



## Helen F. (Gadziala) Saponari

June 24, 1927 - August 29, 2009

Mrs. Helen F. (Gadziala) Saponari, age 83, of Yorkville, passed away on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the St. Luke's Home.

Born in Utica on June 24, 1926, Helen was the daughter of the late Anthony and Mary (Snizek) Gadziala. She was raised and educated locally. On August 31, 1944 she married Bruno P. Saponari with whom she shared 58 years prior to his passing on December 14, 2002.

Helen's work as a homemaker was the most important aspect of her life and caring for her family and grandchildren was her priority. An excellent cook, Sunday dinners were a tradition that she met with excellence. She loved family occasions, when her loved ones would gather to share a meal and to enjoy each others company. At one time she was a member of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church.

Helen is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Rosemary and Richard W. Zajac of Yorkville, Patricia and Jim Derella of Whitesboro, and Kathy Saponari of Yorkville; her son, Larry A. Saponari of Utica; her grandchildren, Richie and Deana Zajac, Gina and Keith Skermont, Kris and Kristie Zajac, Jamie Derella and fiance' Dominick DeMichele, Justin Derella and fiance' Kathy Cehonski, Kelli Topolski, Joshua Topolski, and Valerie and Gary DeStefanis; and her 11 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her sisters-in-law, Pauline "Pat" Saponari of New Hartford, and Helen Saponari of OH. She was predeceased by her sister, Jane Przybyla; her in-laws, John L. Saponari, Sr., and Dominic Saponari; and a special cousin, Gloria Gangi.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to the staff of the St. Luke's Home with special mention of Debbie, Cathy, Marquette and Vita.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Helen's honor to the Alzheimer's Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Helen's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 at the funeral home with Rev. Anthony LaFache officiating. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen F. (Gadziala) Saponari



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - August 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Just wished to offer my condolences to the family. The Bible's promise of a resurrection is a sure hope.(John 5:28,29) May happy memories and love of family and friends and the Bible's promise comfort you all in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Olevia Taylor##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 11:19 AM



“ Kathy, Kelli, Joshua and family...we are so very sorry for you loss...I watched the video and it was so touching. I never met your mom, Kathy, but I'm sure she was a super loving, giving, and fun mom..you know they say 'you are your mothers daughter'..."some souls are so special heaven can't wait"....again Kathy our prayers are with you ...Love Mike and Susie.##imported-begin##Sue Fryc##imported-end##

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August 30, 2009 at 09:53 PM



“ Kathy and family, I am sorry to hear of your loss. May God Bless You and may you find peace.##imported-begin##Trudy Berkman-Nitti##imported-end##

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August 30, 2009 at 06:25 PM



“ Larry, It's been over 45 years since I've seen your Mother or you, but I wanted you to know that somethings in life we never forget. Your mom and dad were those kind of things. Good people. Your mom fed me some good meals when we lived on Catherine Street. Her door was always open to us kids. She was a good woman and I know she will be missed by a lot of people. I remember like it was yesterday the times us kids would play in the back yard of that old tenement building. Please accept my condolences for your loss. Keep her memories close to your heart.##imported-begin##Geno DiFondi##imported-end##

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August 30, 2009 at 03:20 PM



“ Hi grandma... I just wanted to let you know that you are an amazing women. You have always been so compassionate and caring for us. The memories we shared will always be a part of heart and mind. I will never forget your Sunday dinners with macaroni and your famous meatballs as well as all of the holidays and family get togethers that we all enjoyed so much. I love you now and forever and I hope you are looking down on us and we make you proud. I know Connor and Julie didn't get a chance to know you very well but you will be a part of their lives as well. I hope you enjoy your time in heaven with all of your family and friends especially now that you are back with grandpa! Please tell him that we all love him and miss him very much. We all love you and miss you and we will see you again...##imported-begin##Jamie Derella##imported-end##

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August 30, 2009 at 09:18 AM



“ *Jamie and family,we are so sorry for your loss,you are in are prayers.Love Norm and Lori###imported-begin###Norm DeMichele and Lori Sickafus###imported-end##*

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August 30, 2009 at 08:27 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy at this time of your loss .God Bless You All . DeMichele Family Baltimore, MD###imported-begin###Mr. and Mrs. Michael A. DeMichele and Family###imported-end##*

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August 29, 2009 at 08:54 PM