



Lucy V. (Graziano) Berardino

January 25, 1929 - June 21, 2014

Mrs. Lucy V. (Graziano) Berardino, age 85, passed away on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the St. Luke's Home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 25, 1929, Lucy was the daughter of the late Philip and Lucia (Pella) Graziano. Raised and educated locally, she graduated with honors from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1947. She then pursued her professional studies at the Bellevue School of Nursing in New York City, a prominent and elite school affiliated with NYU, and recognized as a center of excellence in nursing education. Lucy was humbly proud of her higher education and the distinction of graduating summa cum laude with a degree in nursing. On April 11, 1955 she wed Sam F. Berardino, Jr. with whom she shared 36 years in a marriage characterized by the values of their era --- loyalty, faith, and commitment to family values. Sam passed away on December 31, 1991.

Lucy began her nursing career at Oneida County General Hospital where she met her love, best friend, and soul mate, Sam, who was a pharmacy student. Through her dedication and compassion, she rose to the position of Operating Room Nurse. When her children were born, she left the workforce to raise her family which was paramount to her. In later years, she found comfort in nursing at the Cedarlands Boy Scout Camp in the Adirondacks and with Oxford Nursing Services. Her children had been told on many occasions that their mother was highly respected and remembered as an outstanding professional and one of the best in her field. Blessed with an upbeat

personality, Lucy held her optimism in the face of adversity. She had a smile on her face, kind words on her lips, and cordial compliments for others. Her heart was filled with goodness and kindness and she found the time to help anyone in need. She cared for others with compassion and a lively spirit. On the home front, Lucy was famous for her flair for entertaining at the many social events associated with her husband's career and community endeavors. Cheerful and hospitable, Lucy made her home a place of warmth and welcome for family and friends to get together. She enjoyed boating, traveling, and above all, spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren. As devout Catholics, Lucy and her husband were active in laying the foundation needed to construct the new St. John the Evangelist Parish in the early 1960's where they remained parishioners all their married life. Lucy served as vice-president of the New Hartford PTA and was actively supported Scouting.

Lucy is survived by her sons and daughters-in-laws, Marc Carmen and Lisa (Calongne) Berardino of Vernon, and Sam F. III and Laine Berardino of New Hartford; her grandchildren, Matthew Berardino; Lindsay Berardino, and Liane Berardino and fiancé Steven Zalewski to whom she will be wed on Saturday. She is also survived by her sister, Philomena Stoio and sister-in-law Ann Graziano of Utica, as well as her nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her siblings and their spouses, Phillip A. Graziano, Elizabeth and Tom Marsh, Sandra Graziano, Mary and Vincent LaColla, and Thomas Graziano. Her brother-in-law, Louis Stoio; and her late husband's siblings, Emilio Berardino and Josephine Berardino.

The family would like to thank Lucy's longtime physician Dr. Dhabhar and Nurse Practitioner Lisa Anweiler; and the entire staff of the St. Luke's Home who are an outstanding group of compassionate caregivers who enlightened Lucy's life with their love.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St, corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Lucy's honor may be considered to the Faxon-St. Luke's HealthCare Foundation;

envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Lucy's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. John the Evangelist Church, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Paul Drobin. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 24. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUN 25. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
Corner of Oxford and Sherman
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Sorry to hear about your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with your family. -Roy Haller

Roy Haller - July 01, 2014 at 09:25 AM

CL

“ Dear Berardino family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. My grandfather, Jerry Schillo, used to bring me along with him to visit Sam and later Lucy after Sam passed away. She was always so loving and welcoming, so interested in what I had to say, even when I was a little kid, and always wanted to feed me. It's been years since I've seen her, but her voice is still very clear in my memory. I'm so glad that I knew her, and I'm so sorry that I can't come to her services.

With love,

Claire Lobdell

Claire Lobdell - June 24, 2014 at 07:25 PM

A.

“ Lucy was certainly gifted with special mightiness to have had such a long life. (Ps.90:10) May the family find peace and comfort in the resurrection hope set forth for us in the bible. "Do not be amazed at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." (John 5:28, 29) My deepest condolences, in this your time of sorrow.

A.Coleman - June 24, 2014 at 11:17 AM

CB

“ Dear Marc, Lisa and family,

Our prayers are with the both of you and your family. We did not know Mrs. Berardino but Marc always spoke highly of her and we are sure she will be greatly missed.

*God bless you,
Carl and Becky*

Carl and Becky - June 23, 2014 at 08:30 PM

RA

“ *Lucy Berardino was one of the nicest people I have ever met. Since the day I met her which was a couple of years ago. I would see her everyday and if not talk to her for a few minutes or just blow her a kiss, she would have a smile on her face and always a kind word to say for everyone. Im thankful I met her cause I believe she made me just a little nicer of a person in life for seeing how she was to others. I thank God for creating her, and please God take care of her. We love you Lucy, until we meet again your friend forever Ron Archibald.*

Ron Archibald - June 23, 2014 at 06:08 PM

DW

“ *Dean and Heather Wallace purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lucy V. (Graziano) Berardino.*



Dean and Heather Wallace - June 23, 2014 at 05:03 PM

GW

“ Garry & Joyce White purchased the Home in Heaven Throw for the family of Lucy V. (Graziano) Berardino.



Garry & Joyce White - June 23, 2014 at 10:49 AM

TH

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the Berardino family. From the Heaton's.

Tracy Heaton - June 22, 2014 at 07:21 PM