



## Helen M. (Lonerio) Milograno

March 29, 1930 - June 12, 2010

Mrs. Helen M. (Lonerio) Milograno, age 80, of New Hartford, passed away on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc.

Born in Utica on March 29, 1930, Helen was the daughter of the late Alfred and Florence (Fiore) Lonerio. She was raised and educated locally and pursued collegiate studies at Alfred University where she earned an Associate's degree in Science. She continued on to SUNY and received her Bachelor of Arts degree. She then furthered her education by attending SUNY Cortland with her daughter and was awarded her Master of Arts degree in Education and Reading. On June 16, 1951 she married Anthony S. "Tony" Milograno, Sr. with whom she shared almost 59 years in a strong and devoted partnership filled with love and compassion. To be near to her, Tony always carried her engagement picture with him, and his dedication was clearly evident in the way he cared for her during her illness.

Helen began her career in education as a teacher at Utica Catholic Academy and she subsequently taught for 25 years at Notre Dame, while serving as the head of the History department. She also held the position of adjunct professor at Utica College where she taught New York State history. An intellectual thinker blessed with a scholarly nature, Helen held an intrinsic value and curiosity for knowledge. She was practical and realistic, always to the point, and never minced her words. Among the many attributes that defined her life, she was strong, stately, elegant, worldly, bright, and beautiful! A graceful socialite, she enjoyed her avocation of hostess to champion her

husband's career as a classically trained violinist, often entertaining local and international musicians at her home. She was, in fact, the first lady to her husband's first violin, and she took great care to maintain his impeccable image. But the heart of Helen's home was her role as connoisseur in the kitchen as she cooked for those she loved, and treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren. She was an avid reader of history and biographies, and was effective in her capacity as President of the Greater Utica Musical Society and her involvement with the harmonious arrangement of group functions. Helen was a woman of deep spirituality complemented by a practical approach in her beliefs and faith.

Helen is survived by her husband, Tony; her son and daughter-in-law, Anthony and Lynn Milograno of Yorkville; her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dr. James Brown of New Hartford; her grandchildren, Alicia Milograno and fiance Ben Elesh, Elizabeth Milograno, Michael Milograno, Kaitland Brown, Walker Brown, Zoe Brown, Christy and Mike Colangelo, Amanda and Steve Krupski, and Brett and Alaina Meus; and her great-grandchildren, Hailey Krupski, Emily Krupski, and Matthew Meus. Survivors also include her sister, Rita Gigliotti; her brother, Joseph Lonero, Sr.; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law, Theodora Milograno, and faithful friends, too numerous to mention. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Antoinette and Joseph Gillette; and her in-laws, Felix Gigliotti, Carmen J. and Rose J. Milograno, and Rosario Milograno.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff of the 6th floor at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center; Dr. Atul Butala and his staff, Dr. Thomas John, and the staff of the Presbyterian Home's Aspen Wing, especially Diane Hilton and Helen's sister, Rita Gigliotti, for their professionalism and compassion.

A Memorial Gathering will be held on Friday, June 18, 2010 from 11-12 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Helen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday afternoon at 12:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with

Father Paul Drobin officiating the ceremony.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen M. (Lonerio) Milograno



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I accidentally hit upon Helen's obit today. I was very saddened to hear of your loss. I lived on Plymouth Place and do remember Helen quite well... what I remember above other things was her smile; whenever I went down the street to play with Butch, and she would answer the door, Helen always had a welcome smile on her face. I, too, remember her warmth and welcoming ways. Being ten years younger, she was in charge of us "little ones" in organizing our annual circus. Her excitement was contagious!

*I recall one time when she answered the door and she said : you want to talk to Tony, right?; I loved the way he played the violin and I would many times ask him to play the Flight of the Bumble Bee for me.... he was always so obliging and she was always so patient! Because of Tony I played the violin for many years, and this year I have promised myself to again begin taking lessons.*

*I felt that I had to write you because so many times through the years, your family has come into my mind with only pleasant and wonderful memories. In reading the comments that are shared here, I now realize what a wonderful and talented woman she became.*

*Sincere condolences to your family.*

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**Marie DeLorenzo** - October 04, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ I have known very very few couples as wonderful as Tony and Helen Milograno. He gave me the precious gift of feeling that I was a musician and she the feeling that I was a teacher. I might have been many other things but nothing more important. Thank you both and God bless your many loved-ones in this time of sadness. Thousands of us love you, "Boss".

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**Jimmy Brooks** - June 22, 2010 at 10:29 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 22, 2010 at 02:54 PM



“ *I was very saddened to hear of Helen's passing and send my condolences to her family. She was a colleague of mine at Notre Dame high school for many years and I remember her with great fondness and respect. She was a wonderful teacher, a dear friend and I will miss her- Catherine Kehoe*

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**Catherine Kehoe** - June 20, 2010 at 08:31 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about your loss. Mrs Milograno will be remembered as one of the better teachers at Notre Dame 1977-1980.*

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**Michael Martellotto** - June 18, 2010 at 11:06 PM



“ *Helen was a remarkable woman. She was much respected by all who knew her. Her insights into people and situations were right on target, she was forthright and open in conversation, and her sense of humor was wry and fun to enjoy. My thoughts and love are with her family*

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**Sandy Nelson** - June 17, 2010 at 07:55 PM



“ I will sorely miss Helen, and my heart is heavy for Tony and Susie. Helen was a most beautiful person. She always greeted me warmly and we shared some great laughs. I am thinking of you all during this great loss. Libbie###imported-begin###Libbie Mack###imported-end##

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June 15, 2010 at 07:23 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Tim Colleen & Erin Moylan###imported-end##

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June 14, 2010 at 07:16 PM



“ May my love be with all the family and God watch over you all.###imported-begin###Bonnie Wicks###imported-end##

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June 14, 2010 at 02:24 PM



“ Having known her son and her family for 42 years, I was deeply saddened to hear about Helen's passing away. In my teens, she graciously opened her heart and her home to me...something that I have never forgotten...and never will. My thoughts and prayers are with Anthony Sr., Tony, and Susan.###imported-begin###Keith J Wagner, Palmdale CA###imported-end##

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June 13, 2010 at 01:01 PM



“ Aunt Helen was well loved by so many people. I remember when her mother, Florance Lonerio was ill. Aunt Helen took such good care of her. She was a comfort to her mother, as were her sisters, and brother. She would always tell me that grandma would be so proud of my boys, who all shared an innate love of education. Not to mention the red hair like great, grandpa had. If she was still here I would tell her how much I always appreciated her words of wisdom, and of course the delicious food at family gatherings. Aunt Helen indeed was an elegant woman who so loved Uncle Tony. May she be at peace.###imported-begin###Kathleen Lonerio###imported-end##

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June 13, 2010 at 11:12 AM



“ Dear Rita, Tony, Butch and family, Plymouth Place has lost one of it's all-time-greats! Will never forget her heading up our first street circus in Howland's back yard. Helen was a true leader and inspiration. Bright, beautiful and regal as they come. A genuine star at Proctor High also, her class of '49 will never be the same. She's off to a better place and one day we will meet again. Be faithful and strong and thank God for the blessing of knowing such a wonderful women.###imported-begin###Bob and Dick Chancia, Marian and Ellen###imported-end##

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June 13, 2010 at 08:59 AM