



Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor

January 10, 1925 - June 14, 2012

Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor, age 87, of Utica, went home to be with the Lord when she passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of her family.

Marie was born in Utica on January 10, 1925, the daughter of the late Leslie C., Sr. and Clara (Nersch) Deitz. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. She also studied at the Utica School of Commerce for business training. On November 7, 1953 she married Stephen S. Sambor with whom she kept sacred the vows of her 52 year marriage until his passing on August 7, 2006.

Marie had a solid work ethic, a keen business sense, and a charming demeanor – all the elements which lead her to a fulfilled life and career. She held positions in several downtown stores, businesses, and the local Hotel and Restaurant Union; serving her employers and customers with the highest of standards. She was the proprietor of Stephen's Jewelers, originally located on lower Genesee Street, which was one of her proudest accomplishments. The best 25 years of her life were spent associated with New York State Teamsters, local #182 where she was the private Secretary to the President. Among her many ventures was her partnership in 1980 with her daughter, Donna, in Stephen & Co. Jewelers in downtown Utica. Marie was a generous humanitarian and a lady in all situations. A woman of style and grace, she was outwardly stunning, but it was her inner beauty that was most admired. She had an artistic ability and a flair for fashion and she knew how to coordinate

and dress impeccably. A lover of art, she attended MWPAI. Modest and dignified, Marie was understatedly elegant in her persona and articulate in her mannerisms. A gentle soul, she graciously greeted others with such warm regard. A hospitable host, she was a fabulous cook, and she added her unique creative style to many ordinary dishes. She also had a natural rhythm to her step which enhanced her lively dance moves and her appreciation of various styles of dancing. Marie was the center of her family's special occasions, and the catalyst of gathering her loved ones together; she also loved social outings and family picnics, and in later years enjoyed RVing with her family. She was a lover of the games of chance. Her most heartwarming accomplishments were the blessings of her 2 children and the joy and purpose they gave to her life. Her granddaughter Stephanie was a rebirth for Marie and an added love in her life. She was also proud of her city, and loved residing here, always nostalgic of downtown in bygone days. She was a member of Gamma Chi and served as a past Vice-President. Her Catholic spirituality resided deep in her soul. She was a member of the Christ Child Society, and a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Marie is survived by her beloved daughter and son-in-law, Donna M. Sambor-Pratt and her husband Roger of Whitesboro. Always cherished in her heart was the memory of her son, Gary Stephen Sambor, who passed away on December 16, 1986. She also leaves her cherished granddaughter, Stephanie Marie and her husband Garrett Morgan; her adored great-granddaughter, Lillyan Grace; her sister Jeanette Mills with whom she shared a relationship that was precious beyond words, and her husband Billy of Whitesboro; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws MarieAnn Strassberger and her husband Robert, and Thaddeus Sambor. Also left to remember her are her godchildren, Jennifer, Debra, and Craig.

Friendships were sacred and truly meaningful to Marie, and she genuinely loved dining out with "the girls" which was a highlight in her more recent life. In addition, Marie had a fondness for her family canine "Rosie". She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Doris and Jack Kennedy; her

brother, Leslie C. Deitz, Jr.; and her in-laws, Janet Sambor, and Leon and Garnet Sambor. Marie also held close the memory of many dear and loyal friends who preceded her.

The family extends sincere thank you's to Susan Griffing, NP who gave Marie professional guidance and was a true friend who lovingly shared concern and compassion; family friend Joanne McKelvey who was invaluable before and during Marie's illness. A unique and treasured bond existed between Marie and Darlene Anthony, and she could count on her for anything at any time. Also among her dear friends was Francesca Zarelli. Gratitude is also held for the staff of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, attending physicians including Dr. Dilip Kachare, Dr. Maria Gesualdo, Dr. Ramzi Nassif, and the 5th floor staff, especially RN's Trisha, Stephanie, and Tina; nurses' aides, Ian and Stephanie; CCU personnel particularly acknowledging RN's Toni, Rhonda, and Judy – they are all outstanding, compassionate people who made all the difference in Marie's care.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marie's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial and Committal prayers will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Expressions of sympathy in lieu of flowers may be made in the form of donations to the Thea Bowman House in deference to Marie's love for children; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Donna and Roger, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Jim and Donna (Martellotto) Boyce

Donna Martellotto Boyce - June 24, 2012 at 08:10 PM

LU

“ Donna, Roger and family I'm so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a really nice lady! Linda Underwood

Linda Underwood - June 19, 2012 at 12:58 PM

SM

“ Donna: We just heard the sad news and our hearts go out to you and your family. I am glad to have known Marie, and believe that when we lose someone close to us they still live through us and give us strength. The time we have spent with those we've lost makes them part of us. We are here if you need anything. Sabrina & Kevin Misiaszek (Other side of Marie's hedge on Ferris)

Sabrina Misiaszek - June 18, 2012 at 09:22 PM

CC

“ *Christiana Conway lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor*



christiana conway - June 18, 2012 at 07:27 AM

CC

Donna and family. Please except my sincerest sympahy in the loss of your mother. My prayers to you at this time of sadness but her memories will live and warm our hearts forever. (Lotte's friend)

christiana conway - June 18, 2012 at 07:35 AM

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“ *LISA C. LARKIN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor*



LISA C. LARKIN - June 17, 2012 at 11:43 AM

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MARIE WAS A UNIQUE AND SPECIAL INDIVIDUAL. HER SMILE WAS CONTAGIOUS AND SHE WAS SO FULL OF LIFE. i AM GRATEFUL FOR THE HONOR TO HAVE KNOWN HER AND HER FAMILY. MARIE i KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE WATCHING OVER ALL OF US ESPECIALLY YOUR FAMILY AND GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER. LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU,

LISA

LISA C. LARKIN - June 17, 2012 at 11:46 AM

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“ *The McGaughnea Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie A. (Deitz) Sambor*



The McGaughnea Family - June 16, 2012 at 01:32 PM

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Marie was always so sweet, caring and had such a presence about her. My memories of her are few, but strong. We didn't know her for a long time, but we knew of her gentle ways and kind heart. My sincerest condolences to family and friends. She certainly touched a lot of lives and we are so sorry we can't be with you to celebrate her life. Love Patrick, Jennifer, Ben, Becca & Eddie

The McGaughnea Family - June 16, 2012 at 01:34 PM

FA

“ *Our Prayers of Comfort to Donna, Roger, Stephanie and family. Marie was a beautiful women with a beautiful heart, such a kind and gentle spirit and always with a smile. We are so blessed to have known her. Until we all meet again may she sleep with His Angels. With Love, Frank and Mary Annese Venice Fl.*

Frank Annese - June 15, 2012 at 03:09 PM