



Maria J. (Zegarelli) Rolchigo

September 23, 1969 - June 4, 2007

Mrs. Maria J. (Zegarelli) Rolchigo, age 37, of North Utica, got her wings on Monday, June 4, 2007 as she passed away at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on September 23, 1969, Maria was the daughter of Michael "Skins" and Barbara (Retschle) Zegarelli. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a graduate of J. F. Kennedy High School in the Class of 1987. She was also an alumna of the Utica School of Commerce. On October 4, 1997 she was joined in marriage with Jon C. "Chico" Rolchigo, Sr. The couple loved each other dearly, shared common bonds, and knew the blessing of their adorable son, Jon, Jr.

Maria's career calling as a surgical secretary at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center covered more than 17 years. Congenial, outgoing, and friendly, she was a dedicated, responsible employee who was very much admired by her co-workers. Her smile and warm personality were indicative of the fun-loving person that she was. A talented and festive cook, she hosted many 4th of July parties, all in her own special ways. She also found pleasure in her "Tuesday night" ceramics class which she shared with her "sister Lynn and the Girls". For relaxation, the serenity of the Adirondacks was special to her; it was a place of peace and quiet, where she could feed the deer, and enjoy shopping in Old Forge. But above all, Maria embraced motherhood and loved her "little boy". She left a mark on his soul, and she will always be present in his life. She was a communicant of St. Mark's Church.

Maria is survived by her husband Jon “Chico”; her beloved son, Jon C. Rolchigo, Jr., 6 years old; and her parents, Mike and Barbara Zegarelli of N. Utica. Also surviving is her loving and special sister, Lynn and her husband Michael Calcagnino of Deerfield; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mark and Danna Zegarelli, and David and Jo-Lynn Zegarelli, all of N. Utica. Always in her heart was the memory of her brother, Michael Zegarelli, who passed away in 1985. Her family includes her nieces and nephews, Nicole and Samantha; Jessica and Gabriella; Michael, Jr.; Teressa, MiaRose, and Sophia; her aunts, uncles, and cousins, and godparents; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Benny J. and Roseann Rolchigo of N. Utica; and her sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Tami and Michael Ferraro. She was always respectful of the memory of her husband Jon’s brother, Paul Rolchigo, who passed away in 1995. She also leaves her longtime and blessed friends, Robin, and Jennifer, as well as her dear friends at work, and couples that she and Jon socialized with.

The family wishes to thank the staff of the ICU, and the 2nd floor at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center, many of whom had been co-workers of Maria; and the Utica EMT’s for their timely response and valiant efforts. The family is grateful to all those family members and friends who gathered in compassionate support for the past two weeks; Father Lucian for his spiritual support; and Sister Maureen Denn and Sister Genevieve for their visits and prayers.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00 – 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 in Maria’s honor to the family to establish an educational fund for her son Jon; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Maria’s funeral service will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mark’s Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow at St. Peter’s Cemetery.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
440 Keys Road
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *It's almost impossible to believe that Toby has been taken away from us. I have lived down south for almost 12 years and only had the chance to see her a handful of times during those years, but I can still vividly see her big, bright smile and hear her infectious laugh everytime I think of her. I don't ever remember Maria without a smile on her face! She was a beautiful person who will be missed by many. It's comforting to know that she is now with Michael.*

Aunt Barb, Uncle Mike, Mark, David, Lynn and each of your families - we love you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. The Retschles.##imported-begin##George Retschle##imported-end##

June 11, 2007 at 09:16 PM



“ *To Jon and Family- It was my pleasure to meet all of you at the Hospital but, never thought it would be like that. Maria and I had a long conversation the friday prior to her being taken ill. She was very happy and her usual joking friend. We met at Ceramics in Oriskany and continued in Utica. We worked together in OR. I will miss her and her funniness!*

My prayers to all of you. And to Maria our Angel in Heaven. Love Sue##imported-begin##Sue Kellmurray##imported-end##

June 10, 2007 at 06:15 PM



“ *Sharing an office with you for 5 years meant sharing our thoughts,happiness and sorrows. I shall miss you always. My heart goes out to little Jonny,Jon and her entire family..##imported-begin##Susie##imported-end##*

June 07, 2007 at 07:33 PM



“ Maria (Toby) was one of my first friends, as were all of the Zigs, she will be greatly missed. There were many good times with my North Utica friends and I think about them very often as they are a part of me.....Once again to John , all the Rolchigos and all of the Zegarellis..... I am very sorry.##imported-begin##Paolo Latella##imported-end##

June 07, 2007 at 06:52 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I talked to Maria on a Weekley basis to schedule surgeries, she was a kind,patient and very smart lady. My prayers will be with you and your family in this time of need.
May god bless you and your loved ones.##imported-begin##Sheri Broccoli##imported-end##

June 07, 2007 at 08:46 AM



“ Toby,
My best friend, my partner in crime.Thank you for being my friend and loving me for me.I will cherish all our memories.I will think of you everyday. See you on the other side. I will miss you sunshine
Love Robin##imported-begin##Robin##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 11:29 PM



“ Toby,
My sister, my best friend, my beautiful angel I will love you forever. Thank you for EVERYTHING. This isn't goodbye...you and Michael John are our futures.We'll meet again someday.Until then you are always in my heart.##imported-begin##Lynn##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 10:57 PM



“ My Dearest Maria, I cannot believe that you are gone. You were so special to Sean and I. We had so many good times together and I will always cherish those memories. No one could ever replace you. It was so nice to have a friend that I could "relate" to. We thought so much alike and you would always understand what I was thinking. I missed your call a few weeks ago and it upsets me that I didn't get a chance to talk to you before you passed away. I hope that everything was OK and that you were happy. You were a great friend and I will never forget you. You were such a loving mother to Jon Jon and a devoted wife to big Jon. I'm going to miss your cooking! Especially your delicious Christmas cookies. We had so many good times in the Adirondacks. I thank you so much for introducing me to Sean and for being my Matron of Honor in our wedding. You were always there for me when I was down and it gave me comfort to talk to you on the phone because you would always anticipate what I was feeling. You were such a beautiful girl. I was looking at your wedding album the other day and the pictures were so gorgeous of you. I don't think that you realized how special that you were to all of us. You are a brave girl for leaving this earth and going to heaven at such an early age. You put up a good fight while you were hospitalized. Now you can rest in peace and be with your big brother Michael. I'm sure he will be glad to see you. I get this sad empty feeling when I think that I will never see you again. It just doesn't seem true. I guess God has a plan for all of us and he really needed you up there. Some day we will meet again. Remember that I still love you dearly and you will always be a part of our life even though you are gone. I will continue to protect your memory as long as I live and we will make sure that Jon Jon has all the love that he deserves. Thank you for being my friend. Love Jennifer.##imported-begin##Jennifer and Sean O'Neill##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:49 PM



“ I worked with Maria at Faxton Hospital for many years. We were good friends and always had a great time at work and away. My thoughts and prayers are with you Jon and little Jon, also with all the rest of your family. Maria you will never be forgotten for your smile is imbedded in my mind for a lifetime, rest now and we shall meet again.##imported-begin##Paula Witte##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:46 PM



“ Maria was a very special person and I have many fond memories of her as we were growing up. She will be greatly missed. God bless her and the families.##imported-begin##Joe & Tracie Esposito##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:41 PM



“ Jon & family & friends,
My sister Paula Witte worked many of those years in Surgery with Maria. That is how I was introduced & fell in love with her sense of humor & infectious laugh. She will be greatly missed but, certainly never forgotten in many ways! Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. " Maria - love ya girlfriend".
Love, Debi##imported-begin##Debi Smith-Rondeau##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:03 PM



“ Maria was the light that shined on us all - she is the smile that holds us together - She is forever Jons and little Jons strength. Maria will always be with us each time we recall the " Good Times", each time we smile and each time we laugh. God bless the Zegarelli family - God bless the Rolchigo family.###imported-begin###Mark Schrader###imported-end###

June 06, 2007 at 08:52 PM



“ Jon and Marias family
I am so very sorry for your loss of such a wonderful young woman. I have known Maria for a couple of years, and she would always greet me with her sweet smile and soft way about her.
My thoughts and prayers go out to you all, and know that she is as beautiful an angel in Heaven as she was on earth and that she will always be watching over little Jon. For she is truly his Guardian Angel now. May God Bless all of you.###imported-begin###Colleen###imported-end###

June 06, 2007 at 08:01 PM



“ Words cannot convey the sadness that I feel over the loss of my dear friend Maria. I first met Maria when she began working in the O.R. at Faxton Hospital. She and I became instant friends and for the last 9 years, we've shared all of life's ups and downs. She was one of my closest friends who will be sorely missed.

Irving Berlin wrote a song with this line, "The song is ended, but the melody lingers on..." Maria lived her life like one inspired song whose melody I will carry with me forever. My deepest sympathies to Jon & little Jon, and the entire family. My prayers and thoughts are with you.###imported-begin###Kim Emerson###imported-end###

June 06, 2007 at 05:12 PM



“ It is such a terrible tragedy that happened to Maria (Toby). I've known the family for years and when you see each other you just wave or nod your head in passing. Never guessing that may be the last time you will see them again. I'll remember the fun times we had in our younger days with Robin & Yvonne. And how funny we thought it was when we knew each other for awhile & then figured out our brothers (Eddie, Mike, & Mark) were best friends !! She's an angel now watching over everyone.##imported-begin##Maureen##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 01:06 PM



“ I'm a friend of a family friend. It's hard for me to know what to say in these things but I've lost family members too and know how hard it is to say goodbye. But I believe it's more of til we meet again and we will eventually be together in the end. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Robert W. Gottstein##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 11:58 AM



“ Omg, Im so sorry for the passing of Maria, i went to school w her n she always has had a good ora about her. Jon ,keep yr chin up hun our father will always be looking out for yr family. My Blessings goes out for the family, once again im sorry. luv always,
Dana M DeLeon..##imported-begin##DANA MARCHITELLI
DELEON##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 11:20 AM



“ My heart goes out to Maria's family. My blessings and prayers are with you. Maria was an angel on earth, as she will be in heaven. Touching so many people's lives. It was a pleasure as well as an honor getting to know her and work with her.##imported-begin##Robyn ##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 10:21 AM



“ Jon, Little Jon and the entire Zegarelli and Rolchigo families....I can't believe I'm writing a memorial in the guest book for Maria. She was taken way to soon, but hopefully her love and memories will give you the comfort you need to get through this rough time. From what I remember Maria was a wonderful and beautiful person, my only regret is that I didn't get to know her better.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.

Love-

Your cousin Tammy##imported-begin##Tammy (Passante)
Butera##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:53 AM



“ We have known Maria since we were all little kids running around North Utica. It is a special bond that we from NU feel for each other and Maria was and always will be an integral part of that bond. She was beautiful both inside and out, a blast to be around, and as genuine as they come. She will be missed dearly by all. Knowing she is at peace now and living eternal life in Heaven with God and her brother Mike brings comfort in the face of this terrible tragedy. Our hearts pour out to you Jon, Little Jon, Mr & Mrs. Zig, Mark, Dave, Lynn, Robin, and the rest of the Zegarelli and Rolchigo families. God Bless.##imported-begin##Shawn & Cheri ##imported-end##

June 06, 2007 at 09:47 AM



“ Jon, there are no words to express my deepest sorrow for you, little Jon, and the whole family. My worst regret is not getting together with Maria like we kept promising too. This was not the way I ever imagined we would get together. For 7 years we were the inseparable 3 her kimmie and I. I will cherish all our happy hour memories...Maria you will never be forgotten...##imported-begin##Marla##imported-end##

June 05, 2007 at 06:19 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Maria at Faxton for quite a while and she will be missed!

My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. What a horrible tragedy for her parents, husband, and dear little boy! May you rest in peace, Maria, and may God's light always brighten your days in Heaven!##imported-begin##anonymous##imported-end##

June 05, 2007 at 04:16 PM