



Josephine "Jo" Santamaria

July 22, 2018

UTICA - Josephine "Jo" Santamaria, passed away on Sunday, July 22, 2018 at the Masonic Care Community of NY.

Born in Utica, Josephine was the daughter of the late Dominick and Vincenza (Zottola) Santamaria. She attended Wetmore Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. She completed a certificate program as a Medical Assistant from M.V.C.C., which was a proud moment in her life.

Jo was employed by Gorea Motor Express as secretary to the Vice President of Sales. She also held an Accounting position in the Business Office at Faxton Children's Hospital. During her retirement years, she worked as a sales clerk in various departments at J.C. Penney where she was a staple in the Home Department. Jo also volunteered her time and talents in many capacities: she ushered at the Stanley Performing Arts Center; was a member of the Literacy Volunteers of America; served 30 years as a volunteer at Faxton Hospital in the Gift Shop, Medical Records, and lastly at the Regional Cancer Center where she offered many years of service. In past years, she loved to sew; she was a skilled seamstress creating curtains as well as clothing. She enjoyed gardening and was a voracious reader. A devout Catholic, Jo's home parish was St. Anthony of Padua Church where she had been an active member of the choir under the direction of the late Wes Donaldson. For many decades she was a member of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Josephine is survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-

nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Antoinette Santamaria, Anna and Arthur Christiano, Rose and Joseph Musa, and Louise and Louis Arcuri; her brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Mary Santamaria; and her niece, Denise Musa.

Josephine's family wishes to thank her doctors, and caregivers, especially Nancy Furlong NP, and the staffs at Wiley Hall and Queen's Household at the Masonic Care Community.

Memorial contributions may be made to Salesian Missions at 2 Lefevre Lane, New Rochelle, NY 10801-5710 or at info@salesianmissions.org; envelopes will be available at the service.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Josephine's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories of Aunt Jo. She would take me and my brother's on day trips during the summer. We went panning for gold, to Howe Caverns, to the beach, ...it was always a great day that ended with ice cream! Then there was the time she got me to join the children's choir for the local opera troupe!

She was full of love and light! Laughing and pretending to be shocked by off color remarks - always gave me chuckle. She was present for all the milestones in my life, always remembered my birthday, and when ever I saw her always asked about my girls.

Aunt Jo will never be forgotten! We all loved her.

Karen, John, Elizabeth and Alix Garcia

Karen - July 24, 2018 at 07:41 PM



“ Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Josephine "Jo" Santamaria.



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“ Joanne, Linda and Family's We are so sorry for your loss Josephine was a great person and a good Aunt to you and your family. I know she will be missed. With Deepest Sympthy , Maryrose , Jim Schiavetta and Roz Mazza

Maryrose Schiavetta - July 24, 2018 at 06:45 AM