



Lydia J. (DeCarlo) Campola

January 24, 1923 - June 27, 2009

Mrs. Lydia J. (DeCarlo) Campola, age 86, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the St. Joseph Nursing Home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 24, 1923, Lydia was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Grace (Giannini) DeCarlo. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1941 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On January 3, 1944 she married Patsy S. "Pat" Campola with whom she shared 43 years prior to his passing on April 13, 1987.

At one time, Lydia worked as a hair stylist. A loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lydia treasured her loved ones above all else, and she will be remembered for her devotion to them. A woman of faith, she studied scripture and Catholic teachings with her friend Rosemary Chiffy, and she served as a spokesperson for her Bible group. She was a member of the North Utica Senior Center and a devout parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Lydia is survived by her daughter and primary caregiver for the past several years, Sharon Lee Campola of New York Mills; her sons and daughters-in-law, Roland and Sharon A. Campola of FL, Patsy S. and Maureen Campola of FL, and David Sr. and Kathy Campola of N. Utica; her grandchildren, Michelle and Bill Piotrowski, David, Jr. and Michele Campola, Christopher Campola, and June Campola; and her great-grandchildren, Anthony, Sophia and Charlotte. Survivors also include her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews,

special cousins, JoJo and Robert Gentile, Candy and Joe Gazzal, and Tickie Champion; in-laws, Frieda Campola, Josephine Campola, Rose Campola and Vincent Grasso; and many wonderful friends especially Rosanne Bravo who was like a second daughter to Lydia. She was predeceased by her sisters, Lena and Ken Stathes, and Faye and Louis Migliaccio; and her brothers, Louis "Shoey" and Carmella DeCarlo, Edmund and Josephine DeCarlo, and Roland DeCarlo; in-laws, Frank and Angie Campola, Dick and Josephine Robertello, Joe and Lucy Berliski, Angelo Campola, Tony Campola, Sam Campola, Lena Grasso and Marian Trent.

The family wishes to thank the entire staff of the St. Joseph Nursing Home and her special aides from the 2nd floor for the loving care she received while there.

In keeping with Lydia's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Thank you to all the friends and family that shared their memories of mom. They mean so much to us. I know mom is healthy and safe and with Dad now. I have a peaceful feeling now. But just wanted you all to know we appreciate the shared memories you posted here###imported-begin##Sharon Lee Campola###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 08:02 AM



“ dear sharon, so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. my thoughts and prayers and love are with you. mary ann###imported-begin##mary ann ladd###imported-end##

July 06, 2009 at 01:15 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of Lydia's family and extended family. We know that she'll be missed, but God has a special place for her, and she'll be waiting to be reunited with all of her loved ones one day.###imported-begin##Ed & Mary Cattadoris###imported-end##

July 03, 2009 at 04:42 PM



“ Dear Sharon and family,

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a great light here at St. Joseph's, and she will be missed. Please know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers.

*God's Peace,
Kathy Poupart##imported-begin##Kathy Poupart##imported-end##*

July 02, 2009 at 02:02 PM



“ Dear Campola & DeCarlo Families: It was an honor to be able to call your families, your Mothers and Fathers, especially Lydia and all of you, friends and cherished neighbors . Lydia always made it a point to acknowledge your presence with a smile and sometimes a funny story. May her beautiful soul and the souls of all of our East Utica departed rest in eternal Peace. Pauly Mangano##imported-begin##Paul Mangano##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 09:27 AM



“ To Lydia's Family First, I would like to say how much I loved her and how much she meant to me. She helped me so much after my mother died and how many times she or I would call each other and just talk and she would make me laugh about many things in life. I know she is in a better place and not in pain and most of all she is with your Dad.

Love To All.. Cousin Barbara(Liuzzi) and Bob Mesick##imported-begin##Barbara (liuzzi) & Robert Mesick Orlando, FL##imported-end##

July 01, 2009 at 11:23 PM



“ Dear Patsy&Roland We are so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Jim&Anne DOTI##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 09:12 PM



“ Dear Patsy & Sharon,
Lydia will be missed by the Dalessios. She was always kind and thinking of the kids. She was one of kind! I'll miss her spunk, flare, and famous Lasagna Roll-Ups. She set a great example as to how to enjoy life, family, and friends.
We loved her and are so sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Rich and Cristin Dalessio##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 07:07 PM



“ Aunt "Lyd" - always gracious, thoughtful, and loving to my children and me. To the entire Campola family our deepest sympathy with cherished memories of a wonderful family and happy times.##imported-begin##Laurie, Dougie, and Amanda DeCarlo##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 01:51 PM



“ Sharon, Roland, Patsy & David Our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mom. We understand what your going through, because we have experienced the loss of someone very dear in our lives, too and even though every person has to get through a time like this in their own way, we know you will come through. Someday the pain will ease and the memories will bring comfort, just as they did with us. Your mom was such a great lady and always the life of the party, We would love to see her when she came to visit our parents Mary & John Liuzzi, Our thoughts and prayers are with your whole family at this most difficult time. I'm sure they have all gotten together to meet her as she went into heaven. They will all take care of each other and smile down on us.

This is our favorite saying called "My Sympathy".

The grief of a loss is poignant as can be and all that we can offer you is friendly sympathy.

But our condolences really come directly from the heart.

Because we know how sad it is when loved ones have to part.

We know you will be lonely as the days and nights go by.

And there will be a thousand tears that you will want to cry.

And yet we must remember that there is a love divine.

And we may always count on it and trust on God's design.

And so we grieve with you today and say a fervent prayer.

That God will bless and always keep your loved one in His Care.

*Love maureen and Tom Drugda###imported-
begin##Maureen(Liuzzi)& Thomas Drugda
Albany,N.Y.12205###imported-end##*

June 30, 2009 at 01:13 PM



“ This morning I had a medical emergency with my sister and was unable to go to the Mass. I am sorry. whenever she spoke of her children she did with much love in her words and her eyes sparkled-
-you were all loved very much. Our life is richer from having known her & Pat. and her family. our thoughts are with you think of all the good times Much love Vinnie & dottie###imported-begin##Vincent & dorothy Grasso###imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 11:44 AM



“ Sharon, Roseanne, and family, I was so sorry to read of your Mom's passing. Mothers are so precious. I recall a bus trip and guess who got up front and entertained us with her jokes, none other than your Mom. Memories of your Mother will help you through this trying time. Love, Barbara###imported-begin##Barbara Kelly###imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 11:41 AM



“ Patsy and family,

Just wanted to pass along my condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Jody###imported-begin##Jody Guarnieri###imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 10:47 AM



“ Dear Roland, Patsy, David & Sharon, Our family wishes to extend our deepest sympathy over the loss of your mom. Lydia was a true friend to our family for many years. May she rest in peace. Love, Bob, Roe & Antoinette Mangano Imundo##imported-begin##Robert & Rosemary Mangano Juidiciani##imported-end##

June 30, 2009 at 10:02 AM



“ Dearest Sharon, David, Patsy, and Roland....its ironic, but just this Saturday Sharon and I were looking at old photographs...starting with my parents wedding in the late '40's right thru the early 70's...and two truely wonderful faces kept smiling at us all through all of the albums...your Mom and Dad ...what truely warm and loving people!! I was so blessed to have them influence so may years of my life..and to leave me with such very happy memories...from the late '50's and early '60's when we would all gather at Verona State Park...Uncle Angleo cooking the "pizza fritta"...and all of the Campola's sharing so much love for their children and their nieces and nephews...and think back to the later times ...the weekend rotating house parties that they had...all of the fun they shared with one another..the Halloween costume party(ies)..your Mom as the stunning Mae West..the constant celebrations of life to the sound of "Heart of My Heart" coming from the record player...then the Camp Lydia years..so appropriately named as both your Mom and Dad made that such a welcome home for everyone who entered!! I used to love it when your Dad would say to me.."Anthony, go get your Uncle Pat some of his "medicine"...his bright eyes and smile...Wow...it seems like yesterday, but I have to tell you..my most vivid, charished, and influential memories originate with your parents...my eyes glisten with joy when I think of them and see their pictures... Our love goes out to all of you in this time of your....no...OUR loss.. You have truely been blessed with many good years with wonderful and loving parents...everyone should be so fortunate in their lifetime!!

We love you...

Cousin Tony and Sharon##imported-begin##Sharon & Tony
Grasso##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ Patsy and Sharon -- We are thinking of you and sending you our good wishes. We will always remember Lydia's big laugh, big heart and her fabulous meatballs. Heaven is a better place with her in it. Hugs to you both.##imported-begin##Meghan, Bobby, Mary & Katie Davis##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 05:18 PM



“ Pat, Sharon, David, Roland I am sorry for your loss. Your mother was a special lady who always put everyone first before herself. She as all of you welcomed Rosanne & I into your family and we had the best of times. She will be missed but at peace now. Don't worry about Sharon I will be there for her as she was for Rosanne.
Love
Charlie##imported-begin##Charlie Stevens##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 03:50 PM



“ Lydia you were my *second mom* always there for me with love, advice, support. 25 years of your love laughter jokes great times will never be forgotten. I will miss you so much but I know now you are at peace and with your family and friends . I will never forget how you were there to comfort my mom. I thank God for you my angel I love you and will miss you but you will always be in my heart.
Love
Rosanne##imported-begin##Rosanne Bravo##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 03:41 PM



“ *My Dearest Sharon & family,
I only know to well how you feel, but please know she is in a softer,
warmer place , & every breeze we feel we will know she is looking
down upon us.
with love
Gina Ionta###imported-begin##Gina Ionta###imported-end##*

June 29, 2009 at 03:24 PM



“ *Our Sincere sympathy to everyone--she held a special place in our
hearts. Vinnie will not be able to come as he is not feeling well I will
see you at the church love dottie###imported-begin##Vincent &
Dorothy Grasso###imported-end##*

June 29, 2009 at 01:56 PM



“ *Dear David, Sharon, Patsy and Roland ~
Please accept my condolences on the loss of your precious mother.
Lydia will always be remembered for making us laugh out loud and
for making us feel loved and part of the family. Jordan and Caleb
still reminisce fondly about the Christmas Eve dinners with the
Campolas. It was a very special time for us.
With Deepest Sympathy and love to you all ~
Marilyn, Jordan and Caleb###imported-begin##Marilyn
Baker###imported-end##*

June 29, 2009 at 01:55 PM



“ To Roland, Patsy, Sharon and Families.
I was so sad to hear about Aunt Lydia. I wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and I will always remember your mother, how could I not she was my mom's sister. I was in Rome back in April to see my dad who was having serious heart problems I went to see Aunt Lydia but she was not there. She has a staff infection and was in the hospital. I always keep my promise to stop and see here when I was in rome and I keep that promise. Thinking of all the Campola's. Love Marie and Walter Carlucci###imported-begin###Marie Carlucci###imported-end###

June 29, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ My dear friends Sharon and Ro, I am so very sorry for your loss. This is the first picture I have seen of your mom and you look just like her Shar. Please know that I am always here for you.
Love always,
Bec & family###imported-begin###Becky B###imported-end###

June 29, 2009 at 01:25 PM



“ Dearest Lydia, You were a wonderful friend to my Mom Celia Cuccaro. I'll never forget what you did for her. I'm sure you'll make your great pizza & share it with her. Glad I saw you last year. Rest in Peace & may God keep you safe in His care. Love you.###imported-begin###Connie Calenzo - San Diego, CA###imported-end###

June 29, 2009 at 11:52 AM



“ Iam so sorry for your loss. Lida was a great woman (our Queen of St. Joes) We will never for get all the good times with her. Such a loveing, careing, giveing person who put everyone but herself first. Could not ask for a better woman. She also has a great bunch of children that she could thank herself for bring them up that way. Sharron she could not of asked for a better daughter than you. You where there any time of day or night and that is the best you could ask for. Never seen such devotion as you had. we love you and we will miss lida dearly .Rest in peace our Queen we love you. ##imported-begin## colleen & Staci ##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 11:49 AM



“ roland, david, sharon, & my dearest old friend patsy sorry to her of your mother's passing. she was the matriarch of your family & will always be remembered as such. she always made me feel welcome in her home as you all do. i have some wonderful memories of both your parents. my prayers are with you ##imported-begin## john nole ##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 09:57 AM



“ Mom, there are no words to describe how much you were loved, you gave to everyone unconditionally, I was blessed to have you as my mom and best friend, for 59 years. No one can fill the void in my heart, but I knew you were tired, and god called you home. Even though my heart is broken, I know you are safe, and I will keep your memory alive always in my heart. Please dont worry about me, I will be fine
missing you now, loving you always
Sharon Lee###imported-begin##Sharon Lee Campola###imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 06:51 AM



“ To my beautiful Nana - I know you are sitting on the bar stool looking beautiful like in my favorite picture of you waiting for Papa - we love you and will miss you###imported-begin##Michelle and Bill###imported-end##

June 28, 2009 at 10:25 PM



“ To my loving and beautiful Aunt Lydia, we called you 'Ya-Ya'. Thank you for being such a wonderful aunt to me all of my life. You will always be in my heart. Say hi to my mom. You are all together now. I love you so very much. Mark###imported-begin##Mark Migliaccio###imported-end##

June 28, 2009 at 03:37 PM