



Josephine M. (Massago) Benzo

September 29, 1920 - May 4, 2008

Mrs. Josephine M. (Massago) Benzo, age 87, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, May 4, 2008 after a long illness, at the Katherine Luther Home in Clinton where she had recently been residing.

Born in Utica on September 29, 1920, Josephine was the daughter of the late Angelo and Angela Marie (Pasquale) Massago. She was raised in Utica and attended local schools. On April 9, 1942 she married Anthony M. Benzo, Sr. with whom she shared a blessed and devoted union of almost 59 years prior to his passing on January 6, 2001.

Josephine enjoyed a variety of occupations over the years. She was employed as a pastry chef at the former Rosa's in Utica, and she worked as an assembler at General Electric Company in the Radio Receiver Plant. She was lastly employed at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital where she will be affectionately remembered as the "Candy Lady". A very warm and loving woman, Josephine was devoted to her family. She was a fantastic cook and her Sunday dinners were the highlight of her life. She was also an avid Bingo player. Josephine was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Josephine is survived by her 2 sons, Anthony M. and Jane of Utica, and Daniel J. and Eileen of Sauquoit; her grandchildren, Gina Marie, Jodi Marie, Dana Marie; and her great-grandchildren, Ashley Marie, and Alexa. Survivors also include her sister, Antoinette Benzo; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her sister-in-law, Frances Benzo.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Josephine's sister-in-law, Frances Benzo, and niece, Catherine Loreti, for their weekly visits which offered support; and the entire staffs of the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center, the Presbyterian Home, and the Katherine Luther Home for their special care and concern.

In keeping with Josephine's wishes, private services were held at the convenience of the family, as well as interment at Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Josephine's honor may be made to Upstate Cerebral Palsy, 1020 Mary Street, Utica, NY 13501.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

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“ *The whole family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

The Arrigo Family##imported-begin##Maria Arrigo##imported-end##

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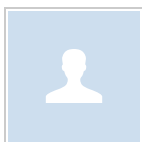
“ *Dan, Eileen, & family - I am so very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Filly (Arcuri) Salsbury##imported-end##*

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“ *What could I say about a person who deeply impacted my life. She was there for me, nurtured me, and most importantly showed me unconditional love. You were a woman I will always admire and your life was a shining example, not only the love that you received, but the outpouring of love you gave. Rest in Peace Mema, I love you Gina##imported-begin##Gina Benzo-Strickland##imported-end##*

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“ *I LOVE & MISS YOU MEMA! RIP##imported-begin##Ashley##imported-end##*

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“ Anthony and Dan: My deepest sympathy goes out to you for the loss of your mother. I will always remember her beautiful smile and gentle demeanor. My prayers are with her. May God bless her.##imported-begin##David (Lee) Lia##imported-end##

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“ Two people sent by God that had hearts of gold, who touched so many lives. Their acts of kindness were non stop. Everything that they did was with love and I was glad to be a part of their lives. I shall never forget and I will miss you both. Thank you for everything. Rest in peace. Loves and kisses Dee##imported-begin##D.U. Talerico##imported-end##

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“ Josephine (and Tony) were both generous, kind, loving, caring and wonderful people. They were like grandparents to us in our earlier years. We will never forgot the weekend sleepovers, Josephine's "apple squares " and the many trips that Tony took us to "Power Dam". We will have fond memories of the many acts of kindness from Josephine and Tony. Our sincere sympathy and condolences to the Benzo Family. May they rest in peace. The twins - Denise & Diane##imported-begin##Denise Usmail-Piazza##imported-end##

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“ *Gina, I know how much Mema meant to you...I also know that this time is hard for you; but know she is in a much better place and now with your Pampa. I wish I could be there for comfort, I'm praying for you during this difficult time.*

*With Love, Michele##imported-begin##Michele Arcuri-
Lewis##imported-end##*

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