



Florence P. Rizzo

February 18, 1914 - May 6, 2009

Mrs. Florence P. (LaValla) Rizzo, age 95, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY.

Born in Fultonville, NY on February 18, 1914, Florence was the daughter of the late Carmen and Antoinette (Tolone) LaValla. Raised in Frankfort and educated in Utica schools, she attended Utica Free Academy as a young girl. On April 15, 1936 she married Anthony J. Rizzo, Sr. with whom she shared 50 years prior to his passing in July of 1986.

Florence, along with her husband, was the owner and operator of Rizzo's Drapery Manufacturing located at Franklin Square. Their business spanned nearly 40 years, providing custom drapery and interior décor for many area homes. She was well-liked and respected in the community. Florence retired upon the store's closing in 1976. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Florence is survived by her son, Anthony J. "Tony" Rizzo, Jr.; her sister, Susie M. Aceto of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. She also leaves her friends, Edith and Carmen Guarnieri, Louise Centolella, and Antoinette Rizzo. She was predeceased by her brothers, John, Anthony "Mighty", and Joseph "Pop" LaValla.

In keeping with Florence's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Florence's Celebration of Life which will be held on Saturday evening at 5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. with Rev. Anthony LaFache

officiating. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Tony, I saw sorry to hear about Grandma Rizzo passing. It was so long ago that we saw her. I am sorry that things did not work out and that we lost touch with her. But now she is with Grandpa Rizzo and they are once again happy to be together.

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“ Anthony,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very special person and loved by many. I remember coming over with my dad to fix your TV and checking out all the new outfits on the 3 year old doll she had and the jewelry she had added to her. I was just telling my husband the stories about her and your father. She will be missed. Love your cousin Anne Maria##imported-begin##Anne Maria (Mancuso) Rizzo##imported-end##

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