



## Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro

March 7, 1924 - December 31, 2014

Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro, age 90, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Frankfort, NY on March 7, 1924, Mamie was the daughter of the late Biaggio and Rose (Dovi) Reina. Raised and educated in Utica, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. On October 12, 1946 she married John T. Capraro, Sr. with whom she shared an inseparable relationship. Mamie and John created a life filled with happiness and devotion to family that lasted nearly 58 years until John's passing on September 20, 2004.

Mamie enjoyed an extensive career at UNIVAC where she worked as a group leader for 20 years and later at Partlow Corporation as an assembler for 10 years, until her retirement. Mamie honored her calling as matriarch of her family and was an angel to all. Her pure love was unconditional and it added warmth and happiness to her household. She prepared homemade meals, baked goods, and any other amenities her loved ones could wish for. As her children grew older, Mamie and John took to the dancefloor for fun and the highway for travel. She also found pleasure in playing cards with her friends in her spare time. Mamie was a member of the Italian American Cultural Center, the Utica Post #229 Auxiliary, Past President of the Fort Schuyler #1290 Auxiliary, and a member of the St. Rosalia's Society at her home parish, St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Mamie is survived by her daughter, Rose Ann Foley of Dallas, TX; her sons

and daughters-in-law, Thomas J. and Terri Capraro of Lakeworth, FL, John T. Capraro, Jr. of Whitesboro, and Joseph A. and Linda Capraro of Burlington Township, NJ; her grandchildren, Michelle and Richard Foley, Lisa and Lance Fish, Angel Capraro, and James Capraro, Gina Maria Capraro; and John Joseph and Aubrey Capraro; Marissa and Vincent Desiderio, and Kristina and Mark Malloy. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Melinna, Chase, Mataya, Eliannah, Alex, Sophia, Jonathan, Noah, and Jamie. Always close to her heart was the memory of her great grandson, Aiden Capraro, who preceded her in death. Her extended family includes her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Philip and Ida Capraro, and Angela Capraro; her former son-in-law, Lester C. Jr. and his wife Denise Foley. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Angelo and Mary Reina; her niece, Gina Hibbard; her nephews, Daniel T. Deering, and Michael DiPierro; her in-laws, Joseph Capraro, Alexander Capraro, Louis and Connie Capraro, Rose Capraro, Patrick Capraro, Caroline DiPierro, Assunta Deering, Lucille and Edward Calenzo, and Violet and Dominick A. Calenzo; and her friend, Lena Garramone.

The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of the 3rd Floor at the St. Joseph Nursing Home for the compassionate care rendered to Mamie during her stay.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mamie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *John, sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. It's never easy no matter how long you have them. I wanted to pay my respects in person but have been down with the bug and will not be able to be there. My prayers are with you and your Family. Dominic Longo*

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**Dominic Longo** - January 06, 2015 at 02:43 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro.*



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January 06, 2015 at 09:46 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro.*



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January 05, 2015 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ I already wrote once, but I have more to say. I'm Mamie's 2nd born grandchild, and I remember how she always used to sing to me when I was younger. She sang, 'You are my Sunshine,' and 'A Bushel and a Peck.' Every time that I hear those songs, I have sweet memories of her. She taught me how to make her Italian food and cookies, and also taught me how to Crochet when I was a little girl. She'd always crochet doilies, and potholders, and blankets, and she crocheted for each grandchild, two blankets in our favorite colors. I felt very special when she gave them to me, and I still have them today. I can still feel her love in each one. A few years ago, I crocheted a very special blanket just for her, which took many months to make, and her love kept me creating it. She loved it so much, and proudly had it displayed on her couch up to the present day. I took care of her at my home in Texas for almost 3 months last year, and she saw the blankets that she made for me many years ago and was so happy that I still had them. She even slept with them. I'm so thankful for the quality time spent with her, and that she was able to spend time with my childrn, ages 3 and 6. She was able to be here for her great-granddaughter's first day of Kindergarten, Dance class, and Soccer games, and was here for her great-grandson's Baptism. I kept putting it off until she was with us, because I didn't want his Baptism to take place without her. I feel so sad that she's gone, and she will never be forgotten. A large part of my heart belongs to her. I LOVE YOU WITH ALL OF MY HEART, GRANDMA, and I'll see you again one day. XOXO.



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Lisa Foley-Fish - January 05, 2015 at 08:51 AM

MP

“ *Another Angel in Heaven! I'm sure she was welcomed with open arms as that is how her arms always were when you went to her house. From a little girl loving to go to "Mami and John's" house and eating pineapple spread on crackers to a big girl loving to go there just because I enjoyed your company and your stories, and then being able to help you and care for you the six months that I did this this past year. I have wonderful memories and videos of you Mamie that I will always hold dear to my heart. I thank you for all that you taught me and for all the joy you brought me during our recent time spent together. I am pretty sure I brought you the same joy and that makes me happy. RIP Mamie and give my "daddy" and my "fatuz" a big hug and kiss for me! xoxo Maria*



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**Maria Puleo** - January 04, 2015 at 10:54 PM

 Johnny Capraro

“ *Johnny Capraro sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*



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**Johnny Capraro** - January 04, 2015 at 03:14 PM

DF

“ Mamie was truly a loving women with a heart of gold. I first meant her at her husbands funeral, as the new wife to her former son-in-law, I wasn't sure how she would receive me or if I should even be there. She was nothing but sweet, kind, and accepting. When she was in Texas for her Great Grand Daughters baptism, she was sending me around the store to find her specific type of peppers for a dish she was making, and back at her Grand Daughters house, telling me to help with this and that. She truly made me feel accepted and like one of her own. She will truly be missed, and was a great inspiration to all. My prayers go out to the family, for the empty spot left in their life.

*Denise Foley*

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**Denise Foley** - January 04, 2015 at 02:10 PM

LF

*I first met Mamie about seven years ago when I first met my wife Lisa. Thought to myself I've never seen an 83-year-old lady was such energy and zest for life. Last year she spent several months with us at our house here in Dallas and it was a pleasure to get to talk to her about her life experiences. Her life was not always easy but you could tell she always maintained a very positive attitude towards life. She talked often of her husband who passed away years ago and how they used to dance every weekend and watch Yankees baseball. I know she is in heaven with John now as she longed for many years now. God bless you Mamie, you will be missed but we will see you again someday.*

*Lance Fish*

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**lance fish** - January 07, 2015 at 12:50 PM

TM

“ *My condolences to Mamie's children, Rose Ann, Tom, John and Joe and To all the grandchildren. May the memory of your loving Mom with all she possessed in beauty and kindness and love bring a smile to all your faces and fill your hearts with peace and joy and may The Lord Jesus bless you and meet all your needs at this time. Love and blessing to all of you!*

Theresa Moses - January 04, 2015 at 12:17 AM

TM

“ *Theresa Moses lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*




Theresa Moses - January 03, 2015 at 11:53 PM

LF

“ *Linda French lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*



Linda French - January 03, 2015 at 10:25 PM

 Krissi Malloy

“ *Gram, words can't express the emptiness I feel. I can't believe you're really gone. All I keep thinking about is the sound of your voice when I would call you. You're with Gramp now and I know you missed him and are ready to spend the next part of your life with him. We will see each other again one day. Until then, I can't wait for you to visit me in my dreams. I love you the whole world. ❤️❤️❤️*

Krissi Malloy - January 03, 2015 at 10:13 PM

Krissi Malloy

“ Krissi Malloy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro



Krissi Malloy - January 03, 2015 at 10:07 PM

Johnny Capraro

“ 19 files added to the album Grandson- Johnny Capraro



Johnny Capraro - January 03, 2015 at 09:37 PM

SF

“ Suzanne Smith And Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro



Suzanne Smith and family - January 03, 2015 at 04:14 PM

RC

“ Mom, It is so hard to find the words to say how much I love and miss you. I always admired your humor, devotion to our family, and the caring of so many people. I am lost without you. I kept a couple voice mails on my home phone just to hear your voice again. Why didn't you stay with us here in Texas? We wanted you to stay forever. I know you insisted on going home to be closer to Dad, your family and friends. Home is where the heart is. But we had a lot of heart here for you too! When I talked to you at Christmas time you were so excited and happy. You were going to spend Christmas with John and your grandchildren. You kept telling me that the nurses there at St. Joseph's were taking very good care of you and that you were eating too much and getting fat. I heard you were also doing the Hokey-Pokey with Josephine. You loved to dance and sing and say the Rosary every night before going to sleep. You are our Guardian Angel. We will miss all your Italian cooking and baking, too. Please watch over us with all your loving care. Your loving daughter, Rose Ann.



Rose Ann Capraro - January 03, 2015 at 03:14 PM



“ Mizzy Foley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro



Mizzy Foley - January 03, 2015 at 02:41 PM

LF

“ My grandmother was the most beautiful and loving woman that you'd ever meet. She always had a smile on her face, and food in the kitchen. When you went to her house, she always had her homemade Italian food, dessert, and drinks waiting for us. She made sure that we ate plenty, and was always asking if we wanted more. There are so many wonderful things to say about her, that I could write a book. She went to church every Sunday, volunteered her time, and cooked for many hours to serve to others. Every night before falling asleep, she held her Rosary beads in her hand and prayed the Catholic Rosary prayer. I know that she's in Heaven with my grandfather now, and they're dancing and having fun. She held a very special place in my heart, and will never be forgotten. She's my Angel and I know that she'll be watching over me and all of the family. TO GRANDMA, you've always had my heart, and I'd do anything for you. I'll forever cherish our times together. I love you! Rest in peace with Grandpa. XOXO

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**Lisa Foley-Fish** - January 03, 2015 at 01:14 PM

LI

“ Lisa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro



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**Lisa** - January 03, 2015 at 12:35 PM

DS

“ I am very sorry to the family for her loss, she was a wonderful woman with a heart of gold who's smile would light up a room. Love you Mamie, I know you will watch over me, love your beauty Denise scire

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**denise scire** - January 03, 2015 at 11:52 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro.*



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January 03, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Heaven defintley gained another beautiful angel. My thoughts & prayers are with all of Mamie's family. May her beautiful soul rest in peace.*

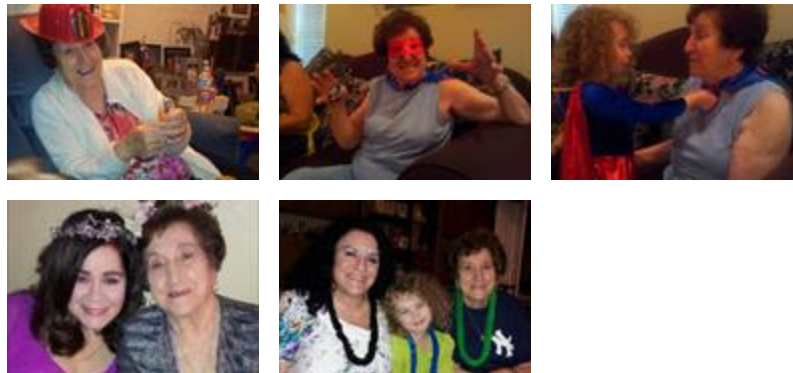


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Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell - January 03, 2015 at 08:30 AM



“ *24 files added to the album Granddaughter, Lisa Foley-Fish*



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Lisa - January 03, 2015 at 05:36 AM

GL

“ A woman I will miss. A big heart and wonderful personality. I will always appreciate the hospitality she showed me when visiting with her grand daughter Mizzy. Always hard working at baking and making sure no one went hungry. Much love and respect. RIP to a truly wonderful lady.

Gary Lane - January 03, 2015 at 04:07 AM



THANK YOU SO MUCH GARY, SHE LOVED YOU!

Mizzy Foley - January 03, 2015 at 03:10 PM



“ My Amazing Beautiful Sicilian Gram was the VERY BEST! She was full of LOVE, she always called me her Number One, BUT SHE WAS MY NUMBER ONE !!!!! I love her so very much, I learned alot from My Gram, her cooking and baking she was so AMAZING!!!! I will always have her in my Heart! there will never ever be another WOMAN LIKE HER ON THIS EARTH! I'm her first Grandchild. My Gram was the BEST! I LOVE YOU ALWAYS GRAM, LOVE, YOUR NUMBER ONE, MICHELLE LEE FOLEY !!!!!



Mizzy Foley - January 03, 2015 at 12:50 AM

DD

May your grandma rest in peace she was amazing I didn't get a chance to meet her but I knew her by every thing you would tell me about her now she's with your grandpa walking on streets of gold up in heaven watching over you and your family she's an angel .

Debra Delgado - January 03, 2015 at 01:10 AM

MR

“ *Mary Riesel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*



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**Mary Riesel** - January 02, 2015 at 11:25 PM

JM

“ *Jane Shepard Marolf lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*



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**Jane Shepard Marolf** - January 02, 2015 at 11:11 PM

 Johnny Capraro

“ *Johnny Capraro lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mamie R. (Reina) Capraro*



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**Johnny Capraro** - January 02, 2015 at 07:45 PM

AN

“ *You lost a beautiful member of your family. I'm so sorry for you loss.*

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**Ann Marie Nicotera** - January 02, 2015 at 06:42 PM

 Monica  
Green

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I know this is a very hard time for your family. I love you all and I am keeping you in my prayers. I Love you all, Momma Rose Foley , Mizzy, Lisa and Ricky.



Love,  
Monica Green

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Monica Green - January 02, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ Aunt Mamie... where do I even start. A daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, friend, cook & baker. Somehow you managed to excel in each. You touched so many lives it would be impossible to count. What I loved about you is that whenever I was at your house, I always felt like I was another son in your family. My dad could always count on his little sister whenever the time was needed. You and Uncle John were the perfect couple who showed what a loving marriage was all about. You raised four wonderful children who I'm proud to call cousins. The love you showed my children and grandchildren will never be forgotten. Your friends could always rely on you to help them out. And the endless supply of food. I'm not sure how you did it but whenever anyone visited, there was always coffee and some type of baked goods out on the table for us to eat. I'm not sure how we're all not over 400 lbs!

The world lost a great lady. Rest in peace Aunt Mamie.  
Your nephew...Angelo

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Angelo Reina - January 02, 2015 at 01:23 PM

 JD

*Indeed a great lady. We worked may years together at Santa Rosalia Feast and she was always gracious and welcoming. "Che si l'aria!" was her comment. The response-"Che brutto". Many many hours of laughter.*

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**Jim Delitto** - January 02, 2015 at 02:23 PM

 JC

*It was a true blessing to call you gram, you meant the world to me, and I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for us over the years. You showed us what the meaning of family means, always loved unconditionally, you were a huge inspiration. I love and miss you so much. I will forever be grateful for the values that you instilled, and will always cherish the moments that we shared. I love you very much Gram, and know that you were reunited with Gramp for New Year's and danced like crazy. Til we meet again Gram. Love your Grandson.*

*Johnny Capraro*

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**Johnny Capraro** - January 02, 2015 at 02:37 PM



*Mama, where do I start. It was indeed my pleasure to be with you in the nursing home. I know it was hard for you, but you were taken care of very well, by the staff at St Joseph's Home. They loved you very much. You left a wonderful impression, on everyone there. I miss you , my heart breaks, now it's my turn to say, I wish I could hear you say to me one more time, "Son what are you doing for kicks?". Miss you terribly, Johnny Jr.*

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**John T Capraro Jr.** - January 02, 2015 at 05:23 PM

 SP

*John and Family, So sorry to hear about your mom. She was a very dear friend of my mom and Dad and always had a beautiful smile to brighten the day. Now they are all together running the show again. As time passes, we are losing the people who taught us our morals and values and above all taught us to treat people with dignity and respect. Keep those memories fresh in your minds cherish them forever. We were blessed with parents who loved us so much and truly the world is a lesser place without them. God bless*

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**Salvatore Piazza** - January 02, 2015 at 06:42 PM

TC

*It was an honor to have been raised by Mamie Capraro. I never remember a time when I went without during my childhood. She worked a full-time job and raised her children without ever complaining. The example that she has set for unconditional love for her family members should be an example for all of us.*

*I am certain that there were hundreds of times when her children disappointed her; but she loved us just the same. It breaks my heart that I was not there for her during the last years of her life. One of my biggest regrets is that my granddaughter Jamie never got to meet her so that Jamie could see what we all loved about her.*

*So now she is reunited with Dad, heaven is being fed better than ever, there is singing and dancing, and there is a huge whole in my heart. I will always love and respect what you did for me, Mom.*

*Your big "lug"  
Tom*

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**Thomas Capraro** - January 03, 2015 at 05:33 AM

CG

*Mamie was a loving cousin and we all have such fond memories of her. She loved my parents so much and their visits were always full of laughter. She always made you feel special and it was our privilege to re-share some special visits with her last year when Maria cared for her. What a special, strong, remarkable, Christian woman she was. She would make us feel so loved and so much a part of her life and shared herself with everyone so lovingly! Cuz, you are reunited with those gone before you and I am smiling thinking about how happy they all will be to have you join them in heaven. RIP Mamie.  
Love Connie Puleo Griffin & family*

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**Connie Griffin** - January 03, 2015 at 07:29 AM

SC

*Aunt Mamie my wife (Betty) and I just visited you a couple of weeks ago at the nursing home. You were so full of life and laughing and teasing us about what do we do for kicks. We brought you some of our home made Xmas cookies which you enjoyed. Some of them were made from your recipes. We even did FaceTime on my I pad so you could see and talk to my brother Tom in Wisconsin. He could not believe that you have passed on . He said you were so happy and joking with him. He really enjoyed the visit.. My wife and I will miss you a lot. We will carry on her tradition as long as we can and keep baking those Xmas cookies and choc pusties May you rest in peace.your nephew Steven and Betty*

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**steven calenzo** - January 03, 2015 at 09:40 AM

KB

*My special Godmother Mamie.... so many great memories at mom and dad's house and sitting in her kitchen eating! Always welcomed us with open arms. She made me feel so special.... always smiling, always laughing. Love you always.. Cha cha*

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**Kathy Puleo Briggs** - January 03, 2015 at 09:51 AM

LG

*Cousin Mamie was a special lady. I will always remember the good times we had as children. She and Cousin John always welcomed us into their home to enjoy their company, their great stories and their delicious food. You brought so much joy to us, "Cus". May you rest in peace and in the love of God.*

*John and Linda (Puleo) George*

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**Linda George** - January 03, 2015 at 10:20 AM

BB

*To one special woman in my life, Aunt Mamie, and will always and forever be, the same as Uncle John. They were my sons godparents. And I was blest to know how beautiful and special they were to me and my son Jim (Jimmy Calenzo). They made us feel special, even though we were miles apart, thru cards and letters, and a surprise visit with both of them several years ago. We never left their home without their special hugs and kisses and best wishes. She will surely be missed. I loved her dearly.*

*She sent me a recipe for a cookie she used to make and gave me explicit instructions on how to make them. I will cherish the recipe and memories of how hers tasted.*

*She and Uncle John also helped Jimmy and I during a trying time in our life when my son was almost four years old. I will never forget the love and guidance they both gave me in my time of need. A truly beautiful person - and I know I will miss receiving that little note inside her Christmas cards. I missed it this past December, but didn't know she was in ill health. Jimmy generally kept me posted on her.*

*To the family, I pray GOD's peace and blessings upon each of you.  
Love - Betty Beckwith*

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**Betty Beckwith** - January 03, 2015 at 10:22 AM

MD

*It is difficult to pay tribute to such a wonderful woman in few words. Aunt Mamie was selfless , loving , caring and nurturing . She loved to serve others through volunteering, always willing to cook and bake or lend her hand and time wherever, whenever she was needed. She welcomed all who walked through her door with a genuine smile, hug, kiss and something delicious to eat. She will long be remembered as AMAZING for all that she stood for and all that she did for everyone in her life. Her love for Uncle John and her family was so inspiring. For sure, they are together again, watching over their cherished family.*

*Aunt Mamie, you have left so many of us with such fond memories. You have earned your place in heaven, may you Rest in Peace. To her family, hoping these memories will provide you with some comfort through difficult days. So sorry for your loss.*

*Love, Michael and Debbie DiPierro*

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**Michael DiPierro** - January 03, 2015 at 02:53 PM

SB

*john so sorry about your mom's passing may she rest in peace.*

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**sal barbero** - January 06, 2015 at 04:02 AM

CC

*Roseann, Tom, John, Joe. I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She was the sweetest person to be around. She always made our family laugh. We enjoyed her so much at our Christmas Eve's parties. She will always be remembered. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Sincerely, Concetta Carcone*

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**Concetta Carcone** - January 07, 2015 at 02:17 PM