



Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri

June 24, 1923 - December 25, 2025

CLINTON – Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri, age 102, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on her favorite holiday, Christmas, on Thursday, December 25, 2025.

Born in Utica on June 24, 1923, Jennie was the daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Spiridigliozzi) Colacicco. She attended Roscoe Conkling Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, where she proudly served as Head Majorette of her class. In her younger years, Jennie was an excellent dancer, especially in tap, and performed at many bridal shows throughout the area.

Jennie was married to the love of her life, August J. Palmieri. Together, they shared a remarkable 76 years of marriage, a union rooted in devotion, respect, and enduring love. They were blessed with three children, Marlene, Lynne, and Rodney. The loss of their son in 1969 was a sorrow they carried together, strengthening the bond they shared as husband and wife and as parents. August passed away on July 30, 2023.

During World War II, Jennie worked at Utica Cutlery, contributing her efforts at a time when dedication and perseverance were especially vital. She later put her artistic talents to use as an expert photo recreator for Cunningham Studios, where she was known for her skill in adding color and life to black-

and-white photographs.

Jennie was, above all, a devoted wife, a loving mother, and an exceptional homemaker. She took great pride in her family and her home, creating a space that was welcoming, beautiful, and carefully maintained, adorned with the colors she loved most—bronze and gold. The lunches and dinners she prepared for her family rivaled four-star restaurants. An excellent cook and baker, Jennie took special care in preparing her delicacies.

She had a remarkable eye for interior decorating and home design and maintained her home with great attention to detail. Jennie especially loved the holidays, with Christmas holding a special place in her heart. Her Christmas decorations were admired by many, and her festive displays became well known, often compared to those at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute's Fountain Elms mansion.

Jennie loved sparkles, glitz, and glitter and was blessed with a natural flair for fashion design. Her use of sparkle on the skin resulted, on at least one occasion, in those she dressed becoming prom queens—especially her niece, Phyllis LoParco Spataro.

An avid shopper, some would say it was Jennie's favorite sport and passion. She would say she held a "black belt" in it, especially when it came to shoes—something her husband found endearing about her. She also enjoyed collecting antiques. Jennie had a classy way about her and always presented herself as a fashionista from head to toe. At the end of a tough day of shopping, she would say, "Home, James—don't spare the horses." She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Jennie is survived by her daughters, Marlene B. Bogner (the late Steven Bogner, who passed away on June 30, 2024), and Lynne A. Palmieri. She

cherished the memory of her son, Rodney J. Palmieri, who preceded her on July 2, 1969.

She also held close to her heart her siblings and their spouses, with whom she is now reunited: Frank A. and Ann Colacicco, Helen J. Colacicco, Molly LoParco, Vera and Vincent Femia, and Marina Roy.

Jennie is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, many relatives on both the East and West Coasts, and numerous special friends.

She was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Attilio and Mary (Esposito) Palmieri, and by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Angela and Joseph Furtek, Marie and Joseph Casaletta, and Amadeo "Jim" and Kathleen Palmieri.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the aides from Live Long at Home who provided loving care to Jennie for many years, with special acknowledgment to Katherine Burnett, Mia Burnett, and Beverly. They also wish to thank Dr. Julie Gorczynski for her care, compassion, and dedication, as well as the Visiting Nurses Association, with special appreciation to Julie.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 4, 2026, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Jennie's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish; 648 Jay St. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Lynne,
So sorry to learn of your mother's passing. May she rest in peace.
Annette Maggio

Annette Amiraian-Maggio - February 01 at 02:03 PM

JV

“ I have the fondest memories of our visits to Utica as a child and then Uncle Buddy and Aunt Jennie's visits to our home in California. Aunt Jennie was so loving and always happy. Fun loving and just a joy to be with. Rest in peace with the love of your life, your son and my parents. Your life was a testament to family and love.

Judy Valenzuela - January 04 at 10:07 PM

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“ Irene and Bob purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri.



Irene and Bob - January 02 at 11:25 PM

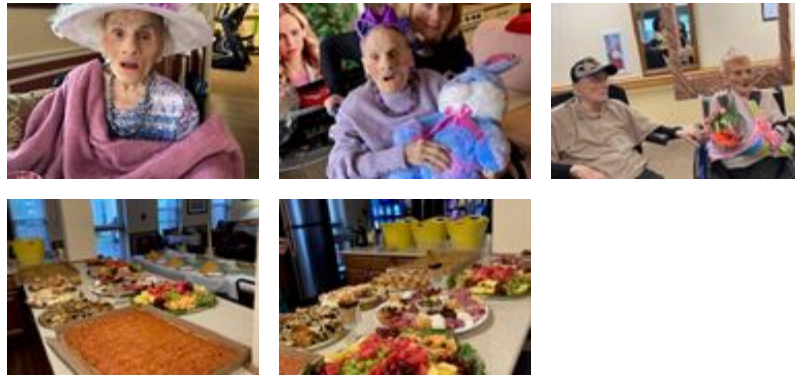
BD

“ God Bless you Mrs. Palmeri - you were such a blessing to know. You opened your house and your heart to me as a teenager and remained part of my life ever since. You will always remain as beautiful memories in the hearts of your children and acquaintances. God Speed ❤️

Barbara Dee - January 02 at 04:44 PM



“ 97 files added to the album LifeTributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 02 at 02:46 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri.



December 31, 2025 at 03:55 PM



“ Colacicco Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri.

Colacicco Family - December 31, 2025 at 03:55 PM

JP

“ *Memories of our once in a lifetime trip to see our family in NY. I found this gem(dancing at midnight Mikes), after a fantastic meal at Vescio's. Love to both of my cousins. How wonderful the care you provided for not only your Mother, but Father as well.*



Joe Palmieri - December 31, 2025 at 08:01 AM

TF

“ *The Albigese family. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Jennie P. (Colacicco) Palmieri.*



The Albigese family. - December 30, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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The Albigese family. - December 30, 2025 at 06:34 PM

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“ Aunt Jennie Memories

While it may be difficult to characterize someone's passing at the age of 102 as unexpected, it does little to mitigate the sadness from the loss of someone you love.

As a family member, I know firsthand her life was punctuated with devastating tragic moments which proved an unwelcome testing ground for the resilience of her character.

The drowning of a sister and another sister's fiancé at a family picnic in the 1940's and of course, the unexpected loss of her son Rodney in 1969.

There is an abundance of complimentary words that might be used to describe my Aunt Jennie. However top of mind for me is "vivacious".

I now recall the many family and work-related gatherings we shared. She was the type of person you would want to invite to a party... always lively, charming and socially engaging.

The times when I would bump into her randomly, I would receive a big heart felt hello along with a conversation resulting in me leaving in an elevated mood.

My heart goes out to Aunt Jennie & Uncle Augie's greatest legacy, their devoted daughter's, my first cousins Lynn and Marlene

May God Bless you both with strength during this difficult time.

Cugino David

David Femia - December 28, 2025 at 04:08 PM

JS

I was always told that my grandmother, Marina, chose my name in honor of my great-aunt, Jennie and it is an honor.

I have so many childhood memories of the house on Shaw St. We only lived a few blocks away, so I would often show up at the door knowing I would be invited in for cookies, cake, or a big plate of spaghetti!

I can still remember the sound of the doorbell & Aunt Jennie's voice, "Jeeennifer, (she always dragged out the e), come in & let's see what I have."

To my cousins, Marlene & Lynne, I am so sorry for your loss. Aunt Jennie was a blessing to all who knew her.

-Jennifer-

Jennifer Sharkey - December 28, 2025 at 04:43 PM