



Mrs. Florence D. (DiPerna) Testa

October 27, 1932 - August 6, 2012

Mrs. Florence D. (DiPerna) Testa, age 79, of Utica, went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 6, 2012 in the comfort and dignity of her home.

Born in Utica on October 27, 1932, Florence was the daughter of the late Philip F. and Theresa (Giglio) DiPerna. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On April 14, 1956 she married Henry Testa, Jr. with whom she shared 24 years prior to his passing on August 10, 1980; during their life together, they held a special closeness and devotion to each other. Their happiest and most joyous times were when they were in the presence of family.

Florence was employed by Mohawk Valley Oil of Marcy in the Billing Department. Sometime later, in 1980, she accepted a job in the loan department at the UFCW District Local 1 Federal Credit Union in Utica, the position from which she retired. Florence was a woman of unique strength and independence in all her endeavors, and her kindness and caring were the expressions of her love. She was a loving mother, always supportive of her boys' activities, and in later years she shared a special bond with her granddaughter, Paige, who lifted her grandmother's spirits. Those who knew Florence were aware of her organizational and detailed planning skills. A woman ahead of her time, she embraced technology and was masterful in using her laptop computer. She had a refinement and good taste, and especially enjoyed dinner and a good movie accompanied by her family and friends. As a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish,

she considered her Catholic faith a cornerstone of her life.

Florence is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Henry and Donna Testa of Ilion, and Philip F. Testa and his wife Trista Duffy-Testa with whom she resided and was blessed with a special closeness; her grandchildren, Molly Pullo, Mia McDermott, Kathryn Harding; Alexander Duffy, and Paige Testa; and her great-grandchildren, Roisin McDermott, and Grace Pullo. She also leaves her devoted sister Lorraine with whom she shared the true bond of sister hood and her husband Mike Yozzo of Baldwinsville; her brothers and sister-in-law, Hank, Sr. and Beverly DiPerna, and Phil DiPerna, all of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, goddaughters Paula Verrano, and Jeannine Johnson, and her dear friends including Toni Turi, in special remembrance of their Monday night dinners at Grimaldi's. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Frank A. Testa; and her sister-in-law, Shirley A. DiPerna.

The family is extremely thankful to Dr. Sidney Blatt for his years of care as Florence's family physician.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 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
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

CD

“ I knew Florance very well in the early years. We were in the same class at Conkling School from the first to the 8th Grade and then at Proctor HS. I also knew her husband Henry from High School. Florance was a great kid, very bright and full of life. Unfortunately after HS I left Utica, went off to college and never had contact with her or Henry again.

Cass DeFiore
Urbana Maryland

Cass DeFiore - August 11, 2012 at 10:10 AM

AL

Philip and Hank and Lorraine, so sorry to hear about your loss. She was a wonderful person. I enjoyed working with her here at Mohawk and we shared so much together. We were always making something to bring into work to eat. The memories are all we left of our loved ones, but good ones. I was unable to make the wake i was in Syracuse and didn't get back until late the next day. She loved you boys very much and your dad was a sweetheart.

Angie

ANGELA (S'DOIA) LAFORGE - August 16, 2012 at 07:30 AM

JP

“ Phil and Family,

So very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you now at this most difficult time. Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss.

Sincerely,
Jenifer Pasqualicchio

Jenifer Pasqualicchio - August 09, 2012 at 07:41 PM

DM

“ Lorraine, Mike, Phil, Hank & family...I am very sorry to hear of your loss...my thoughts are with you.

Don Marino - August 09, 2012 at 02:45 PM

LJ

“ Hank and Phil,

I was so very sad and sorry to hear of my good friend's passing. She was a great person and a cherished friend. I will cherish my great memories of our time together. I will never forget all the wonderful times we spent together.



Remembering all the good times we had with our kids up at Boonville.

Your father always had to be the first one there to get us tables. The place would be empty and he would tell us he barely got tables for all of us.

You have our heartfelt sympathy.

Lucille and Tony Jardieu

Lucille Jardieu - August 09, 2012 at 12:48 PM

MM

“ Marie (DeMichele) McGuckin purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Florence D. (DiPerna) Testa.



Marie (DeMichele) McGuckin - August 08, 2012 at 02:49 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mario lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Florence D. (DiPerna) Testa



Shirley Mario - August 08, 2012 at 02:09 PM

SM

Florence, Our special bond will never be broken even in death. Love Shirley

Shirley Mario - August 08, 2012 at 02:11 PM

MG

“ Hank and Phil,

My sincere condolences and sympathies to you and your families at the loss of Mom. I have many memories from long ago of Mom & Dad, the days of the "Drug Salesmen" fraternity and all their activities and their friendships!

There is happiness in knowing that they are all together again for eternity, and planning the next OCMRA function.

God speed and may HIS blessings keep Florence in the graces of Heaven and share the specialty of watching over you and your families forever,

Michael Gurdo

Michael Gurdo - August 08, 2012 at 08:45 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Florence D. (DiPerna) Testa.*



August 08, 2012 at 05:13 AM



“ *Phil and Family,*

I am very sorry for your loss.

John Richardson

John Richardson - August 08, 2012 at 05:04 AM