



## Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal

June 1, 1925 - March 26, 2017

UTICA - Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal, age 91, finished the race peacefully on Sunday, March 26, 2017 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on June 1, 1925, Lena was the daughter of the late Antonio and Mariana (Candella) Lomanto. She was one of eight siblings born to immigrant farmers who settled in Westmoreland. She was a proud graduate of Westmoreland High School. On September 27, 1947 she married George H. Gazzal. They complemented each other's personalities and remained in each other's heart for over 70 years.

During her working years Lena was employed as an assembler at the General Electric Company at the French Road plant, retiring in 1985. Although she worked outside the home, her family and her home were her priority. Lena was a woman of character, compassion, and congeniality. All were welcome to her home and she had a unique way of offering a full meal - at any given time. This happened so often that she was nicknamed "Mrs. Food", a title that brought a smile to her face and happiness to her heart. She was a 'hostess with the mostest', and she made holidays special for family and extended family with whom she enjoyed a close relationship. She was a great cook, baker, and chocolate chip cookie maker! She was blessed with an inner grace and beauty that was reflected in her appearance and attire. Lena and Gazzy were a fun-loving, outgoing couple who enjoyed life. They traveled, spent some winters in Florida, and were happy in the company of family and close friends. She was a member of the former Sons of Italy Lodge and the

International Association of Machinists (IAM). Looking back on her life, Lena's greatest legacy was the blessing of her two sons who adored her and cared for her. She will live in their hearts forever.

Lena is survived by her husband, George "Gazzy"; her 2 sons and daughter-in-law, George J. Gazzal and his companion Andrea Mariani, and Joseph and Candace (Rezey) Gazzal; her sister and brother-in-law, Frances and Guy Bonomo of Clark Mills; and her brother, Joseph Lomanto of Clinton. She also leaves her brother-in-law, Russell Cerminaro; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and a host of friends throughout her life who were a true blessing. She was predeceased by her brothers and sisters-in-law, James V. and Bernice Lomanto, and Fred S. and Arlene M. Lomanto; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Sarah and Tony Shusky, Josephine and Dominick "Teddy" Faga, and Mary and Victor Bruni; and her in-laws, Patricia Lomanto, Anthony and Helen Gazzal, Joseph and Delphine Gazzal, Jeanette Gazzal, Evelyn Gazzal, and Nancy Cerminaro.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff of the St. Luke's Home/Barton West for their respect and compassion in caring for Lena, with special mention of nurses Rachel and Diane as well as the nurses' aides. The entire administration was so kind and keenly aware of her needs.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Lena's honor to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org> or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Lena's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal prayers will take place in Calvary Chapel followed by Entombment in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 31. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

CC

“ *A lady as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. I have so many fond memories over the years of her with my mother(Fran Cimino Citriniti and Godmother (Fran Cimino DeCuffa) and the rest of the girls.... They were one great group of classy , beautiful women. So very sorry to hear about her passing... What a great generation*💔💔💔💔

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**Connie Citriniti** - April 02, 2017 at 03:16 PM

LB

“ *Russ*  
*So sorry to hear about your loss. May she rest in peace and your memories of her fill your heart with warmth now and forever. God Bless. Lisa Mattison Bates*

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**Lisa Mattison Bates** - March 31, 2017 at 07:05 PM

CP

“ *I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Lena. We lived next door to each other on Rutger St. She always had a hug for me and told me to come over. We also had lots of conversations together. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers. She was a wonderful and generous person.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Connie Pagan*

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**Connie Pagan** - March 30, 2017 at 08:06 PM

LE

“ Liz (Marrone) Eaton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal



Liz (Marrone) Eaton - March 30, 2017 at 01:25 PM

LE

*I am so sorry to hear of Lena's passing. She was a beautiful lovely lady. I have some fond memories from many years ago of spending time with Lena and George. I know she was a wonderful Mom to her boys. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless.*

Liz (Marrone) Eaton - March 30, 2017 at 01:29 PM

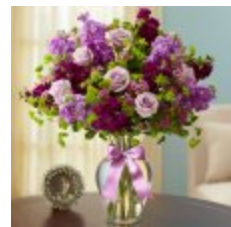
CF

“ We reach out to the Gazzal family with our most sincere sympathies and prayers for your loss.  
Cheech and JoMarie Faccioli.  
Fort Myers, Florida

Cheech Faccioli - March 30, 2017 at 11:29 AM

VB

“ Valarie and Victor Bruni purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal.



Valarie and Victor Bruni - March 30, 2017 at 08:18 AM

VB

“ Uncle George, Joe, and George, we will miss Aunt Lena very much. She was a special lady. I have many memories growing up from days on the farm, Belmont Ave, and times we spent with the Cjt Chat Lunches with the sibblings. Little did we know how special 9/11/2016 would be our last meeting sharing a meal with our families. Shes is now in heaven with her brothers and sisters and is free of the pain and suffering she endured. Your devotion of love and caring is testament to the meaning of "family".



Victor Bruni - March 30, 2017 at 07:42 AM

KF

“ Karen Fleury lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal



Karen fleury - March 29, 2017 at 07:15 PM

JM

“ George, I am deeply saddened by the news of Lena passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.



Jack Minicone - March 29, 2017 at 07:08 PM

BE

“ *My childhood memories of your Mom will always be in my heart..It was a true friendship between our Moms..They are cooking up something together for sure..My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family...*

*Bonnie Raffuel Enjem*

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**Bonnie Raffuel Enjem** - March 29, 2017 at 06:56 PM

SG

“ *My sympathies to George and the Gazzal family. I remember Mrs. Gazzal and our many conversations in the drugstore.*

*Santo (Tony) Garro  
Melbourne, FL*

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**Santo Garro** - March 28, 2017 at 08:37 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal.*



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March 28, 2017 at 08:32 PM

JJ

“ Dear Mr. Gazzal, George and Joe, I'm very sorry to learn of the passing of Lena. Although it has been many years since I delivered papers to your house on Rutger St, I continued to think about her and expect I always will. I will remember the kindness she showed me, particularly on Thursdays when I would collect. Where else in the world would you get a tip for delivering papers that included a meatball! I can't tell you how many times she would indulge my curiosity, showing me into the house so that I could see the shark in the fish tank. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Although she lived a long life, a person like Lena should live forever. The world would be better off but I guess the heavens need stars. May she shine bright. Truly your, John Piazza Jr.

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**John Piazza Jr.** - March 28, 2017 at 03:58 PM

RB

“ To the Gazzal family, my heartfelt sympathy at the passing of our beloved Lena. I will remember all the holidays we shared together. Especially last Thanksgiving as Lena & I shared a wonderful conversation about the olden days. I will hold this memory close to my heart whenever I think of her & I will smile. Thank you for the love you have shown me to be part of your extended family. May she Rest In Peace

*Love, Rosanne M Bravo*

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**Rosanne Bravo** - March 28, 2017 at 01:12 PM

MH

“ My very sincere condolences to Gazzy, George, Joe and your families. She is a very special lady who will always be in your hearts.

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**Mark Hoffmeister** - March 28, 2017 at 12:41 PM

JM

“ *My deepest condolences to my buddy Joe Gazzal and his family during their time of sorry. May she now rest in peace.*

**Jolie Murray** - March 28, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ *Sincerest Sorrow - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal.*



March 28, 2017 at 09:57 AM

JO

“ *George and family...please know that my thoughts are with you . So sorry for your loss*

*Jody Guarnieri*

**Jody** - March 28, 2017 at 08:41 AM

SC

“ *Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lena M. (Lomanto) Gazzal*



**sharon campola** - March 28, 2017 at 08:28 AM

SC

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Gazzal family. Lena was such a kind and loving woman. We will hold dear to our hearts our Holiday dinners, and cherished conversations we shared . We will miss her baking, especially her chocolate chip cookies. Rest In Peace Lena. Know you were loved.

Sincerely

The Campola family and Rosanne Bravo

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**sharon campola** - March 28, 2017 at 08:28 AM

JN

“ sorry for your loss George & Joe & families

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**john nole** - March 28, 2017 at 07:32 AM

DM

“ To Lena's family , our sincere sympathies. To my Aunt Fran , I am so sorry for the passing of your sister... 🌹



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**Diane Murray** - March 27, 2017 at 08:04 PM