



Mrs. Lucretia M. (Sibilio) DeFuria

February 2, 1934 - August 10, 2025

DEERFIELD – Lucretia M. “Cre” (Sibilio) DeFuria, age 91, went home to the Lord on Sunday, August 10, 2025. At the time of her passing, she was reunited with her beloved husband and daughter who were awaiting her. During the last years of her life, she was devotedly cared for by her two daughters, Lisa and Susan.

Born in Utica on February 2, 1934, Lucretia was the daughter of the late Angelo and Rose (Pantaleo) Sibilio. She attended Brandegee Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1952.

On January 15, 1955, she joined in holy matrimony with Nicholas L. DeFuria. A strong and devoted couple, they cherished their vows above all else and served as a radiant example to their daughters of unwavering love, respect, and the true meaning of honoring one’s spouse. The couple were blessed with 61 loving years together before Nicholas passed away on May 4, 2016.

At one time, Cre held employment as a receptionist at MVCC in their computer department, as well as at Casa Imports. She was a memorable woman who carried out both roles with the hospitality and a strong work ethic.

The matriarch of her family, Cre considered her greatest accomplishment in life was having created a loving family and a stellar home. Selfless to a fault,

she consistently put the needs of others before her own. Cre was a non-judgmental soul, and one never heard her speak ill of anyone; her caring mentality that was truly precious. She led by example—always advising, but more importantly showing, her daughters the importance of making thoughtful choices and living a life of integrity. Known for her stunning and classy apparel, she was admired by many for her impeccable taste. She always took care to present herself with elegance and poise. More than anything else, she was an unforgettable mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. The legacy she leaves to her family is one of impeccable love and devotion.

At one time, Cre was an active member of the Schuyler Senior Center. She also possessed an artistic flair and took immense pride in crafting beautiful floral arrangements. A true stylist at heart, she always created a wonderful and cohesive aesthetic.

A lifelong devout Catholic who deeply loved our Lord, she prayed daily to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Mother. She faithfully attended Mass and when she could not, her daughter Susan, a Eucharistic minister, brought her communion which brought her great comfort. She practiced her faith as a member of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus.

Lucretia is survived by her truly devoted family: daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Alfred Rocci, and Susan and Thomas Luker. She held close to her heart the memory of her daughter, Karen DeFuria Marshall, who passed away on October 1, 2011. She is also remembered by her son-in-law, Don Marshall; grandchildren, Noahjon Marshall, Nicholas Marshall, Amanda and Dennis Harrington; Marissa Rocci-Armstrong and her husband David Armstrong, and Matthew Rocci; great-grandchildren, Alexander, and Nicholas Armstrong; and Calvin, and Nina Harrington. She cherished the memories of her sister and brother-in-law, Grace and Michael DiRisio, and her infant brother, Frank Sibilio, all who preceded her. Her loss is also felt by many nieces, especially

Cathy Seminaro, who was extremely attentive to her Aunt Cre; nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Socially blessed, Cre maintained many close friendships throughout her life—relationships deeply woven into the fabric of her heart. It would be remiss not to mention Maime Mazzatti, whom she met shortly after marriage and with whom she shared many wonderful life experiences; these two truly knew each other's hearts. Also, Theresa Antone, a friend since fifth grade, with whom she shared the rare bond of a common childhood and the journey of growing into maturity together. She was additionally predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Louis and Cora (Coriale) DeFuria; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Anthony "Chic" and Anne DeFuria, Salvatore and Carolyn DeFuria, and Frances and Michael Valentino; niece, Rose Siringo; and nephews, Joseph DiRisio, and Anthony DiRisio.

Gratitude is extended to the nurses of 8E at Wynn Hospital for their care and Compassion. A special thank you goes to Lucretia's home caregivers, Mary and Annette, for their dedication to her needs, and to Janet, with whom she shared a very special bond. The family also sincerely thanks Lucretia's primary care physician, Dr. William Ryan, who provided her with excellent care over several decades. She absolutely adored him and deeply appreciated how such a knowledgeable man took a genuine and remarkable interest in her wellbeing. The family remains forever grateful for Rev. Joseph Salerno and his spiritual guidance.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lucretia's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Lucretia's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online

at www.stjude.org/donate or Boston Sight online at www.bostonsight.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **19**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall



“ *Love ya grandma*

NoahJon Marshall - August 28, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *Janice And Fred Greer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Lucretia M. (Sibilio) DeFuria*



Janice and Fred Greer - August 17, 2025 at 03:04 PM



“ *Cherished are the many moments laughing, cooking and chatting with your Mom throughout the years. Cre was instrumental in my life and always supportive. I will miss her dearly and hold her memory close to heart. Sending love to all of you.*

Mary Anne Machis - August 16, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *Lisa and Susan, i'm very sorry to hear the passing of your beloved mother. She was a very kind woman and a beautiful one inside and out. God bless you all.*

Barbara Carchedi Laible

Barbara Laible - August 15, 2025 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Lisa and Susan:*

*I am so very sorry to hear that your beloved mother has passed away. I remember her well from our Kemble School days. I never saw her without a smile. May warm memories comfort you.
Denise Carchedi*

Denise Carchedi - August 15, 2025 at 09:26 AM

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“ *Lisa and Susan*

*So very sorry to hear of your mom's passing.
Truly a remarkable woman inside and out.
I'll never forget her showing me how to make fried dough with cheese inside! Still a favorite of mine.
And when she attended my dad's service so many memories came flooding back ❤️
It meant the world to me.
Thinking of you both at this difficult time my thoughts and prayers to both of you and your families 🙏*

Michelle Torchia - August 14, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lucretia M. (Sibilio) DeFuria.*



August 13, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ *Lucretica was one of the kindest sweetest souls I have ever known. When I worked with her many years ago, she was like the office mother...what ever you needed she always there to listen & genuinely cared & always had a drawer full of all the necessities in her desk....If anyone needed a band-aid ,a pin, crackers, tea etc.... you name it she had it...we always joked with her about that:) Prayers to her family ..RIP Lucretia.*

Laurie Monopoli - August 12, 2025 at 01:10 PM