



Lila M. (Butts) Riley

February 6, 1922 - January 11, 2008

Mrs. Lila M. (Butts) Riley, age 85, of New Hartford, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 11, 2008 at the St. Luke's Home where she currently resided. Born in Norwich, NY on February 6, 1922, Lila was the daughter of the late Fred and Myrtle (Soules) Butts. As a young child, she moved from Norwich to Cortland where she was raised and educated. On June 8, 1940 in Cortland she was united in marriage with John J. Riley with whom she shared a loving union of 63 years until his passing on Christmas Day, 2003.

Lila was employed in the dining department at Cornell University for over 7 years. She retired in 1983 after more than 10 years of service at the Dryden High School in Dryden, NY. Shortly after their retirement, Lila and John relocated to Utica where she has since resided. Strong-willed, determined, and independent, Lila sacrificed a gratuitous lifestyle choosing to live in moderation to better her family. She was always helpful in offering advice to friends and loved ones. She enjoyed cooking, watching the Lawrence Welk Show, and reading, especially books by Danielle Steele. A former parishioner of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and St. Margaret's in Homer, NY, she was currently a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Lila is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Dominick Tramacera of Utica, and Carol and Steven Reese of Cortland; her grandchildren, Anthony and Renee Tramacera of New York Mills, Michael and Sandra Tramacera of Ontario, NY, Mary E. Tramacera and Josh Austin of New

Hartford, Timothy and Kyna Malchak of McGraw, NY, and Jodie and Michael DeLage of Homer, NY; and her great-grandchildren, Courtney Tramacera, Karilynn Tramacera, Bryan Tramacera of New York Mills, Nicholas Tramacera of Ontario, NY, Wyatt Malchak and Tyven Malchak, both of McGraw, and Michael DeLage, Riley DeLage, and Christopher DeLage, all of Homer. Survivors also include her sister and brother-in-law, Leila and Ken Shaw of McLane, NY; her nieces, especially acknowledging Faye Reimann whom she referred to as her special angel, her nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Margaret and Paul Fleming of Auburn, NY, and Neil Riley of Homer. She also leaves the many friends and staff members of the St. Luke's Home who were close to her heart. She was predeceased by her nephews, Kenneth Shaw and Douglas Shaw; and her in-laws, Joseph Riley, Ruth Riley, and Mildred and Gerald Miller.

The family would like to thank the entire staff and Lila's fellow residents of the St. Luke's Home for the care and love rendered to Lila. Gratitude is also extended to Rev. John Flanagan for his spiritual guidance throughout the years.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Lila's funeral service will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ i am so sad to lila pass on. she was my very dear friend at the st lukes home. she always made me smile. she spoiled me too. i will miss her dearly##imported-begin##diane##imported-end##

January 17, 2008 at 12:21 AM



“ I met Lila at the St. Lukes nursing home, as she was a room mate with my grandmother. I remember how sweet Lila was. She was always sitting in her chair with her little lamp watching wheel of fortune or reading a magazine or a book. She was always so happy and always said hi. Not a time, I did not stop to wave to her. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Take care. Here is a little prayer that helped me when my grandmother passed away, and I hope it helps you:

A Hug From Heaven:

Don't be sad I'm here with Jesus, Don't be sad And please don't cry, I'm right here..... I've never left you..... Don't you know That LOVE can't die? I am safe and warm and happy Seeing Jesus face to face Is more Than I have bargained for. As I speak, I'm right beside you, As you walk, I'm by your side, Close your eyes and You'll see clearly That my Spirit has not died. Everyone's on earth for reasons Man can't fully comprehend, But in heaven I've seen clearly Justice triumphs in the end. Understand my LOVE surrounds you In a way you cannot see, Feel it Sense it Trust its' presence Have some patience Let me be. Do not waste another moment! Give to God complete control Of the worries that concern you And your heart and mind and soul. Wake each day in joyful gladness Knowing we're Not far apart Look to JESUS for the answers..... He will heal your broken heart. But above all, please remember There's no need for you to cry.... I'm right here! I've never left you! Don't you know that LOVE can't die.##imported-begin##Amy Warmuth##imported-end##

January 16, 2008 at 06:45 PM



“ I have had the opportunity to meet Lila. My mom was in the St. Lukes Home. Her name was Frances Duda. She was Lila's roommate. I remember on several occasions Lila was so sweet and talked so highly of her family and worried about each and every one of you. She always had a book in her hand and watched the game shows. I would always take a special moment to sit and talk with her. I didn't realize that half the window sill belonged to Lila, so as I was putting up my mom's decorations, I accidentally threw out a cardboard turtle that a great/ or grandchild had made for her. She told me that I had thrown it out and how she treasured it. I apologized several times and was she just so sweet about it. I was luckily able to find a turtle pin and she was so appreciative. Sadly my mom passed away this July, so I understand what you are all going through. I will always remember your mom as a kind and soft spoken sweet woman. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers always. Debbie###imported-begin###Debbie Warmuth###imported-end###

January 16, 2008 at 06:36 PM



“ Kay & Carol & families: I wish I could be there in person to say goodbye to Aunt Lila, but I'm unable to do so, but she is in my heart and prayers today and always. She was a "Very Special Person", one of the nicest, loving people I knew. I'm so glad I was able to see her when I could come to NY on my yearly visits to see my family. I always felt good after seeing her. Now she can rest along side of John, her true love.
Deepest Sympathy, MaryLou & Dennis###imported-begin###MaryLou & Dennis Simons & family###imported-end###

January 15, 2008 at 03:06 PM



“ Kay, Carol & Families, I am so very sorry to read of the passing of your Mom. She is just as beautiful as I remember. I have such great memories of us growing up together on MCDonald Farms. I will keep you close in my thoughts and prayers. May GODS love comfort you all at this difficult time. All my Love, Julie##imported-begin##Julie Jenner (Sweet)##imported-end##

January 14, 2008 at 06:33 PM