



Loretta A. "Sis" Doolen

August 31, 1930 - May 13, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Loretta A. "Sis" (Withers) Doolen, age 87, passed away on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

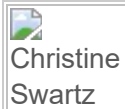
Born in Frankfort, New York on August 31, 1930, Loretta was the daughter of the late Burdette and Elizabeth (Farrell) Withers. Raised and educated in Frankfort, she eventually attended and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School. She was married to Michael R. Doolen, Sr. who passed away on May 28, 1992.

For over 30 years, Loretta was employed by the Masonic Home as a Nurse's Aide, the position from which she retired. She was a loving, self-respecting, self-sacrificing, strong-willed woman. As a matriarch, she raised her children with pride and taught them the importance of the values and virtues that should guide their lives. She always placed the needs of her family on her shoulders. Sis was sharp, quick-witted, and outspoken, yet she was graceful and mindful of manners. She was an enduring NY Yankees fan. A devout, religious woman, she was a faithful parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Loretta is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Loretta Daniel of Virginia, Bernadette Nasbe of Utica, and Christine and Rob Swartz of Florida; her sons and daughter-in-law, Bert and Shirley Doolen of Peru NY, Steven Doolen of Rome NY, and Thomas Doolen of Utica. She held close to her heart the memory of her son, Michael R. "Mikey" Doolen who passed on March 8, 2016. She will be remembered by her many beloved grandchildren. She was

preceded by her granddaughter, Lois May Daniel who passed away on July 24, 2001; and her grandson, Michael Daniel on August 31, 2013. She also leaves many special great-grandchildren; her brother and sister-in-law, George and Vivian Withers of Frankfort NY; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends. She was predeceased by her daughter-in-law, Denise L. Doolen who passed away on December 3, 2017. In keeping with Loretta's wishes, there will be no public services. The family will honor and commemorate her life in a private gathering.

Tribute Wall



“ My mother was a beautiful woman that put up with a lot in her life. She had to deal with a lot of disrespect but she dealt with it like the lady she was. She raised her 7 children with no help and she did a fabulous job. She was the strongest woman I know and there will never be another one like her. R.I.P. mom. I love you and miss you terribly already!!

Christine Swartz - May 27, 2018 at 07:07 PM



“ My sister in law Sis was a great lady that had a rough life raising her family, but she did it with grace. Pat thought the world of her. If she needed anything when Pat was single he would bring it to her. Her family was her life and she truly enjoyed being a mom. She was great at it. You will be misses by all who knew you Sis. R.I.P. fine lady. My condolences to all of your children. Take care and have a safe trip home to the house of the lord.

Janet Doolen - May 19, 2018 at 11:10 AM