will miss your warmth and love for your family. We wish we could be with family to celebrate your life and all of our family who are with you in heaven. Thinking of you and your family at this time...

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**Neil, Maria and Cole Van Kerkhove** - November 10, 2011 at 07:14 AM

TF

“ Aunt Flora, you are such an amazing woman! You loved so generously and gave with all of your heart. We will all miss your caring nature and wonderful sense of humor....and those cookies! The holidays will never be the same! We love always and miss you terribly!

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**The DeJoseph Family** - November 08, 2011 at 06:09 PM

TP

“ Rest in in pease and god be with you. You gave everyone great memories especially your 90th birthday and the one I rememeber the most is the 5 sisters boarding a bus to go see their brother in New Jersey which would have been a great tv show. I love you Aunt Flora and hug my mom for me. love Tommy

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**Thomas L. Petronio** - November 07, 2011 at 10:03 AM

DL

“ What a beautiful picture of you - Flora. Always a smile. You can now visit with my Mom - Marion Harrington - as you did so many times over lunch. You were a lovely lady and you will missed.  
Diane Lane

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**Diane Lane** - November 07, 2011 at 09:01 AM

LN

“ Hi Mom: May you rest with the angels..You are now with dad and of course Michael. Give him a hug from me..When we talked last Sunday you told us to have a good time and we did. Bill told me to tell you he will take care of me. As you watch over all of us remember all the great times on Kossuth Ave and the great parties we had in Clinton. There will never be another Christmas Eve like we all had on Kossuth Ave, especially the famous fireplace pictures with all your grandchildren..I will always remember all the love you had for all your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren..May you find eternal rest with all of our family that have gone before us..Please watch over us as you will always be near our hearts...Love You Mom Loretta



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**Loretta Nafis** - November 06, 2011 at 04:07 PM



“ Farewell My Precious Grandmother  
Your Race On Earth Is Done  
You Now Live In Heaven  
With God And His Gracious Son  
Although My Heart Mourns For You  
And My Eyes Are Filled With Tears  
I Am Thankful That I Had You  
To Love And Guide Me Through The Years  
You Were Always An Inspiration  
Your Strength, It Knew No Bound.  
I Know That God Has Blessed You  
With Many Heavenly Crowns  
So Farewell My Precious Grandmother  
You Will Always Be In My Heart  
I Will Remember Your Gentle Teachings  
From Which I'll Never Part.



*I love you Grandma. You are the most admirable person I know. Thank you for everything you have taught me. From teaching me how to cook to "attempting" to teach me to knit. Most importantly, the unconditional love you have given to all of us. Family memories will be cherished forever in my heart. Your presence will be GREATLY missed by all. Rest in peace with Grandpa, Michael and the rest of your family and friends. Until we meet again I will love you forever.*

*Tracey*

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**Tracey Smith** - November 06, 2011 at 03:00 PM

LS

*Dear Flora, You are one of the most gracious and courageous woman I have known. You have been an inspiration to so many people. You will be sorely missed. God bless you and keep you. Now you will be reunited with your beloved husband Pat and your sister Betty and the rest of your family and friends. We'll miss you at the lake. Loretta and Steve Szczygiel.*

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**Loretta Szczygiel** - November 07, 2011 at 06:38 PM

JF

*Hi Flora, although our weekly phone calls are wonderful memories of the past, I cherish them with even calling out your name daily. As we grew up, we realized we had a lot in common. You were considered my big sister. Over the best of years, you, Phil and family, were a great part of my family, one sorely missed. Ruth and I miss your lovely smile and Happy Go-Lucky feelings. You had the leadership in keeping the rabice's and the Fraccola family together. We love all, and will miss all the kindness and caring for us. We're certain your're in the loving hands and care of the Holy Family. Love Joey*

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**Joseph H. Fraccola** - December 03, 2011 at 10:00 PM