



Mrs. Josephine (Buonasegna) Bonanza

May 18, 2013

Mrs. Josephine (Buonasegna) Bonanza passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her family by her side.

Born in Utica, Josephine was the daughter of the late Joseph and Angeline (Costa) Padula. She was raised and educated locally. On October 11, 1941 she married Rocco Bonanza with whom she shared 61 loving years prior to his passing on May 7, 2003.

During her working days, Josephine was employed in the textile industry for many years. Josephine was blessed with a kind, caring heart. She was always concerned about others, and she had daily contact with her special friends. She was devoted to her children and made her home a happy place for them. Baking and cooking was a breeze for her, and she provided hot, home-cooked meals every day. A simple car ride with her family brought her joy, and her pastimes included reading and playing gin rummy. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Josephine is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Lucille Bonanza of Utica, and JoAnn and Joseph DiRoberto of MA; her grandchildren, Michele DiRoberto and fiancé David Riccobono, and Matthew and Erica DiRoberto; and her great-grandchildren, Sloane and Jordan DiRoberto. She also leaves several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Samuel Pietrafesa; her brothers, Dominick Padula, and Louis Padula; and several in-laws.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 11:00-12:00 at the Eannace Funeral

Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Josephine's honor may be considered to the American Diabetes Association in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Josephine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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932 South Street
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Service

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *With deepest sympathy, I'm so sorry for your loss at this difficult time.*

Donna Borruso - May 22, 2013 at 06:24 PM

DK

“ *So sorry to hear of Josephine's passing. Know that my prayers and thoughts are with you during this trying time.*

Dolores (DiRoberto) Keigley

Dolores Keigley - May 22, 2013 at 11:52 AM



DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Buonasegna) Bonanza*

Don Marino - May 20, 2013 at 10:20 PM

