Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli

April 13, 1924 - August 6, 2014

Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli, age 90, passed away on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at the St. Luke's Home with the love and support of her family. Jessie was born in Frankfort, NY on April 13, 1924, the daughter of the late Frank and Rose (Spoon) Candella. She was raised and educated in Marcy where she received her elementary education. She began her secondary education at Utica Free Academy and completed her high school years in Whitesboro. On October 18, 1949 she married Joseph "Ginger" Cicchelli, Sr. with whom she shared 38 years until his passing on October 21, 1987; Jessie & Ginger were very committed to each other in their marriage.

Jessie began the working days of her life at Loblaws Supermarket where she held the position of Head Cashier for 11 years. She then accepted a job at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where she was a valued employee for 27 years. Jessie was a good woman who raised her children well and earned their respect. She also loved being a grandmother and visiting her beloved grandchildren. She also found time for cooking, traveling with her husband (to Hawaii and Italy, among other places), and working outside in her garden. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, and she practiced her Catholic faith at St. Peter's Church.

Jessie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Larry Giglio of Chesterfield, MO. She held close to her heart the memory of her daughter, Estelle Ruggiero, who passed away on June 9, 2003. She also leaves her daughter-in-law, Selma Joseph Sewall. Always close to her heart was the

memory of her son, Joseph “Joey” Cicchelli, Jr., who passed away on May 17, 1981. She is also survived by her grandchildren, David Cicchelli of Baltimore, Jason Cicchelli of Utica; Daniella Giglio, and Nicole and Daniel Stickane, all of Dallas, Larry Giglio, Jr., and Russell J. Giglio of St. Louis, Eleni Marketos, and Joey Ruggiero both of Utica; her sister, Rose A. Vanno; her brother and sister-in-law, Michael and Florence Candella; and her son-in-law Louis J. Ruggiero, Sr., her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins including the Spoons, Candellas, Isabelle and Tony Hathaway and family, and the LaMonto family; her sister-in-law, Grace Candella; and her friends from Met Life and the St. Lukes Home. She was predeceased by her brother, Fred Candella; her brother-in-law, Salvatore A. Vanno; and her friends, Franny DeCuffa and Rose Femia.

The family extends sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff at the St. Luke’s Home for providing Jessie with compassionate care. They would also like to thank all the dear friends and family that have supported Jessie while she was living in the nursing home.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Right Start Program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Respect Life Apostolate or the Graybar Family Foundation in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Jessie’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9 from the funeral home and at 10 at St. Peter’s Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Committal prayers and entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Church
422 Coventry Ave.
Utica, NY 13502

Tribute Wall

TR

I just heard of Jessie's passing last night from a brother-in-law. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I will always cherish the times we worked together on Primary Day and Election Day. She always enjoyed the laughs we had during those times. I will never forget how she called me out of the blue and told me she made a lasagna dinner for my family. She will be missed and she will always have a special place in my heart.

Thomas Rycraft - September 10, 2014 at 09:35 AM

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Debbie Eldred (Battinelli) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli

Debbie Eldred (Battinelli) - August 15, 2014 at 03:48 PM

WL

Val and Larry - We are so sorry we cannot be with you to give you a hug. We want to give a tribute to each of you for always following your Mom's wishes even when it was hard for you. We should all be blessed with children like the two of you who have sacfificed so much to be loving children. We never met your Mom but feel we know her from all the 7 years we shared with Val. I am sure she is in the Italian section of heaven reserved for Popes and special people. Love and prayers Walt and Joan & Lucy too!

Walt and Joan Gemmer - St. Louis - August 10, 2014 at 05:55 PM

LC

So very sorry for your loss Valerie. The few times I met your Mom she was a warm and very kind woman. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Lisa Calenzo - August 10, 2014 at 02:46 PM

JF

So sorry for your lose. Worked with Jessie at metlife. She was a great person. Jean finster.

Jean Finster - August 10, 2014 at 11:26 AM

SL

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Jessie. Worked with her at Metlife she was a great co worker. Loved her bake goods. She was a wonderful women. Sandy Lewandrowski

Sandra Lewandrowski - August 10, 2014 at 11:25 AM

CC

Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli

Chris Conway - August 09, 2014 at 12:54 AM

CC

Dear Val and family
I was so saddened to hear of the passing of your mom. I will always remember her fondly. She was such a warm and genereous person and will cherish those memories always. I will remember always those delicious baked goods and other Italian foods she made and her hospitatlity. My deepest sympathy and condelences.

Chris Conway - August 09, 2014 at 12:50 AM

SS

Sandy S. purchased the Pink Satin Heart Casket Pillow for the family of Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli.

Sandy S. - August 08, 2014 at 01:47 PM

SS

Val and family. This is such a sad time for all of you but I know you will find strength in having each other there to say good bye to her. We are all thinking of you and praying for you .Love, Sandy Stickane and family.

Sandy Stickane - August 08, 2014 at 01:38 PM

SK

Jessie! My other mother! How empty my nights will be without your recipes and good advice. I told you I would always be with you, and I was. I know your Ginger is so happy to have you back at is side. I will love you always as dearly as I do today. Rest in painless, private peace my friend with your family all around you at last. Its always hard to lose a girlfriend. But to lose 2 mothers really is a lot. xxoo

Susan Kennedy - August 08, 2014 at 06:56 AM

SC

Val and family, I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mom , she was such a wonderful woman, mother, wife, and grandmother. Many a time we sat at her table and she cooked up a storm for all her friends from Met Life. We always had a wonderful , and happy time when we got together. She had a great sense of humor , and we always shared jokes with one another. I know the pain of losing a mother , just hold on to the memories you hold close to your heart, and she will never be far away... Please give my love to your family, for she will be greatly missed... Jessie , I pray you rest in peace and are with your loved ones now .....

sharon campola - August 08, 2014 at 05:34 AM

Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli.

August 07, 2014 at 10:37 AM

Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Jessie P. (Candella) Cicchelli.

August 07, 2014 at 09:32 AM