



Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie

March 1, 1931 - March 9, 2016

Mrs. Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie, age 85, a native of Utica and more recently of Baldwinsville, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

Born in Utica on March 1, 1931, Geraldine was the daughter of the late James V. and Rose (Salamone) Cipriano. She attended Utica Free Academy. On January 27, 1951 she married Paul A. Dellechaie with whom she shared 55 years in a loving marriage. Paul passed away on August 23, 2005.

Gerry was a hospitable hostess who loved to entertain. With her gift of gardening, she adorned her yard with rose bushes and a variety of flowers. She and Paul cultivated a variety of vegetable gardens that filled their dinner table. Gerry loved to cook Italian food and was famous for her sauce, meatballs and tomato pie. Because Gerry and Paul loved the outdoors, they purchased acreage in the town of Columbia where they built a "little house" in paradise. It became their get-away and haven where they spent some of the best years of their marriage. She had a great affection for animals and enjoyed the companionship of her cats and dogs.

Gerry was a caring heart, very loving and supportive of good causes. She was a true friend in time of need. She had a great sense of humor and a magnetic personality that awarded her many wonderful friends. Family, friends, and neighbors were very important to her, but most of all Gerry loved being a grandmother. She was grateful to have raised a beautiful family and was particularly proud of their musical talents. She was a woman with great

strength of character that carried her through her times of illness. Her will to conquer her challenges was incredible and had roots in her Catholic faith. She prayed the rosary and was faithful to the Blessed Virgin Mary. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Geraldine is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Christine M. and David F. April of Baldwinsville, and her son James W. Dellechaie, of Oneida. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Paul J. Dellechaie, who passed away recently on February 4, 2016. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Pauline Dellechaie; her grandchildren, Lindsay April of VA, Joshua April, and Mackenzie April, both of Baldwinsville; Stacey and Paul Phillips, of Oriskany; her step grandson, Justin April, of AL; and her great-grandsons, Blake, and Jace Phillips. She will also remain in the hearts of her nieces and nephews who she was so fond of and adored; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Vincent Dellechaie, and Francis Dellechaie; and an array of wonderful friends. She also knew the love and respect of Judy Rowlands who she loved like a daughter. She was predeceased by her brother, Joseph Cipriano; her sister, Eleanor Ross; and her in-laws, Mary and Calvin Odin, and Marie Dellechaie.

The family extends a note of gratitude to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital for their compassion, kindness, and excellent care.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Geraldine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal prayers and Interment will follow graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

MAR 14. 10:30 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

MD

“ *Sharing memory's,
I remember coming home from work one day
and as I closed my car door
I heard someone say," do you live here." I
looked up and there was a lady standing there
with her small dog, I answered yes I do, she said " hi I'm Gerry
Dellechair, i'm your new neighbor down on the corner, this is PJ, stop
in for coffee sometime.
So I did, Gerry to me is and was the most kindest person I have
ever met,
Gerry was always trying to help out, we enjoyed fixing different for
our meals and now
And then we would share with each other, Gerry really loved to
cook, there were a few times I had gotten sick and Gerry had made
dinners and brought them over for me.
She loved the way PJ and my little Raeonna would play together,
now and then we would get them together to play in the yard.
I truly miss Gerry, she wasn't just my friend she was Family,
Always will be Family to me.*



*God Blessed a lot of people when He introduced Gerry to them , I
truly know she's a real Blessing to. God Bless You Gerry ,I Love
you.*

Myrtle Dullen

myrtle dullen - March 17, 2016 at 07:59 PM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie .*



March 15, 2016 at 08:38 PM



“ *When I visited, she was always so nice and friendly and had a warm and welcoming smile. That is how I will always remember Gerry.*



JoAnne Enochson - March 12, 2016 at 04:45 PM



“ *Tony and Michelle Laatsch purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie .*



Tony and Michelle Laatsch - March 12, 2016 at 11:24 AM

ML

“Gerry was the toughest, strongest, bravest lady I know! She faced some very difficult times in her life with dignity and grace even recently. She faced her own physical trials the same way. She was truly like a tiny "Energizer" bunny! She just kept going and going, and we were all better for it! Packed inside that little dynamo was a heart of gold! She loved her family and friends the only way she knew how, and that was to the utmost! She was fiercely loyal to her family and helped me know and understand the depth of a grandmother's love. She treasured her grandchildren and great grandchildren and was always happy to talk about them. Gerry was kind, generous, and was truly appreciative of even the littlest thing someone might do for her. I had the pleasure of enjoying her fine Italian cooking and loved it when she would tell me mangia! Mangia! I'd be stuffed, but she would still be saying it! She made me laugh! She also always managed to talk me into at least a small glass of wine! I will miss Gerry very much. There is a big space in my heart and in the Baldwinsville community that no one else will ever be able to fill. I think that's as it should be, though, as she was truly one of a kind! She was one of God's finest creations. She was a blessing to those fortunate enough to have crossed paths with her. She was a blessing to me, and I will never forget her. Rest in peace lovely Gerry. Love, Michelle

Michelle Laatsch - March 12, 2016 at 11:17 AM



“Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechiaie .



March 11, 2016 at 02:50 PM

PK

“ Gerry was the most enjoyable person to be around! I loved her many stories and the way we would talk and laugh together. She will be so missed!!!!!! Her beautiful family is in my heart and prayers.

Pam Kay - March 11, 2016 at 11:40 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie .



March 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Geraldine "Gerry" (Cipriano) Dellechaie .



March 11, 2016 at 09:30 AM