



Mrs. Gloria E. (Popeo) Daprano

May 28, 1930 - October 2, 2013

Mrs. Gloria E. (Popeo) Daprano, age 83, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 02, 2013 at the Abraham House.

Born in Utica on May 28, 1930, Gloria was the daughter of the late Donato and Maria (DeMichele) Popeo. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. She furthered her studies at the Utica School of Commerce. On September 10, 1955 she married Louis E. Daprano with whom she shared 6 years until his untimely passing on September 29, 1961. At one time, Gloria held employment at Gorea's Express, Inc. She lastly held a position with the Utica City School District as a teacher's aide. A giving woman, Gloria devoted herself to her family, always providing love, care, and unwavering support. As a favorite pastime, she enjoyed cooking and baking for her loved ones, especially her delectable Italian specialties including her Christmas ricotta cookies and her 'cassata'. Her family will always remember her zest in creating these traditional treats, especially around the holidays. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Gloria is survived by her sons and daughter-in-law, Gary David Daprano and his wife Pamela of Cicero, NY, and Ronald Christopher and Anne Daprano of Baldwinsville, NY; her grandchildren, Michael and Laura Daprano of Clinton, Ashley Daprano and fiancé Nathan Remick; and Nicholas Daprano, Adam Daprano, and Evan Daprano, all of Baldwinsville. She was proud to know that she would be expecting her first great-grandchild in January. She also leaves her brother, John Popeo of Utica; many nieces and nephews, including Anne

Popeo, Denise Yourdon, Pat Mastrangelo, and Geraldine Barletto; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws Ron and Judy Daprano of VA; and her friends, Rose Macrino, Josephine and Fred Kilburn; and neighbors Mr. & Mrs. Tom Powers. She was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, Angelo and Mary "Marie" Popeo, and Gerald Popeo; her sisters and brother-in-law, Angeline M. Popeo, and Carmella J. and Ernaldo D. "Ray" Mastrangelo; and her sister-in-law, Josephine "Jo" Popeo.

The family accords great appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially acknowledging the staff of 3C; thanks also to the staff of the Abraham House; and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., for all their care and concern.

The family will honor Gloria's life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Gloria's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning 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. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to The Abraham House, 1203 Kemble Street, Utica, NY 13501 in lieu of floral arrangements; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Ron,
Sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family.....I
remember your mom as being such a wonderful person.....hope all
the wonderful memories help you get by in the next few days.....
Gina (Brescia) Sychtysz

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“ Commara Cloria, as we called her was part of the family befor I was
born and never forgot her love fo me and All the Zitos, and
especially my mom Nancy.
We all lover her.
Albert Zito

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“ White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for
the family of Mrs. Gloria E. (Popeo) Daprano.



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“Gloria was a wonderful grandmother to my children Michael and Ashley.

Starting way back when she held a baby shower for us at her house when I was pregnant with Michael. She decorated her home with balloons and streamers (we did not know if Michael was a boy or girl back in those days) and she spent days cooking a wonderful meal for everyone.

She was always wanted Michael to be dressed “just so” she always bought him the cutest outfits with little bowties. He was just the cutest kid on the planet! She bought Ashley the most beautiful dresses. She called her “my little dolly”. She gave me her father Gary’s christening outfit which both children wore for their baptism. She also gave us our crib and dresser set for them. When Ashley was little she had the most beautiful curly hair and Gloria loved fussing with it.

She was always at our home for every one of the kids events... from karate belt ceremonies, birthday parties, and kindergarten graduation from Lakeshore elementary, high school and college graduations.

She was always helpful when she was at our home and was a fantastic cook. I still have a lot of her special recipes which I will pass along to Michael and Ashley. I had never heard of “tomato pie” or “rum cake” before I met her! When we went to her house at Thanksgiving or Christmas she had the best meals. In fact we took pictures of the food on the table!

She was always generous and giving. I know she loved my children and all her grandchildren unconditionally. I will miss her.

Donna Fairbank

Donna Fairbank - October 03, 2013 at 09:55 AM