



Katherine "Kay" Pettinato

May 18, 1928 - December 12, 2006

Mrs. Katherine "Kay" (DiNardo) Pettinato, age 78, of Frankfort, passed away on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Ctr., her loving brother Dominick DiNardo was by her side.

Katherine was born at home in Chadwicks, NY on May 18, 1928, the daughter of the late Raffaele DiNardo and Carmela (DeVito) DiNardo. Katherine started her education in a one room school in Frankfort and later attended T.R. Proctor High School. Katherine was married to the late Salvatore Pettinato on October 3, 1959 at St. Anthony's Church in East Utica, where the funeral will also be held.

After her husband passed away in 1971, Katherine raised her three sons with the help of her sister, the late Elizabeth (DiNardo) Dispirito, and Elizabeth's husband, Sam Dispirito.

Katherine was very happy living with her brother Dominick on the farm she so cherished, surrounded by her family, especially her grandson, and with her many cats, including Two-Tone who was always by her side. She is survived by her three sons: Salvatore "Sam", the oldest, who built his own house on the farm, remained near his Mom with his son Jeremiah and works for L B Security & Investigation. Salvatore is married to Renee Pettinato and has a step-son, Tytis Markwardt. David, the middle son, owns and operates a

computer company in Santa Barbara, California. John Paul “JP”, the youngest son, is a film producer in Los Angeles and the owner of UTICA Films.

Katherine’s sons are most grateful to all the relatives who visited their mother so often during the last, difficult months. They included Katherine’s sister-in-law, Betty DiNardo, Betty’s daughter Janice Kaminski, Katherine’s niece, Dee Dee Pellegrino (who also built a house on the farm and lived there for many years with her late husband Tony and children Renee, Lisa, and Anthony) and her nephew and niece Butch and Betty-Lou DiNardo.

Katherine was also blessed to also have her in-laws surrounding her. They include Sara and Edward Topi; Fred and Marge Pettinato along with their daughter (Katherine’s god-daughter) Donna Mutulo. Great niece Rosanne Young, nephew Bobbie Pettinato, and family friend Sister Irene Zegarelli were also present in her final days.

Katherine received the nickname “Nurse Katie” from her beloved nephew Tony Pellegrino because of all the sick people for whom she lovingly and selflessly cared for during her lifetime. They included her mother, a stroke victim, her husband, her brother Tony, her mother-in-law, Rose and her father, for whom she cared for more than a decade. She also took care of her sister-in-law, Marge Pettinato, who is still living happily after three brain surgeries.

Katherine’s best friend was Jane DeSimone, they were inseparable while Katherine lived in Utica and always treasured their times baking for all the holidays; and she remained in touch with her oldest friend, Alice (Pender) Oshea of Barneveld.

Katherine is also survived by her sisters-in-law Margie DiNardo, Carmella Pettinato, Christine (DiNardo) Jackson, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her brothers Johnny, Joseph, Tony, Augie,

and Carmen “Nooch”, and in-laws Frank and Rose and their children Peter, Anthony, Theresa, and Antoinette.

The family is grateful for the care provided by her physicians Dr. Kachare, and Dr. Cheron.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Funeral services will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ To the family of Kay DiNardo Pettinato,
I am so sorry for your loss. Kay took care of me, my brother and sisters when we were young. I will never forget her kind, gentle, caring manner. Most of all I remember her voice. She would often sing to us to keep us calm or make us happy. The song I remember the most, and still sing to this day, was called " Darling I am growing Old...silver hairs among the gold". Now, when I think about her singing that song to us, I realize she was still a very young women in her mid-20s. It must have been a song her mother sang to her.
I was honored to be a "flower girl " in Kay's wedding. It was a special day for us all.
I will never forget Kay or her beautiful voice.
Sincerely, Virginia Pender Michel
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“ Just a note to the family to say how very sorry I am for your loss. I will always remember Kay and Aunt Lee and all the wonderful times we spent together when I was young.###imported-begin##Florie Carzo Passante###imported-end##

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