



Margherita "Margaret" (Macari) Cardarelli

July 4, 1911 - March 14, 2008

Mrs. Margherita "Margaret" (Macari) Cardarelli, affectionately known to many as "Mamma", age 96, of Utica, passed away on Friday, March 14, 2008 at the Heritage Healthcare Center, surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Settefrati, Province of Frosinone, Italy on July 4, 1911, Margherita was the daughter of the late Liberato and Josephine (Tamburri) Macari. She was raised and educated in Italy and on March 13, 1930, she married Dante Cardarelli. The couple immigrated to Utica in 1962, and a beautiful and blessed bond of 50 years existed between the two of them until Dante's passing on August 29, 1980; her children take great comfort in knowing that they are reunited.

Margaret's primary focus was to care for her large family and her home. Her fortitude, work ethic and integrity made her an exemplary role model. Above all, her love for family was the centerpiece of her life. As a woman ahead of her time, she shared the wisdom of her life experiences. She encouraged each of her children to become the best person they could be and knowing they achieved their full potential made her most proud. In spite of life's adversities, she always had a smile on her face and hugs and kisses for all. The high point of her life was to have her family together at her table serving her famous 'lasagna and meatballs'. During her spare time, she crocheted many blankets that her children still cherish today. She was an avid walker, and routinely walked 3 miles a day to the age of 90. Deeply devoted to her St. Anthony, often with rosary in hand, she always prayed for her family and those

in need. She was a devoted member of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Margaret is survived by her children and their spouses, Clara and Mario Perrella of Italy, Fernando "Fred" and Dolores Cardarelli of New Hartford, Anna Baldana of Italy, Romeo and Beatrice Cardarelli of Boston, MA, Mirella and Dominick DeSimone of Frankfort, NY, John "Nino" and Gabriella Cardarelli of Manlius, NY, Luciana "Luci" and Christopher Barnes of Cherry Hill, NJ, Marisa and Bob Greer of New Hartford, and Pina Cardarelli and husband Jordan Sher of San Francisco, CA; her 22 grandchildren; and her 22 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her brother and sister-in-law, Anthony "Tony" and Mary Macari of Long Island; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Rose Macari of Yonkers, NY. She was also blessed with many friendships throughout her lifetime. She was predeceased by her brothers, Mario Macari, Philip Macari, and Michael Macari; and her son-in-law, Pino Baldana.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and staff of the 6th floor at the Heritage Healthcare Center who cared and loved Margaret during her stay in the Heritage community.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 5:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations to the Heritage Health Care Center to be used for a memorial garden in memory of Mamma. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Margaret's funeral service will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Entombment will take place in San Donato, VC Cemetery in Italy where she lived until coming to the US.

Tribute Wall



“ *Cara nonna sarai sempre nei nostri cuori##imported-begin##alessandra baldana alice e simone##imported-end##*

March 20, 2008 at 05:38 PM



“ *Nonna I will miss you very much. I am sorry you can't be here with us any more. But you are still here in my heart. Rest in peace. Love always Vinny.##imported-begin##Vinny Puleo##imported-end##*

March 19, 2008 at 06:00 PM



“ *Nonna,
We will all miss you. We all love you and care for you. I remember many good times like at your Birthday parties when everyone would play bocci, and we would all watch the slide shows. I would always say bravissimo when I saw you in the nursing home. You were so proud of us no matter what we did. You dont have to be here on Earth for us to love you, because we always will no matter where you are. I love you so so so so so so much! Love Gianni##imported-begin##Gianni DiSano##imported-end##*

March 19, 2008 at 05:54 PM



“ *We all love you Nonna so much. I miss you and all the kisses you gave me. I will miss coming to visit you and singing Italian songs. Love Luca.##imported-begin##Luca DiSano##imported-end##*

March 19, 2008 at 05:45 PM



“ Nonna,

We all love you and miss you very much I will always remember you and the fun times we had. I will never forget all of the times I would come visit you in the nursing home with Mimi. I remember you always used to smile when you saw Gianni, Luca and I. You spoke Italian to me and you called me bella. I always pushed you in the wheel chair with mimi. I remember your Fourth Of July parties they were all fun.

Love You Always, Risa###imported-begin##Risa DiSano###imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 05:37 PM



“ Nonna,

I can start by saying what an amazing person you are with strength, courage and beautiful morals. Without you our family would not be as strong as it is today. You were known and loved by many people. It wasn't just family, but also many friends that looked up to you. I regret the fact of not being able to see you as often as I should have. Mostly because I am unable to speak Italian, our conversations consisted of "come stai Nonna" and the only responses I understood were "bella" and "eccola!" But now looking back I realize it didn't matter if someone could speak the language or not, because you were understood in other ways. I can't remember a single day when you didn't have a smile on your face. Life was given to you as a special gift, which you never took for granted. Your smile was your grace, and your millions of kisses was an expression of love. You never needed words to show how much you loved or cared for someone. I am thankful to be your great granddaughter and the granddaughter of your precious child. My "Mimi" has followed in your footsteps and has all the characteristics that you possess. You have impacted the lives of so many people and will never be forgotten. I just want to thank you for all that you have instilled in each of us.

Rest in peace Nonna

TI AMO, JANAETTA.##imported-begin##Janae Puleo##imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 05:07 PM



“ Nonna, even though I did not have a direct relationship with you I must still thank you for all that you have given me. I say this because as I continue to grow closer and closer with your family I cannot help but see the impact that you have left on them. From your children to your greatest grandchildren they have all benefitted from the morals and values you passed on. Thank you for being such an important part of a family that has been so good to me. I know that your legacy will never be forgotten.##imported-begin##Jeremy Williams##imported-end##

March 19, 2008 at 12:20 AM



“ Mamma che sempre ci hai unito e tanto ci hai amato! Educazione, rispetto e onestà ci hai insegnato. Tu ci hai sempre protetti, uniti e difesi e, ora che sei lassu' il tuo affetto ci avvolge e ci unisce sempre di piu'.
Ti voglio bene Mamma.... Abbraccia per me Pino e Papà.
Grazie per quello che ci hai dato. Con tutto l'amore che ho per te e tutto il bene che ti voglio.
Un bacio, tua figlia Anna##imported-begin##anna cardarelli##imported-end##

March 18, 2008 at 05:50 PM



“ To all of my Aunts, Uncles & cousins,
As we all share our grief, I wish that I could be there with all of you to offer some comfort and support through this difficult time. I send my hugs & kisses to all of you.
Love, Carla##imported-begin##Carla D'Orsi##imported-end##

March 18, 2008 at 05:37 PM



“ Dear Nonna,

We will all miss your strong hearted personality and your amazing italian cooking. You held the family together with your sense of community and "famiglia" first. You taught us so much about hard work and to never give up, even when odds are against you. Moving to a new country is never easy, but from what we heard, you took it with stride.

We will always remember you.

We love you.

*~Rebecca and Aaron###imported-begin##Rebecca and Aaron
Sher###imported-end##*

March 18, 2008 at 02:25 PM



“ Aunt Margie,

We will miss you terribly. Your love of family was so full and it gave us great joy to be part of your family.

God Bless You,

*Roseanne and Nancy###imported-begin##Roseanne Macari and
Nancy Marcus###imported-end##*

March 17, 2008 at 06:26 PM



“ Dear Luci, Chris, Jeff , Timmy and the whole Cardarelli clan.

Our deepest condolences to you all on the passing of your mom, grandmom and family matriach. While we did not see nonna often, we certainly heard of her often from Jeff and Tim. She was an inspiration to all with her sense of family and her remarkable smile, zest for life and enthusiasm. Since we speak no Italian, our talks were limited to smiles but she always managed to add a mange - making sure all were well feed .

We are sorry to not be able to join you but are thinking of you all and hope you find comfort on that close extended family sure to gather.

Fondly:

Tom and Barb##imported-begin##Barb Tomlin##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 05:29 PM



“ *Cara Nonna, ti abbiamo vissuto molto poco, ma quel poco è bastato a conoscerti per quello che eri ed amarti per quello che hai meritato. Ci mancherai, comunque! Fabia e Carmine (Gingillotti della Nonna)##imported-begin##fabia e carmine##imported-end##*

March 17, 2008 at 02:59 PM



“ *My deepest condolences on your loss.....##imported-begin##Robert (Bob) Hutchins, Indialantic, FL##imported-end##*

March 17, 2008 at 02:09 PM



“ Nonna:

Well how can I really begin, I write this with such mixed emotions. I am so saddened to see you go, but you are now with Papa. I remember as a 5 year old when you came from Italy in 1962 and we met in Aunt Mary's basement on that cold March Day. What I remember most as a kid was how you lite up the room and I still remember the burgandy matching sweaters for my brother Dominick and I.

Here you were, moving to America and you still rememered to bring a present to everyone. I learned at age 5 of your kindness.

What did I learn from you, words can not describe,. I learned about family, love, hard work, respect, how to treat others and how you can be a special person. In addition, I learned that you did not have to speak English in America to make an impact on people. Your warmth and presence made up for anything.

Your love spilled out to the familiglia and it was always about the food, tombola and the stories and laughs that will never be forgotton.

You are so special and I enjoyed our moments together in life. I really enjoyed our walks and talks in the nursing home and everyone calling you momma and how you lite up everyone's life. I love you so much, I am sure you know that. You called me the chancalone and I never knew what that meant ,but I do know it was special. I will miss you Nonna. I will see you upstairs with Papa and save me a seat at the table and I can't wait to taste your lasagna up there cause I am sure it will taste better.

I love you.

*Your grandson Danny##imported-begin##Danny
DeSimone##imported-end##*

March 17, 2008 at 10:59 AM



“ Ok my emotions got the best of me and I cannot type today. I meant to say that I am glad you are with nonno again. We love you.##imported-begin##Anna Cardarelli##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 10:49 AM



“ Nonna

I miss you and am glad to know you are with nonna again. Stephanie and I are proud to say you were "our nonna" and you will always hold a special place on our hearts now and forever. We love you.

Anna and Stephanie##imported-begin##Anna Cardarelli##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 10:48 AM



“ Dearest Nonna,

You are and always will be very special to us. You are the pillar of our Family. Thank you for all of your unconditional love, support, kindness, and the best sauce, meatballs & lasana in the world!

We will miss you very much. May you and Papa reunite in Heaven and rest in eternal Peace. God Bless You.

Love always, Danny & Cathy##imported-begin##Cathy & Dan DeSimone##imported-end##

March 17, 2008 at 10:42 AM



“ Aunt Mirella, Uncle Dominick and Family

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. We will always have wonderful memories of her. She was the sweetest lady. I enjoyed her visit to Florida several years ago. Our Prayers are with you and your family.

Love Angela & Tony Violante##imported-begin##Angela & Tony Violante##imported-end##

March 16, 2008 at 09:27 PM