



Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera

September 16, 1937 - April 11, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera, age 81, passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare. At the time of her passing she was surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Albany, NY on September 16, 1937, Josephine was the daughter of the late John P. and Mary R. (Corso) Lupia. When she was very young her family moved to Utica where she was subsequently raised and educated. After graduating from T.R. Proctor High School, she completed 2 years of study at Mohawk Valley Community College where she was inducted into Psi Beta, the National Honor Society in Psychology. On June 16, 1962 she married John J. Catera with whom she shared in a loving and devoted union of 56 years.

Josephine worked as a secretary for the Joseph Giruzzi Plumbing Company for several years before later being employed as a Teacher's Assistant with the Utica City School District. She retired from that position in June of 2000 after many valued years of service. She co-authored 4 cookbooks. Josephine was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. As the matriarch of her family, her world revolved around those she loved. She was a member of the T.R. Proctor High School 1955 Reunion Committee as well as the Teachers Retirement System. At one time a communicant of St. Agnes Church, she also attended St. Anthony of Padua Church. Currently she was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Josephine is survived by her husband, John; her 3 sons and daughters-in-law,

John P. Catera and Dawn Zbytniewski of New Hartford, Marc J. and Antonietta (Mineo) Catera of Rochester, and Thomas A. and Trista (Shepard) Catera of Syracuse; along with her grandchildren, twins Alexander and Nicholas Catera; Gabriella Catera and Katie Wieczorek, Marco Catera; Dominic and Jess Schmidt, and Brady Reber. She is also survived by many loving and special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her in-laws, Pauline and Robert Grande, Shirley Catera, and Joseph and Marilyn Catera. She also leaves many special friends. She was predeceased by her uncle Morris Lupia; and her in-laws, Santo and Carmella Catera, and Michael Catera.

The family is grateful to the staff of Cedarbrook at the Sitrin Health Care Center for their care and concern.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday morning from 10-12 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Josephine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday at 12:00 at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation. Entombment will follow in Calvary Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall



“ to John & sons John, Marc, and Tommy-I can't put into words how much it meant to have your mother in my life for the best of times and the worst of times. She was always there to share it all and make the way better.

I can't remember when I couldn't reach out, and always will seek her warmth, guidance and kindness. I'm grateful and proud for everyday that she was my friend. Her gifts to us all were joy, understanding and love. I feel blessed and honored to have known her and shared some of her time and memories.

Rosemary Mohl - April 18, 2019 at 08:43 PM

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“ Dear John, Sons and family, I am so sorry for your loss of Josie. She was always lovely, intelligent and so kind and I loved talking with her. As a child I called her Aunt Josie. You all are in my prayers at this difficult time.

Lorraine Dominick - April 15, 2019 at 08:44 PM

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Lorraine Joslin Dominick and Joey

Lorraine Dominick - April 15, 2019 at 08:45 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera.



April 15, 2019 at 12:00 PM

KL

“ Karen, Peter, Doreen, Rose Ann, Marty and Lisa purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera.



Karen, Peter, Doreen, Rose Ann, Marty and Lisa - April 15, 2019 at 10:03 AM

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“ Your friends and co-workers at Ortho purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera.



Your friends and co-workers at Ortho - April 15, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Josephine M. (Lupia) Catera.



April 14, 2019 at 04:30 PM

RO

“ Dear Marc, John and family,
I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. I have many fond memories of her from our childhood, whether it was playing at your house or at Albany Street School events. Sending you sincere sympathy and prayers.
Robin Cracchiolo Kennedy

robin - April 14, 2019 at 06:59 AM

DR

“ *Dear Catera Family: My deepest condolences. Josephine was a wonderful woman. I remember when we used to go the Teasha & Joe's & see her there. Your camp was just down a couple. Josephine would always hang out! she was so nice. God Bless*

donna ray - April 13, 2019 at 07:14 PM

AP

*Dear John and your entire family.
I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies..
Angela Pohleven*

Angela Pohleven - April 15, 2019 at 06:03 PM