



Mrs. Geraldine A. "Gerri" (Dolce) Ziezio

November 2, 1943 - October 7, 2024

VERONA BEACH – Geraldine A. “Gerri” (Dolce) Ziezio, age 80, formerly of Utica, passed peacefully following a brief illness on Monday, October 7, 2024.

Born in Utica on November 2, 1943, Geraldine was the daughter of the late Gerald and Jane (Carnavale) Dolce. She was raised in the area and attended local schools.

Gerri met Richard Ziezio in 1989. On December 31, 1994, they celebrated the end of another year by getting married. The couple truly shared an inseparable union of over 35 years creating many long-lasting memories.

Gerri loved children and dedicated her life’s energy to operating her own daycare center. Her nickname was “Aunt Gerri” to everyone throughout the family, no matter their relation.

Gerri enjoyed spending winters in Melbourne Beach, FL the last twenty-one years with her husband, making numerous and lasting friendships. She loved beaches, and sitting by the water. She appreciated the beauty of the Adirondacks, and the time she spent camping there. In her mind, a day was not complete without ice cream, as it was a treat she indulged in daily. Gerri was of the Catholic faith and was very spiritual throughout her life.

Gerri is survived by her husband, Richard, who dedicated himself to giving her quality of life the last several years of her life as her sole caregiver; children, Richard, and Karen; grandchildren, Kayla Cracchiolo, who she shared a special relationship with and who was with her until the very end, Savannah, Sydney, Gabrielle, and Maria; and great-granddaughter, Alessandra Cracchiolo, her “Little Miss America.” She fondly remembered her sisters and brothers-in-law who preceded her, Theresa Marie “Terry” and Salvatore F. Mazzara, Jr., Carmella and Frank J. Manella, and Delores and Philip Turchetti. She further leaves to cherish her memory many nieces and nephews and their families, cousins; in-law, Cathy Mohr; many special friends that were always in contact with her and kept her in their hearts; and her “stepdog,” Kizmet.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the physicians at Oneida Health Hospital, particularly acknowledging Kristin Suchowiecki for her care and compassion.

In honoring her wishes, there will be no visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Geraldine’s Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, October 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. Please omit floral offerings. Interment will follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. There will be a celebration of Gerri’s life at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **14**. 10:00 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

GC

“ *My deepest sympathy Rich. She was a very sweet woman*

Gary Campola - October 20, 2024 at 06:39 PM

RR

“ *Rich and family,*

Our deepest sympathy to you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rocco and Carol Rositano

Rocco Rositano - October 10, 2024 at 11:27 AM



JM

“ *Gerri was a beautiful woman that always put other people's needs before her own..her maiden name (Dolce) was very appropriate because she was the sweetest person we knew..we shared many great times with Gerri and Rich thru the years and she will be forever in our hearts..Love you Gerri.*

john and marrienne - October 09, 2024 at 03:20 PM

MS

Godspeed Gerri...I will never forget all the good times we had together or Jane's chicken soup 🙏🙏

Melody Surace - October 09, 2024 at 06:01 PM

LC

Rest in peace Gerri. We will miss your smiling face. It was our pleasure to have known you for the last 21 years. With love and sadness, Jimmy and Linda

Linda Cavallaro - October 10, 2024 at 10:34 PM

DT

Rich very sorry to here about the passing of your wife she was a joy to be around my she RIP

David Taurisano - October 16, 2024 at 03:29 PM

MK

Rich I'm so sorry to hear of Gerri's passing. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Mary Jo Krause

Mary Jo Krause - October 20, 2024 at 03:31 AM

JM

*Rich I'm so sorry for your loss and thank you for taking such good care of her Gerri and I have know each other for 54 years and even though we did see or talk for long periods of time we still had a special place in each of our hearts for each other I will miss her always and never forget the great times we had I love you Gerri RIP till me meet again 🥹
Janice Montana Mullins*

Janice Mullins - October 20, 2024 at 08:22 PM

DL

Rich, Ed and I are so very very sorry for your loss. R.I.P.Gerri.Prayers for you and your family 💔

Deanna lyness - October 21, 2024 at 06:39 AM