



## Mrs. Hazel J. (Carone) Spina

July 8, 1928 - December 23, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Hazel J. (Carone) Spina, age 92, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at MVHS Rehabilitation & Nursing Center. Born in Utica on July 8, 1928, Hazel was the daughter of the late John and Angeline (Infusino) Carone. She was also blessed with the love of her step-mother, Theresa (Cinque) Caron. She was raised and educated locally. On August 28, 1949 she married Joseph Spina with whom she shared 65 years in a devoted union blessed with three generations of little ones to love. Joseph passed away on September 15, 2013.

Hazel retired from the Utica City School District where she worked for over 20 years as a Bus Monitor. A loving, benevolent woman, she had a heart of gold, always gracious and giving. A humanitarian by nature, Hazel humbly cared about the needs of others before her own. An altruistic soul, she lived an honest life, and accomplished acts of kindness with no expectation of recognition or reciprocation. Patriotic and civic-minded, Hazel was a member of the New Hartford American Legion Post #1376. An active woman, she enjoyed riding a bicycle or walking, in her quest for physical fitness. She loved feeding and caring for God's creatures, especially her cats and birds.

For many years, Hazel was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church, and in later years she was a communicant of St. Joseph and St. Patrick Church where she offered her time planning and participating in many church services. She loved her Jesus.

Hazel is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Theresa M. and Gary M.

Soron, and Mary Patricia and Emedin Rivera; her loving son who cared for her, Louis J. Spina; grandchildren, Jennifer and Ken Stilwell, Danielle Soron, Kalina and Jim, Emedin Rivera Jr., Ariana Rivera, and Gabrielle and Ben Markwart, Jaclyn Spina, and their mother Ann Spina; and her five great-grandchildren, including Christopher Stilwell, and Michael Stilwell, Nonnie's "Best Friends". She also leaves her brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Elizabeth Carone, Retired/UPD Sgt. Terrance W. and Carol Carone, and Dr. Thomas and Julie Carone; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law, Frances Spina and Donna Bendino. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Julio Spina.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Hazel's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial which will take place June 16, 2021 at 10:00 am at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Hazel's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church  
702 Columbia Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Nonny,

*I am so sorry you had to go during a Pandemic and we were not allowed in the Home to visit you. I am so glad Dad and I were able to have window visits and Skype with you. You were such a special person and loved by all. You went out of your way for everyone else and always saw the good in people. You will forever be missed. I love you so much.*

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**Jaelyn Spina** - January 10, 2021 at 02:26 PM

AT

“ So sorry to hear of Hazel's passing. She was such a special lady & I just loved her. Please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss.  
*Rest In Peace Hazel.*

*Antoinette Loconti Talerico*

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**Antoinette Talerico** - January 01, 2021 at 11:01 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of Hazel's passing. I always liked seeing her at camp on Fish Creek. I remember running by her camp and yelling out, "Hi Hazel!" And she would always yell "hello" right back. Sometimes she would walk over to our camp and talk with my mom, Sally. Hazel was always so pleasant, as was her husband, Joe. Time passes and things change, and I'm glad for these lovely memories. Mom passed away five years ago when she was also 92 and lived at St. Joe's Nursing home and then called Utica Rehab. May your family find peace during your difficult time and please know that friends are remembering lovely Hazel and are grateful for her friendship and beautiful memories.

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**Marie Sergott-Taylor** - December 30, 2020 at 09:02 PM

RC

“ Louie, I am so sorry. There are no words for heartache. Hazel was the sweetest, caring, loving soul. She also was funny and full of life. Great sit outs between neighbors. Loved her, she was my "mom" I would call her, she would laugh any say , listen to me. You were there every day , never failing to care for what she needed ..You even took her out to have fun at dinner or the Legion. She loved going with you and knew how wonderful you were to her. So very sad for your loss, and I miss her also. Prayers for you and your family. Rose casadei

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**Rose casadei** - December 30, 2020 at 04:28 PM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Hazel was a wonderful women may she fly high with the Angels so sorry for your loss

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**Lucy Spina** - December 29, 2020 at 02:41 PM

GS

“ Too the Spina and Carone family. Sorry too hear of Hazel's passing. Hazel was a wonderful friend to our mother Rose Smith and my mother thought the world of her. Hazel was a very kind and caring person. Michele and I will keep Hazel and all of you in our prayers. Garry Smith

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**Garry Smith** - December 29, 2020 at 11:57 AM

DR

“ Louie, I'm very sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother, "My deepest condolences to you and your family during this time.

*David Ryan*

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**David Ryan** - December 29, 2020 at 06:40 AM

LT

“ Dear Louie,  
Your mother always bragged how good you were to her and took care of her. Hazel and I worked together for the Utica School District. She was my monitor and we had the cleanest bus in the fleet. She loved people and was always pleasant to everyone. She always gave us gifts. She will be sadly missed. I loved her very much. We use to go to breakfast every morning after our run. Wonderful memories I will treasure.

Lorraine & Joe Tartaglia

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Lorraine Tartaglia - December 29, 2020 at 12:05 AM

DC

“ To Louie, Tee, MaryPat, and my Carone cousins,

My Deepest Sympathy to you all on your loss of Hazel, one of God's special people, looking out for others with genuine love and care. Many years ago, she graciously welcomed me during middle school for lunches on Court Street. It was there that I found 'the piano in the dining room'. And it was Hazel's recommendation to my parents that led me to learning to play and pursue piano studies, that I treasure to this day and always. I reminisce often about our many family get-togethers with the Spina's and the Rizzo's, both on casual weekends and holidays. Hazel may you rest in peace and continue to watch over us. Thank you for your caring and vivacious spirit. Love, cousin Dan Corleto

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Dan Corleto - December 28, 2020 at 03:17 PM

AR

“ Lou your Mother was a special woman. I will cherish the scapular she gave me.

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Arthur - December 28, 2020 at 02:57 PM

MC

“ Aunt Hazel was truly one of the most loving people I have known. She was always so kind and sweet. My sister, brother and I were up and down the stairs visiting her apartment incessantly whenever we visited Gramma and Papa Carone. Aunt Hazel was always happy to see us, though I'm sure it was tiring for her! Tee and Mary Pat, I love you. I know that while there is happiness knowing she is joining God in heaven and reuniting with your father, her loss will come with times of great sadness. Please know that you have my deepest sympathy. I just wish I could give you both a big hug.  
Love, Marie, Mike and Saira

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**Marie Carone** - December 28, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JK

“ My heartfelt condolences. Your mom was a wonderful woman who always made you feel happy. God Bless.  
Jim Kingston

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**James Kingston** - December 28, 2020 at 11:26 AM

FT

“ My condolencest Terry And Gary she sounds like a person we should all have in our lives ! Sorry !

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**Fred Testa** - December 28, 2020 at 11:21 AM

DO

“ Aunt Hazel will be missed. She always had food or a bed to share with us when ever we were traveling to Utica to see all of you. She was always smiling and she did great work caring for Gramma Carone. She will be missed. We all lost an angel on 12/23/20. My heart goes out to all of you. Please keep us posted on the memorial mass.

Love you all,  
Donna O'Leary and family.

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**Donna O'Leary** - December 28, 2020 at 10:53 AM

DP

“ Donna Pedone-Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Hazel J. (Carone) Spina



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**Donna Pedone-Merhib** - December 28, 2020 at 10:44 AM

DP

“ To the Spina Family. Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your mother , sister-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother. I have not seen her in years. She married my cousin Joe when I was very you g and we all loved her. She was a beautiful woman outside and especially inside. I am so sorry to hear of her passing May she Rest In Peace and sleep with the Angels.  
Donna Pedone Merhib

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**Donna Pedone-Merhib** - December 28, 2020 at 10:43 AM

JB

“ Hazel was also the official greeter at Historic Old St. John's for years. Her pleasant face and kind words always met me in the parking lot. And always handed out scapulars. You are needed where you're going, Hazel. Your holy soul touched everyone.

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**Jackie Bragg** - December 28, 2020 at 10:21 AM

DC

“ Hazel was a dear friend to my mother and I during the past few years. Her unconditional love for everyone was felt by all. Lou - my heart goes out to you. You alone did an amazing job day in and day out caring for your precious mother. May she RIP in a better place. Much Love Dena Carlomusto

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**Dena Carlomusto** - December 28, 2020 at 09:44 AM

SL

“ Dear Terry and Gary, I am so sorry to hear about your loss . You are in my thoughts and prayers. May she RIP. Tubby LaPorte

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**Santo LaPorte** - December 28, 2020 at 09:36 AM

WF

“ We'll always miss you, Hazel, and your wonderful smile as you greeted the parishoners of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church. We hope you continue that "job" at the pearly gates. Our deepest sympathy to your family and all who are saddened by your passing. Phyllis and Werner Franz

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**Werner Franz** - December 28, 2020 at 09:09 AM

BD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Hazel's passing. She was such a special person. Always had a smile in her voice and a scapula in her hand.. Rest in peace dear lady.

*Guy and Bonnie DelMastro*

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**bonnie delmastro** - December 28, 2020 at 08:22 AM

RO

“ Dear Hazel and I worked together for many years. She was not only my bus monitor, but truly one of the best. Thoughtful and kind, and I have to add, with a " smile", our bus was the cleanest in the fleet! She had more energy than anyone I know, and it was a running joke that if you saw Hazel, she had a mop in her hand! She would bring us little gifts from her trips to the Catholic Book Store on Genesee St. to show her love. Always smiling, no matter what she was going through, she brought joy to those around her. Never a gossip, always supportive, she loved everyone. There are not enough words to describe her inner beauty and the smile that you see in this picture is the smile I saw every day I worked with her. She is one of God's angels and I truly believe she is with Jesus. Heaven will never see a more beautiful soul (or a cleaner house!!) "SMILE" I love you Hazel.

*Rosetta*

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**Rosetta** - December 28, 2020 at 06:57 AM

CK

“ Hazel was such an amazing lady!! So many times at the legion we were able to talk together and enjoy a glass of wine!! Her love of God was so strong and real. Although we have not visited with each other in the past couple years, I always prayed for her every night. RIP Hazel, you deserve it. 🙏❤️🙏😭

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**Cindy Kelly** - December 28, 2020 at 06:48 AM

LM

Terry and family, I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I hope that your memories bring you peace. ❤️

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**Liz Mirat** - January 28, 2021 at 06:40 AM