



Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco

February 21, 2011

Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco, forever 38, of Utica, passed away on Monday, February 21, 2011 at the Heritage Health Care Center with the comfort and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on June 7, 1966, Maria was the daughter of Philomena (Ciruzzi) and the late Vincent P. Ficchi, Sr. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a 1980 graduate of Utica Free Academy and also attended the Utica School of Commerce where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management. She then pursued a nursing program at the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing.

Maria was employed as a supervisor at AFSA Data Corporation and APAC. She also held the position of operations supervisor at the Utica Observer-Dispatch, and later worked as a home health care aide. Maria was talented, needed, valued, and loved. There were times along her journey that tested her spirit deeply, but she never stopped believing in her inner strength. She was witty, outgoing, humorous, and everyone enjoyed being in her company. Maria's personal philosophy was to always do a kind deed every day, and her love for animals was boundless. She was an excellent cook and well-known in her neighborhood for her famous sausage rolls and grape leaves. Maria was an avid NY Yankees fan and was known to the local kids as "Ma-fia". For Maria, summer signaled the good times at Sylvan Beach and camping in Old Forge with her family. She also took great pleasure in visiting the State Fair, and autumn heralded her favorite holiday of Halloween. At one time she

served on the Parent Advisory Board at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, and was currently a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Maria is survived by her mother, Philomena "Phil" Ficchi of Utica; her daughter, Ashleigh Tedesco; her son, Anthony "Nino" Tedesco, both of New Hartford; and her grandson, Matao Frank. She also leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Regina and John Panzone of Barneveld; her brother, Vincent Ficchi of Utica; her beloved canine companions, Baja Rose, and Gio Armani. Her extended family includes her nieces and nephew, Laura, Julia, and John Panzone; many dear aunts, uncles, cousins, and goddaughter, Kaycie Romano; the father of her children, Ken Tedesco; many dear and cherished friends that were especially close to her heart, Tina Iannone Novak who was her lifelong friend; Nick DeGiglio, Nel Nelson, and Irene Fediw. She was predeceased by her dear friend, Michelle Ermacor.

The family is sincerely grateful to the nurses and staff of the Heritage Healthcare 7th floor and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for the empathy and excellent attention rendered to Maria. The caring hearts of her caregivers who walked with her family provided much peace.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the family to assist in furthering the education of Maria's children; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Maria's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **24.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Utica, NY 13501
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Service

FEB **25.** 9:15 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Maria, my godmother, i love you soo much ! I dont think ill ever be able to get over this . I miss you . Wlsh you were here with me, but you're always in my heart <3



Mia Hardy - July 28, 2011 at 08:35 AM



“ JoJo Guidera-Suppa lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



JoJo Guidera-Suppa - March 05, 2011 at 11:05 PM

KR

“ *Kaycie Romano lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Kaycie Romano - February 25, 2011 at 09:47 PM

KC

“ *Kelly Callari lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Kelly Callari - February 25, 2011 at 05:06 PM

RL

“ *Robin - Lindner lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Robin - Lindner - February 25, 2011 at 10:32 AM

WG

“ *We wish to join with the others to offer our prayerful support to Maria's family. I know "Phil" through the Utica school system, and my son knew Maria through their mutual friends. Even through this most difficult time, this is a Celebration of Life.*

W. Griffin - February 25, 2011 at 04:43 AM

JH

“ *Joan H. lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Joan H. - February 24, 2011 at 09:42 PM

PM

“ *Patricia Mundschenk lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Patricia Mundschenk - February 24, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ *Lisa K lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



lisa k - February 24, 2011 at 01:27 PM

DW

“ *Donna Williams lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Donna Williams - February 24, 2011 at 09:32 AM

TV

“ I worked with Maria at AFSA and she was my supervisor. She was one of the most beautiful persons I have known. She lit up the room when she entered. She always made you feel happy and worthy. Now God has a beautiful angel and I know she will be watching over all of us. My most deepest sympathy to her family. She will never be forgotten and will be always missed and loved by all she has touched. Rest in Peace Maria till we meet again.



Terry VerHeecke - February 23, 2011 at 10:11 PM

JM

“ I have a lot of memories of Maria from Kemble School and UFA . Words that come to my mind when I think of Maria (wisdom, strength, determination and laughter. Every time I seen her she was smiling and laughing and many of friends. Everyone knew Maria and if you knew her you thought of her as a friend. Her laughter could fill the whole room. She had such a deep respect for her family and friends. We have all lost a true mentor and friend. Maria you will be missed at every reunion and thought of by all your old classmates. Maria you are now free to fly wth the angels for you have gotten your wings a true angel looking down on your family. I have deep sadness that your children and granchildren didn't have enough time to really know what a truly strong and giving person you were. God Bless all of the family at this difficult time. I will miss you forever and carry your laugh inside me. Jill Murphy



Jill Murphy - February 23, 2011 at 08:24 PM

SA

“ I remember Maria well from our days of working together at AFSA. It was long ago now, but I remember how much she made people laugh. I'm so sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace.

Stacy Achen - February 23, 2011 at 06:49 PM

TP

“ Tammy Proulx-Tupay sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Tammy Proulx-Tupay - February 23, 2011 at 05:19 PM

TP

“ Tammy Proulx-Tupay lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Tammy Proulx-Tupay - February 23, 2011 at 05:18 PM

NM

“ Rest in peace Maria.

Nancy M - February 23, 2011 at 04:36 PM

NM

“ Nancy M lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Nancy M - February 23, 2011 at 04:35 PM

CC

“ Charlotte Cardillo lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Charlotte Cardillo - February 23, 2011 at 03:14 PM

SS

“ Maria was beautiful inside and out. Maria always with a smile on her face, made everyone laugh, even through difficult times. She was bold, sometimes outrageous, and utterly delightful. Her love of her family & her friends was unbreakable. May they find strength knowing she is finally at peace.

Susan Scharf - February 23, 2011 at 01:56 PM

SS

“ Susan Scharf lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco



Susan Scharf - February 23, 2011 at 01:45 PM

KV

“ *Krista Vivenzo lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Krista Vivenzo - February 23, 2011 at 11:55 AM

JH

“ *JACKIE GARDNER HADDAD lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



JACKIE GARDNER HADDAD - February 23, 2011 at 10:15 AM

JP

“ *I worked with Maria at AFSA and her beauty without and within was apparent to all who came into contact with her. She was truly a light in this world and now walks in the Light in Paradise Joanne Platz*



Joanne Platz - February 23, 2011 at 09:21 AM

LS

“ *Laura Stockton lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Laura Stockton - February 23, 2011 at 09:16 AM

GH

“ *Gina - Hammett lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Gina - Hammett - February 23, 2011 at 08:04 AM

NC

“ *Nicole Colangelo lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Nicole Colangelo - February 23, 2011 at 07:34 AM

FC

“ *Felicia Colosimo lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Felicia Colosimo - February 23, 2011 at 07:14 AM



“ *My God I am blown away and can't believe it. My Maria gone. Life is so short. I am lost for words and in total shock. Now you are in peace as God has promises us all. Rest in peace.*

Ken Peppenelli

Ken Peppenelli - February 23, 2011 at 06:37 AM

PG

“ *Philomena Giruzzi-Coyne lit a candle in memory of Maria (Ficchi) Tedesco*



Philomena Giruzzi-Coyne - February 23, 2011 at 05:36 AM

AB

“ *Maria, I hope that you know how much you added to the lives of the people that knew you. You're smile was infectious, your laughter contagious. There wasn't a single minutes that I can remember that my cheeks didn't hurt from laughing with you. You will always hold a special place in my heart and I find comfort knowing that you're walking in the fields of sunflowers without pain and without fear. It is an honor and a privledge to have called you my friend. You're memory will live forever in my heart. Love you always and forever.*

Angela Belmont - February 22, 2011 at 09:20 AM

BC

“ *Maria, I will love you forever and ever. I am so glad we were "family" from the moment you were born, to your babies and grandson. God will watch over you all.*

Barbara Carchedi - February 22, 2011 at 07:43 AM

Mark
Harf

“ *Maria, I don't want to blow "forever 38" so let's just say that we've been friends for ages. I have so many thoughts of laughter and fun from our times together growing up and as adults, that it is hard to fathom and accept that you are gone. But, I know you have faith and that you are truly in a better place looking down on and taking care of your family. Thank you for teaching me to laugh, for being there during life's ups and downs, for sharing your great cooking with so much love, and such great times. From the halls of Kemble and UFA to Proctor Park, the Ramada, Yesterday's, and so many visits and celebrations at your home and your family's home years ago and more recently, it has been a gift to have been part of your life. You gave so much of yourself to others and within the body of the beautiful adult friend whom I knew since childhood lied the heart of a little girl with so much to give and who just wanted to be loved. We will all miss you, Maria, and your personality lives on in the vivid memories of great times with you. God bless you and your family, especially your Mom, Regina, Vinny, Ashleigh, and Nino. RIP. Time has passed, but you are forever in my heart and that of many others, Mark Harf*



Mark Harf - February 22, 2011 at 05:30 AM

LT

“ *I have so many memories of Maria. We have shared alot of good times as family and as friends, laughed about everything, made prank phone calls and just talked for hours. She was always up for anything you threw at her. We lost touch over the years, but I went to see her recently, and although she didn't speak a word, the look in her eyes said it all. She knew I was there. May God bless you and keep you in his arms. You will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with Ashleigh, Nino and your entire family. They have an angel watching over them now. Rest in Peace Maria xoxo*

Lisa Tedesco - February 21, 2011 at 09:24 PM