



## Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro

January 2, 1922 - December 28, 2011

Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro, age 89, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center surrounded by the love of her family.

Born in Utica on January 2, 1922, Josephine was the daughter of the late John and Imaculate (Russo) Valenti. She was raised and educated locally. She married Joseph DiNigro who passed away on January 2, 1965; they shared an extraordinary relationship, mutually devoted to one another and so proud of the family they created.

Josephine's foremost responsibility was to care for her family and home. She was genuine in her concern for others. As a mother, she was unselfish, forgiving, and loved each of her children unconditionally and uniquely. She was happy with her maternal trust and never interfered with her children's decisions, but was always a confidante and good listener. Her children will never forget her parenting skills. She was a self-taught woman in many areas of life including upholstering, culinary arts, sewing, crocheting, and knitting. She was also hospitable, welcoming all to her home. Generous of heart and soul, Josephine was industrious and always busy. She had a grand sense of humor and a perpetual smile; she was the life of the party. She loved the festive holidays, all set with an abundant table filled with food, love, and laughter. She enjoyed any opportunity to attend an event or visit with family and friends; she especially enjoyed the game of Bingo, and the casino. She had the gift of gardening and making plants grow. A lifelong Catholic and true

believer of the Word of the Lord, her personal spirituality was the cornerstone of her life. She recited the Rosary every day and was a faithful parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Josephine is survived by her children and their families, Giovanni "John" DiNigro of Cassville, Madeline Voce and Sam Barone, Marie Cavoly, and Carol DiNigro and John Voce, all of New York Mills, Carmen and Maria DiNigro of Deerfield, Peter and Antoinette DeNigro of Herkimer and her daughter-in-law Janice DiNigro of West Winfield. Always close to her heart was the memory of her daughter, Kathleen Walker, who preceded her in death in 2006, her son, Joseph P. DiNigro, Sr. on October 31, 2011, her daughter-in-law, Johanne DiNigro, and her son-in-law, Robert Cavoly both in 2001. Also left to mourn her passing are her 14 grandchildren, always remembering Maria Lynne (DiNigro) Wawrzaszek; her 22 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She shared her life with 11 siblings, and surviving are 3 brothers, Joseph, Fred, and Anthony Valenti. Josephine was also blessed with the love she shared with her nieces and nephews and their families. Also surviving is her sister-in-law, Rosemary Valenti; and her friend and travel companion, Alice Latalla. She was predeceased by 5 brothers, and 3 sisters. The family is grateful to the 3rd Floor West staff, especially Rebecca of the Allen Calder wing, and Dr. LaGrant's receptionist Patty for her compassion. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Josephine's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. 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

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Six months have passed and it seems like yesterday. Miss you so very much. Love you Mom.



Marie Cavoly - June 28, 2012 at 03:47 PM

MC

“ Marie Cavoly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro



Marie Cavoly - April 08, 2012 at 06:32 AM



“ Two Months Today Ma, Here too!

Giovanni DiNigro - February 28, 2012 at 10:57 PM

GN

“ One month today she went home to her Father that sent her. Miss her gentle touch on my face, I could feel the love flowing from her hand. To that I say, Here too.

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**Giovanni Di Nigro** - January 28, 2012 at 01:48 PM

MC

“ Marie Cavoly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro



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**Marie Cavoly** - January 20, 2012 at 02:33 PM

DC

“ Deanna Cavoly lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro



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**Deanna Cavoly** - January 09, 2012 at 10:35 AM

MD

“ Great Grandma,  
I will cherish ever memory that we had together and everything that we have done! I love you a lot. You are now in heaven with my Grandpa and my Aunt Maria! I will miss you so much!  
Love,  
Maria DiNigro

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**Maria DiNigro** - January 04, 2012 at 09:38 PM

MD

“ *Maria DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro*



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**Maria DiNigro** - January 04, 2012 at 09:34 PM

MC

“ *Mom there are no words big enough to tell you how much I love you. It has only been a few days and my heart ache s for you. Happy Birthday and tell Daddy,Joey and Kathy that we miss them so much but I know now they are safe in your arms. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH*



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**Marie Cavoly** - January 02, 2012 at 08:06 PM

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“ *Grandma what can I say to the most amazing person on this planet. You have brought joy to so many peoples lives. I will never forget all the time that I spent with you. I will forever treasure every moment. My children loved you so very much and I'm so glad that they had the chance to spend time with you. You are now in heaven taking care of grandpa, Uncle joey, aunt kathy, my dad, aunt joannie, and Maria. Please give them all a big hug and kiss. We are soooo going to miss you. The rest of us hear will take care of everyone. Love you whole bunch. Deanna, Bob, Sidney and Louis.*



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**Deanna Cavoly (granddaughter)** - January 02, 2012 at 04:24 PM



“ Words alone cannot express the sadness I feel at the loss of my Great-Aunt Josephine. She was truly one in a million. Her beautiful smile and kindness to all will always be remembered. Until we meet again, God Bless You!

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**Donna Cagle** - January 02, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ Donna Cagle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro



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**Donna Cagle** - January 02, 2012 at 01:40 PM



“ To My Mom When you left us on december 28th I not only lost my mother I lost my best friend. I will be forever grateful to you ma for everything you did for me through the years. You were so loved by everyone that ever crossed your path. I will miss you forever. My heart is broken. We lost 2 of the most important people in our lives in 2 months (love you joey). Happy Birthday Ma You get to celebrate your 90th in heaven with all of your love ones. You are the wind beneath my wings. Love forever Until we meet again Your Daughter Madeline Sam is going to miss your smile and your pea soup

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**Madeline Voce** - January 01, 2012 at 10:18 AM

JF

“ Josephine I will always remember our wonderful times together at the New York Mills Seniors Bingo on Tuesdays.. Your smile was so heartwarming & your sense of humor always made our times together so special. I have missed seeing you these past few months but now I know your in a better place with Jesus. Please rest peacefully in "His" arms until we meet again. Your friend Joan Fenton

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**Joan Fenton** - January 01, 2012 at 08:33 AM



“ Ma, I love you. She would say "here too" was it because she couldn't say I love you, absolutely not. She didn't have to say it, when she saw you, the gleam in her eye and the smile on her face said it all. Love flowed from my mom like water flows from a faucet. She raised us by example, in the words of Jesus Christ "Love one another as I have Loved you" John 15:12. She gave this love not just for her children, but for everyone that came in contact with her. Scripture say's "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity" (love). 1 Cor.. 13:13. That is my MOM. We didn't have much but I remember her sending food to our neighbor who had less. She would always say "when am I going to see you again" that meant I LOVE YOU, can't wait to see you again. So sorry I left Ma, but you have to know I was coming back to stay with you.

*Here too Ma, always and forever,  
Giovanni*

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**Giovanni DiNigro** - December 31, 2011 at 08:19 PM

DC

“ So sorry for your loss. She was just a beautiful lady inside and out. Prayers are with you all.  
*Dick and Jean Carbano*



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**Dick and Jean Carbano** - December 31, 2011 at 09:29 AM

MZ

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Aunt Josephine. She will always remain in my heart and thoughts. My prayers and love to the whole family. *Marge (Rose) and Don Zimmerman*

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**Margaret (Rose) Zimmerman** - December 31, 2011 at 07:51 AM

PA

“ *Carol & Family: So sorry to hear about Josephine. We will all miss her as she was like another family to us. So glad that we got to see her this summer at Denise & Jays. Our love to all. We're thinking about all of you.*  
*Love,*

*Pat & Frank Albanese & family*

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**Pat Albanese** - December 30, 2011 at 10:59 AM

KD

“ *Kelly, And Anthony DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro*



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**Kelly, and Anthony DiNigro** - December 30, 2011 at 10:40 AM

GL

*John, Carol and John Voce,*

*So sorry to hear of your mother's passing. May all of your wonderful memories of her help you during this difficult time.*

*My deepest sympathy,  
Gloria Lombardo - (worked at Par)*

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**Gloria Lombardo** - December 30, 2011 at 05:55 PM

G.

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) comfort and soothe your heart. His promises, found in the Holy Scriptures, can offer much hope. It assures us at John 5:28,29 that our loved ones will be remembered and brought back to life in the resurrection. Please allow God's Word to strengthen you and help you to endure this most difficult time.*

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**G.Ford** - December 30, 2011 at 10:02 AM

DN

“ *Diana Brown Great Niece lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro*



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**diana brown great niece** - December 30, 2011 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ Grandma Josephine, thank you for spending tuesday nights with us for all those special family dinners, they are dinners that wont be forgotten. You will be missed greatly, and even though your now gone, the memory of you will stay alive in our heart. We love, and miss you.

*Gianna Latella*

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**Marina Latella** - December 30, 2011 at 09:25 AM

RB

“ I was so sadden to hear of your passing you were the most loving and gentle soul that I knew and you were loved by all and you will be missed.I know your with all of your family in god's house, Give my mom Theresa a big kiss and hug for me .Love your great niece Robin



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**Robin Bailey** - December 30, 2011 at 09:24 AM

ML

“ Grandma Josephine was very special to us. What she did for us was unbelievable. She would play cards with us, if something ripped of ours she would sew it, and she sewed us yankee pillows. We will miss you so much. Everyone should be blessed with a grandma like you. Thank you god for sending us an angel.

*Salvatore & Anthony*

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**Marina Latella** - December 30, 2011 at 09:13 AM

ML

“ *Grandma Josephine we will miss you dearly. Your zest for life was an inspiration to all. It was evident that family was number one and our Tuesday dinners were always looked forward to. The pain is gone and you are now with god (I am sure you are taking charge). Rest in peace until we are all together again. We Love you.*

*Mike & Marina*

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**Marina Latella** - December 30, 2011 at 09:02 AM

JL

“ *Josette Lucenti lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Josephine (Valenti) DiNigro*



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**Josette Lucenti** - December 30, 2011 at 08:49 AM

JL

“ Aunt Josephine was a great lady that had a heart of gold. She lived by the rules of what family means. She never turned her back on anyone in need. She treasured her family more than anything in this world. The respect I've learned through her and other elder members of my family I've passed on to my children. We need to follow the words and wisdom from them. We were raised to know that family is everything. We need to stick together because in reality it's all we have and can never lose. I love you Aunt Josephine and will miss you with all my heart. I will always live by what you've taught me. It breaks my heart to know you're not here for me to talk to but I know you can still hear me. I will always know you are looking over all of us and guiding our way. I have faith that you will be there waiting for me when I am called to join you and the rest of the people I love. I will be looking forward to you making me my longhots and garlic again. Nobody could cook like you. All of the family will miss you greatly. Remember I love you with all my heart. Till we see each other again God Bless you. xoxoxoxo

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**Josette Lucenti** - December 30, 2011 at 08:47 AM