



Lucia "Lucy" (Giorgi) Ruggiero

August 26, 1926 - April 17, 2010

Lucia Dorthea (Giorgi) Ruggiero of Capitola, California and longtime Utica resident, passed away peacefully on April 17th at 12:05 am, with her family by her side. She was a remarkable woman, very fair of face, feisty and quick witted. She made a strong impression on everyone she met.

Her fierce love for her family was the centerpiece of her life. Lucy was a strong and loving matriarch.

She is survived by her husband Anthony who she married on October 2, 1954. They shared 55 years of joy and passion. Their marriage was sometimes tempestuous but always loving.

Together they raised and educated four beautiful children: Kathryn Ruggiero of Oakland, California, Nanette Ruggiero of Santa Cruz, California, Andrea Ruggiero Campbell of Waikoloa Hawaii, and Steven Ruggiero of Los Altos, California. All have degrees or advanced degrees. Education was a priority for Lucy and she pushed and encouraged her children to succeed.

She had three dearly loved grandchildren who she spoiled and adored.

Matthew Campbell, 14, Jonathan Ruggiero 12, and Amanda Ruggiero 7.

She leaves behind many loved ones: Marcia Roberts Ruggiero, Bill Campbell, Dennis and Aza Giorgi, Maria and David Abdoo, Michael and Francis Coluzza, Heidi Fonner, Jeff and Sophia Vallese, Debbie and Collin Hill, Mary Teresa Bostic and many dear and wonderful friends.

She is pre-deceased by her parents Mary Vendetti and Libro Giorgi; her

brothers, Amedio and Angelo Giorgi; her sisters-in-law, Angeline and Antoinette Giorgi; her beloved sister-in-law Vinnie Coluzza; her brother-in-law, John Coluzza; and her niece, Laretta Coluzza Vallese.

Lucy had an unbounded generosity; small gifts and recognitions flowed from her almost daily to loved ones and strangers alike. Her love of children was legendary. Not one child crossed her path that wasn't celebrated. Lucy was a fashionista, she always had an impeccable sense of style and glamour. She owned and operated a unique clothing boutique "The Loft" in Clinton NY for 10 years. She was a gourmet cook and nurtured all with her culinary talents. She had a flair for interior design and loved to knit and embroider. Her enthusiasm and sense of fun was contagious. She filled our hearts and always reminded us to laugh. Her light remains, and she will be loved and cherished always. Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Lucy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. A committal service will follow with interment at St. Agnes Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ I want to extend my condolences to the entire Ruggiero family. I'm sorry for your loss and my thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Thomas Hanna - Somerville Massachusetts##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 09:59 PM



“ To Kathy and family. You have our Heart Felt Condolances. We would have been there if we had caught it in time. Was just at Ennace 2 nights ago. They are good friends of ours. And Beautiful people to know. JoAnn had lost her Mom 1 year ago. As I remember it was some decades ago that we at times hung out together at the challet. As I remember your parkway home and U.C.A. We lost track as times changed for all of us, but never forgot. We Are still here in Utica so far. I am hoping to hear from you sometime.
Ken & JoAnn Kennedy Mariano##imported-begin##Ken & JoAnn Mariano##imported-end##

April 30, 2010 at 04:05 PM



“ *To the Ruggiero Family,*

I can only offer my consolation during this difficult time with your loss. I always enjoyed visiting with Lucy and the rest of the family. Utica and CA will not be the same without her. My best wishes go to you during your grievance and wish I could be there for the services.

Sincerely,

John Rembetski

Albuquerque, NM##imported-begin##John Rembetski##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 11:12 PM



“ *Tony & Family,*

Comfort and prayers to you in the loss of your special and precious Lucy. She was a very "Special" Lady who I enjoyed getting to know while helping in your home before moving to California. She wanted me to come with you and help out in your new home. Lucy had such a loving and joyful spirit. I will always remember her bright green, fuzzy flip flops and her beautiful painted toe nails that You, Tony so lovingly did for her. ALL of you were so blessed to have her.

Love & Prayers,

Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie Kogut Clinton, N.Y.##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 06:54 PM



“ I have known Lucy almost my entire life. I clearly remember her love for family, sense of humor, fashion, delicious cooking, appreciation of plants and flowers, and her knack for decorating. I was always amazed at her ability to quickly and beautifully transform a just moved into house to a warm home, and decorated as if she had been living there for years. I loved her quick wit, warm heart, and appreciate the family recipies she lovingly shared with me in recent times. Her memory will always be precious to me. My heartfelt condolences to all.##imported-begin##Michelle McCulley##imported-end##

April 29, 2010 at 11:37 AM



“ Lucy was an enthusiastic lover of my homegrown tomatoes, and always such a warm and gracious hostess whenever I visited her.

I am sorry to learn of her passing, for I know she will be greatly missed by her beloved family.##imported-begin##Debra Villasenor##imported-end##

April 28, 2010 at 03:51 AM



“ Thinking of you and your family during this remarkable journey.

Your Mom knew to give you wings to fly. All four of her children took well advantage of her good parenting. And she took advantage of your journey by being with you along your path to California and beyond by joining you briefly. I believe you've honored her well by taking her back to your roots.

Warm and loving thoughts.##imported-begin##Patti Moore##imported-end##

April 27, 2010 at 01:59 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Michelle Trivieri##imported-end##*

April 27, 2010 at 10:35 AM



“ *We started out as neighbors but quickly became friends...I am so thankful that I got to know you. We were able to laugh, cry and complain to each other which in retrospect was probably very helpful to our families! It won't be the same without you...you will always live in our hearts!##imported-begin##Fred & Mary Lou Green##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 11:06 PM



“ *Love you Lucy Ruggiero, you were a bright spark in what is often a dark world.##imported-begin##Bill Campbell##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 10:54 PM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy for your loss.##imported-begin##Billie Jo Joy##imported-end##*

April 26, 2010 at 07:27 PM



“ Hi Nanette,
I was just talking about you and your parents with one of the teachers in Stockholm 2 days back. I never thought your mother would have left her body a week back. I am sure Guruji will guide her soul to rest in peace.
Jai Guru Dev,
Ramki.##imported-begin##Ramki##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ I can see the beauty in your mom Nanette. love and peace to you and your family. now she is an even bigger light in the sky somewhere... love, julia##imported-begin##Julia ##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 05:18 PM



“ I remember meeting Lucy at her beloved home in Utica many years ago. She was so warm and welcoming to me. In her true Italian way she was always inviting me to eat! I remember her so vividly and fondly.

Lucy, may God's grace travel with you...##imported-begin##Doina Iliescu##imported-end##

April 26, 2010 at 04:28 PM