



## Mrs. Gladys (Lesiak) Battinelli

January 16, 1928 - August 21, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Gladys (Lesiak) Battinelli, age 91, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 16, 1928, Gladys was the daughter of the late Charles and Sally (Wienglinska) Lesiak. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1946. On October 9, 1948 she married Jerry M. Battinelli with whom she shared 17 years and the blessing of two children. Jerry passed away on August 12, 1966.

During her working days, Gladys was employed by Tector's Shoe Store, a leading source of ladies' high-style footwear. The majority of her years were spent working for the United States Federal Census Bureau, as a supervisor, a job that afforded her the opportunity to travel the country and meet many wonderful people while carrying out her responsibilities. She retired at the age of 71.

As a mom and matriarch, Gladys was kind, loving, wise, and honest. She was a caretaker and a food maker, whether for family or friends, and the door to her home was always open. She was admired by her children, helped raise her granddaughter, and was active in her granddaughter's life. Her great-grandson Nicolas, was the "light of her life". All these generations were lucky and blessed that the Lord gave Gladys the longevity to be with them as long as she was.

A strong-minded woman, Gladys stood her ground and rarely compromised.

She had a beautiful smile and a proud style, and she will be remembered for her stunning white hair. Gladys engaged in many pastimes and leisure pursuits. As a member of the Deerfield Senior Center, she socialized and participated in the activities of the organization. She was a Bingo-holic and a fan of the slot machines. Turning Stone Casino could be called her second home, and she was capable of driving there in any weather condition, causing her family to fret until she got home safely!

She became acquainted with the game of baseball by attending her great-grandson's area league games. The sport became her passion, and the New York Yankees were her team. Her favorite players were shortstop for the New York Yankees, Sir "Didi" Gregorius and recently first baseman Luke Voit. She had their pictures by her bed and she rarely missed a game. She enjoyed the company of her family cats, Simba, Sassy, Feisty, and JoJo.

Gladys was graced with great faith in God and she prayed and petitioned for others. Whenever you left her home after a visit, she would bless you with love and peace.

Gladys is survived by her son, Jerry Battinelli, Jr. who resides in California; daughter, Gail Battinelli; granddaughter, Christy A. Battinelli; and her beloved great-grandson, Nicolas "Nic" Battinelli. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, her friend Paula; and her recent roommate Helen, who watched over her. Gladys was fondly known as "grandma" to many of Nic's friends, who she "treated and fed" as her own. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Stella and George Kelly, Alice Cifu, and Emily and Richard Goralczyk; and her brothers and sister-in-law, Frank Wadowski, and Chuck and Evelyn Wadowski.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff of MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, ICU (3008), especially Jackie and Carolyn who provided comfort and compassion with additional empathy not only to Gladys but also her family.

The family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time.



# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Gail and family so sorry to hear of the loss of Gladys she was a wonderful woman have not seen her in years but do remember all the time she spent with the family. Gladys rest in peace

Gary Ollerenshaw

gary ollerenshaw - August 28, 2019 at 08:21 PM



Linda Wightman

“ Gail, always loved the wonderful stories about your Mom, We are so sorry to you and your family for your loss. May loving memories help ease your pain in some way. Love, Steve & Linda Wightman

Linda Wightman - August 26, 2019 at 06:35 PM



“ Nic Battinelli sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gladys (Lesiak) Battinelli

Nic Battinelli - August 23, 2019 at 02:33 PM



KK

“ Kim Kelly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys (Lesiak) Battinelli

Kim Kelly - August 23, 2019 at 02:13 PM



DM

“ Gail , Jerry and family. It was a great pleasure knowing Gladys. We were neighbors for many years and when I moved lost contact. Not too long ago Bev and I were on a three way or I should say four way because we had Gail on the line we all reminisced and laughed. I'm sorry we never made it back to see you all. You have wonderful memories of your mom and I hope they help you through this difficult time. RIP Gladys. Fly with the angels

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**donna merhib** - August 23, 2019 at 12:52 PM

DM

“ Jerry, Gail & family...my sincere condolences on your Mom's passing. Many fond memories from N Utica days with our families.



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**Don Marino** - August 23, 2019 at 12:31 PM

DE

“ With Heartfelt Sympathy from The Eldred Family  
We will always cherish the memories of our Dear Aunt Gladys and all the love she gave to us as we grew from children to adults. Our Family wouldn't be who we are today without her Grace and steadfast personality. We wish her peace now with the Grace of God who holds her.  
Love and Prayers,  
Debbie, Tom and Bryan

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**Debbie Eldred** - August 23, 2019 at 12:24 PM

DM

“ *Donna Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gladys (Lesiak) Battinelli*



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**donna merhib** - August 23, 2019 at 09:53 AM

BM

“ *I'm so sorry you lost your Mom. I'm glad I got to talk to her this year. Always was thinking about her. she was a beautiful woman.* 🥺

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**beverly Massaro** - August 22, 2019 at 03:37 PM