



## Josephine Joan Eleanor (DeFazio) Palmieri

October 13, 1930 - July 20, 2007

Mrs. Josephine Joan Eleanor (DeFazio) Palmieri, age 76, formerly of Rutger St., Utica, and more recently of New York Mills, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2007, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, following a brief illness. Her loving family was by her side at the time of her passing.

Born in Utica on October 13, 1930, Josephine was the daughter of the late John J. and Edith (Contento) DeFazio. Raised and educated in Utica, she furthered her studies by attending the Faxton Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1951. On September 17, 1955, she married Joseph A. Palmieri, with whom she shared a loving union until his passing.

At one time, Josephine held employment as a surgical nurse at Faxton and Memorial Hospitals. After 13 years at home devoted to her children, she returned to work and spent 22 years serving others as a Registered Nurse at Faxton Hospital, and Children's Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

Josephine's foremost concern was always the care and consideration of her children. Warm-hearted and giving, she was a mother and father to them. They were blessed with her guidance as an excellent parent, a good provider, and a best friend. She was also a great sister who loved her family and was always ready to listen or lend a hand. With her remarkable inner strength and special sense of humor, Josephine made an everlasting impression on

everyone with whom she came in contact. She loved caring for her cats, and in her spare time she enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, and sharing her handcrafted items with her loved ones. She was very charitable of heart. She was a member of the Faxton Alumni Association, and a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Josephine is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Ann Marie and Jeffrey Krom of Peralta, New Mexico, Theresa Marie Palmieri of Buffalo, NY, and Patricia Marie and Charles Phelan of Rochester, NY; her sons and daughters-in-law, John Anthony and his wife, Sheri Spink-Palmieri of Cicero, NY, Joseph Michael Palmieri of Laurel, Maryland, Stephen Robert and Susan Palmieri of Deerfield, NY, Philip Edward and Julie Palmieri of Presque Isle, Maine, and Michael Anthony Palmieri and his fiancée, Pam Harosia of South Trenton, NY; and her grandchildren, Joseph and Nicole Krom, Elizabeth and Gabriel Montoya, Ian Palmieri, Shane Palmieri, Alexandra Palmieri, Stephen Palmieri, Jr., Dylan Tompkins, Macie Tompkins, Ethan Palmieri, Christine Palmieri, and Callie Palmieri. Also surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Marie E. and George A. Kalil of Westmoreland; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and her brother-in-law, Frank L. Palmieri of Albany. She also leaves many wonderful friends.

The family wishes to thank Josephine's primary physician, Dr. Amy V. Gorczynski, for her professionalism, love, and concern, and the staff of 2 West at the Allen-Calder Wing of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Josephine's Funeral Service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 at the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish at Mt. Carmel Church, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will

take place at Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ Josephine used to watch Mark and me almost everyday for a very long time and she had a large influence on our lives as we were growing up. We are going to miss her very much.##imported-begin##Nicholas and Mark Randio##imported-end##

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July 25, 2007 at 08:04 AM



“ Sorry that we could not be there for the services. We will be home on Thursday, the 26th, at Camille's. "T", if you are still around, call.##imported-begin##ED, BERTHA & EDYTH KALIL##imported-end##

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July 24, 2007 at 12:42 PM



“ To my lovely neighbors,  
Your mom was a beautiful, kind and caring woman. The Joseph family was honored to have a great neighbor as your mom! God Bless you all,  
Teresa Joseph##imported-begin##Teresa Joseph##imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 05:44 PM



“ To the Palmeri Family...I would like to tell you all how sorry i am to hear of your Mom's passing..our hearts go out to all of you..she was a wonderful person..i remember how she took such wonderful care of my daughter Carissa when she was a baby at Faxton Hospital...she was a wonderful neighbor on Rutger Street...many fond memories of her cheerfulness and always being a sweet woman..always taking the time to say hello and chat a bit...please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time...God Bless you all  
Sarah Bice-Hensel###imported-begin##Sarah Bice-Hensel###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 04:48 PM



“ On behalf of myself and my family, I want to let all of you know that you have our sympathy in the loss of your Mother. My brother, my sister, and myself all went to Mt.Carmel School and we have nice memories of your Mom. You are in our thoughts. Mary Jo,Michael, and Judy Arcuri###imported-begin##mary jo arcuri###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 03:16 PM



“ Dear Patty, Charles, Theresa and family, May your hearts find peace and comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin##Barry Keesan###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 02:48 PM



“ *"Mom", a lifetime would not be enough to thank you for being such a special part of our lives. I don't know what I would have done without you. Thank you for all the wonderful things you have taught us and for the memories that we will hold dear in our hearts forever. We love you and miss you always and forever.##imported-begin##Lorrena,Nicholas and Mark Randio##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 02:41 PM



“ *Philip,  
My condolences goes out to you in the loss of your mother.  
Always know that I will be there for you.  
Thinking of you always*

*Love,  
Carol (Peps)##imported-begin##Carol Amorose##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 02:29 PM



“ *My greatest sympathy and love to all. I am fortunate to have experienced Josephine's loving and supportive spirit through her two daughters, Theresa and Patricia. I know they and all of her family will maintain that warmth and grace for many years to come.##imported-begin##Kim Chmielewicz##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 01:09 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Theresa, Patty, and the entire family.##imported-begin##Warren & Jennifer Hale##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 12:18 PM



“ I am very sad that you died, Josephine. But I will always be in your heart. I will try to print a picture of you. I will never forget you.

Love,  
Ben (8 Years Old)###imported-begin###Ben Donofrio###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 11:27 AM



“ May all of her children find comfort in their mother's words that she sent me on my first Mother's Day. She said, "I can remember the feelings I had the first time-when Ann was born. As though my heart was so full that I couldn't breathe. That feeling never changed. Each time, was like the first time. I felt the same when I looked at a picture of Ben. What a precious gift."###imported-begin###Gina and Ben Donofrio###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 11:25 AM



“ Dear Patty and Charles,  
We are so sorry to hear about your mother. You and your entire family have our deepest sympathies during this difficult time.  
Love,  
Rob and Tara###imported-begin###Rob and Tara Shelton###imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 11:15 AM



“ To Patty, Charles and the entire Palmeiri family: my deepest sympathy at this time of immeasurable loss. You are in my thoughts and my prayers. My heart goes out to you. Kate##imported-begin##Kate Squires##imported-end##

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July 23, 2007 at 09:06 AM



“ Patty,

*I'm so sorry to hear about your mother. I'm sure this is a difficult time for all of you. I'm thinking about you and keeping you in my prayers daily.*

*Mary##imported-begin##Mary Versprille##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 08:35 AM



“ Josephine & I talked on the telephone a couple of times last year and made the connection because we were both the oldest granddaughters - DeFazio side for her, Ricco side for me. Anyway, I was hoping we could visit in person sometime soon. I'm sorry the opportunity didn't arise.

*I know she'll be missed by all her family members and friends.*

*Love,*

*Sandy Barczak##imported-begin##Sandra DeFazio Barczak##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 07:44 AM



“ *To the Palmieri Family*  
*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Your mother was always very nice and went out of her way for us in our early years. I will always remember her time she spent as a Cub Scout den mother and the meetings at the house.*  
*Bob Ollerenshaw - Chenango Forks, NY##imported-begin##Bob Ollerenshaw##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2007 at 07:35 AM



“ *To Michael and his family we send our deepest sympathies in this your time of sorrow. We keep all of you in our prayers. May GOD bless you all .*  
*George and Laura Wilbur##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs. George Wilbur jr.##imported-end##*

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July 22, 2007 at 11:41 PM



“ *To the Palmieri Family:*  
  
*Please know that the entire Balonek Family's thoughts are with you and Josephine. She was a wonderful woman, and all of you are evidence of her dedication as a mother.*  
  
*May she rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jennifer Balonek##imported-end##*

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July 21, 2007 at 08:47 PM