



## Genevieve (Pontoriero) Getter

May 25, 1917 - January 18, 2014

Mrs. Genevieve (Pontoriero) Getter, age 96, passed away on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on May 25, 1917, Genevieve was the daughter of the late Girolamo “Jerry” and Ann (Kliss) Pontoriero. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. On April 27, 1943 she married John Getter and for nearly 50 years they attended to each other’s concerns and honored their vows, sentiments that remained in her heart to the last day. John passed away on January 25, 1993.

During her working life, Genevieve was employed at the Boston Store as a sales clerk, and subsequently worked at St. Elizabeth Hospital as a Ward Secretary, a position well suited for her fastidious personality; it was the position from which she retired. Even though she was a working mother, she was mindful of raising her children and took a leave from her employment during the years she needed to be home. She was also active in the Parent Teacher Association when her children were in school. As a mom, she loved “her boys” and they could do no wrong. Through her support and love, she encouraged them to further their education and be the very best they could in life. A remarkable matriarch, Genevieve built memories around her family. She always remembered each of them with the help of her ‘magic calendar’ reminding her of the special events in their lives. She was most grateful that

she was embraced by a family who respected her and her wisdom and made her proud by following through with her visions. She had an affectionate heart and an energetic, independent life force, attributes that kept her young and active and allowed her to keep her own home until very late in her life. Over the years, family gatherings were a blend of both Polish and Italian traditions and bountiful cuisine. Her pastimes included reading from her endless literary collections, and sewing, a skill that she mastered as she could follow a pattern or mend anything with precision and lots of love. Genevieve offered up her daily prayers and petitions in memory of all those who were close to her heart. She was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Genevieve is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis J. and Cindy Getter of New York Mills, Jerome "Jerry" and Sandy Getter of Clinton, and James and Kim Getter of Sauquoit; her grandchildren who affectionately called her "GiGi", Erica, Cheryl and Matthew Randall; Nicholas and Jessica Getter, Benjamin Getter; Keith Getter, Danielle Getter, and Cory Getter; and her great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Bryson Randall; Clair, Lucy, and Penelope Getter; and Jacob Getter. She held close to her heart the memory of her great-granddaughters, Isabella Marie, Emilee Rose, and Madison Jean who passed before her. Also left to remember her life are her sisters, Delores Hameline, and Joan Infusino; and her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Pat J. and Vincenza Pontoriero; her sister and brother-in-law, Marie and George Fitzgerald; her brothers-in-law, George Hameline, and Vincent Infusino, Jr.; and several in-laws of the Getter family.

The family extends appreciation to the staffs of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center and the St. Joseph Nursing Home; they catered to Genevieve's needs with gentle affection and concern.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be considered to Historic Old St. John's Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Genevieve's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **20**. 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

GA

“ So very sorry for your loss. Years ago Gen taught me how to be a ward secretary in 4B. Then I had the pleasure working with her again me as an LPN on 4B. It was so surprised and was very happy to see her again at St Joe's. She remembered me. We talked and laughed about the old days on 4B and hugged. She was a fabulous woman.

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**Gail Szlosek Augustine** - January 21, 2014 at 07:49 AM

RD

“ Dennis,Cindy,Jerome and Jim so sorry to hear of aunt gen's passing I have lots of fond memories of her and uncle Johnny she was truly an extraordinary woman and she will be deeply missed sorry I can't be there with all of you . Love you all

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**Rhonda DeVito** - January 20, 2014 at 05:47 PM

RS

“ *Getter Family,*

*Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and aunt, Genevieve.*

*Having experienced the passing of my mom some years back, I can appreciate and empathize with your sense of pain and loss. It's very hard to say good-bye to our moms regardless of their age and/or condition because they are so very special having brought us into the world and nurturing us throughout our lives.*

*I have added you and your family to my daily prayer list. And, when I attend mass on Sunday, I will add you and your family to our parish book of prayers.*

*May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect, comfort and console you and your family as you endure this difficult, trying and sad time in your lives.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of loss and sorrow.*

*Rob & Veronica Sherman*

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**Rob & Veronica Sherman** - January 20, 2014 at 12:14 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Genevieve (Pontoriero) Getter.*



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January 19, 2014 at 02:37 PM



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January 19, 2014 at 02:37 PM



“ *I remember going to Aunt Gene and Uncle Johnny's house as a girl and when aunt gene would ask what I wanted for dinner I would tell her lasagna hers was the best . Love you aunt gene*

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**Rhonda DeVito** - January 18, 2014 at 10:35 PM



“ *Lynn Berntsen-Lootens lit a candle in memory of Genevieve (Pontoriero) Getter*



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**Lynn Berntsen-Lootens** - January 18, 2014 at 04:51 PM



“ *We are so sorry to hear about GG. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all !!!*

*Blessings !!  
Jim and Darci Cole*

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*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal..... From a Headstone in Ireland*



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**Jim and Darci** - January 18, 2014 at 04:36 PM

DC

“ *Darci C. purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Genevieve (Pontoriero) Getter.*



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**Darci C.** - January 18, 2014 at 04:00 PM

LW

“ *Love you, Aunt Gen. Give my parents a hug from me. I miss you all.*  
*Laura*

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**Laura Pontoriero Simonelli- Walczak** - January 18, 2014 at 02:06 PM