Marie A. "MiMi" (Christiano) Arcuri

March 3, 1949 - July 27, 2009

Mrs. Marie A. “MiMi” (Christiano) Arcuri, age 60, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 27, 2009 in the privacy of her home with the love and support of her family by her side.

Born in Utica on March 3, 1949, Marie is the daughter of Fannie (Desiato) Christiano and the late Joseph F. Christiano. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1967 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, and subsequently completed her course of study at the Utica School of Beauty Culture. On April 11, 1970 she married Nicholas L. Arcuri, Jr. with whom she shared 39 years; their love was true and they were meant to be together.

MiMi began her career as a beautician with The Capri Salon, as well as several local establishments. She concluded her time dedicated to her profession with Joanne Fanelli Imaging Group, a business with which she was proud to be affiliated. She was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Friends and loved ones will always remember that MiMi had her own style and grace that was admired and appreciated by many. She was a savvy shopper who lived by the slogan “shop till you drop”. Her welcoming “aura” and style of living attracted people, and she always had something poignant or funny to say after touching others in a special way. There were so many times to remember, whether with family, friends, or clients; all were wondering what she would say or do that would create a lasting memory. One of her leisure passions were games of chance at the Casino. The power and the warmth of

her heart never focused on her losses or the disappointing tribulations, but on good things and the joys of her life. She knew the blessing of being a mother and a grandmother, and her grandchildren adored her. She loved to hear every detail of their day, and she taught each of them the lyrics of “You Are My Sunshine”. And she certainly knew that life has its seasons. God came closest to her when her soul was in need of repose, and she was assured and comforted that all comes with God’s kind blessings. May your memory be the magical way of keeping MiMi near and ever close in your mind and heart --- to each of us comes a time of beauty and everlasting peace.

MiMi is survived by her husband, Nicholas; her son, Nicholas L. Arcuri III of New Hartford; her daughter and son-in-law, Kim-Marie and John Kleaka of Webster, NY; her mother, Fannie Christiano of Utica; and her grandchildren who especially loved their Nana, Nicholas Jon, and Logan Tyler Arcuri; Taryn Marie, and Emerson Paige Kleaka. Also close to her heart were her sisters and brothers-in-law, Tina and Kenneth Dardano of Utica, and Phyllis and Phil Avella of New Hartford; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, godchildren, and in-laws, Joyce Shaffer, and Mary and David Matt. MiMi was also blessed with many wonderful and loyal friends during her life. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Nicholas L. Arcuri, Sr. and Florence Arcuri; and her brothers-in-law, Edward S. “Eddy” Arcuri, and Paul Shaffer.

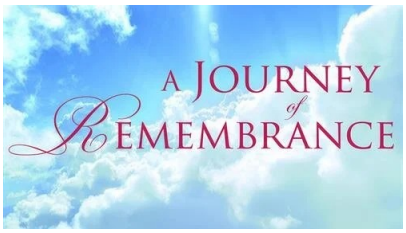
The family is grateful to Dr. Toby Taylor and his nurse, Dyan Sardelli; Dr. Mary Cunningham, Oncologist of Syracuse; Debbie Scully, massage therapist, as well as her family and the community for their unending support and prayers which assisted and uplifted MiMi and her family.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday 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 contributions in MiMi’s honor to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition Inc., or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. MiMi's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on

Thursday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Msgr. Francis Willenburg. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Marie A. "MiMi" (Christiano) Arcuri



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

I wanted to express my sincere sympathy to "Mimi's" family. Although I did not personally know Mimi, my mom Amy did. Mimi called my mom recently and they shared a lengthly conversation. Mimi's call to my mom was very much appreciated by her.

In losing a loved one, I hope that your family fines comfort in knowing that Mimi was loved by many.

Cherish the memories that you all shared.

My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.##imported-begin##Tricia Femia Macdonough##imported-end##

August 05, 2009 at 12:40 AM

Nick, I just become aware of your loss and i am truly sorry,you have lost someone very special to you who i am sure meant a great deal to many others.Im sure MiMi will be remembered many times with special warmth and affection. I know i will think about her every time i open a card with confetti in it.##imported-begin##chris eck##imported-end##

August 04, 2009 at 08:28 AM

Dear Nick, Mrs. Christiano, Tina, Phyllis and family,
So sorry to hear of MiMi's passing. Frank and I will always cherish the wonderful memories we shared with MiMi and Nick....double dating, proms and graduation. It has been years since we have seen her but her memory will always be with us. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##Arlene and Frank Guerriero-Carefree, Arizona##imported-end##

August 03, 2009 at 11:50 PM

Nicky, Nick and Kim,

I am sorry to hear about Mimi. She fought the good fight and her strength was amazing. I hope that all the wonderful memories keep her in your heart and give you strength throughout the days ahead. I am thinking of you all and was very sorry I couldn't be there at the services. Take are

Love, Dana Garner##imported-begin##Dana Garner##imported-end##

August 02, 2009 at 04:25 PM

Ironically, I thought of Mimi this morning and had no idea why, as I hadn't seen her in years. I remembered how I would come over to your home, Mrs. Christiano, and eat that great chili and chocolate cake your husband made ust for me. The thought flashed into my mind and I had no idea that Mimi was sick or had passed on until this evening when a friend asked me if I knew her.

Tina, Mrs. Christiano and Nick, my deepest sympathy for the loss of a most unique lady with whom I had a ton of fun as a kid. She is now at peace.##imported-begin##Cynthia S'Doia##imported-end##

July 31, 2009 at 09:20 PM

Nick and Family. We were on vacation when we got the news of Mimi's passing or we would have been to see you.

We treasured her friendship which started on our Alaskan cruise.....one comment between Mimi and Carol, and a frienship was born and that brings such wonderful memories, smiles and laughter during this sad time.

Our hearts are broken and yet it's comforting to know that Mimi does not have to endure anything more.

Our love to you all....we'll be in touch
Frank and Carol##imported-begin##Frank and Carol Natale##imported-end##

July 31, 2009 at 08:06 AM

Nick...My condolences to you and your family. I so enjoyed the years when you and Mimi were my neighbors on Howe Street. Please know that my thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Martha Abelove##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 10:30 PM

To Phyllis and family and Joanne Fanelli-Babiarz....Family, laughter, style and grace was what I will cherish about MiMi. Hold on to the many wonderful memories she has left us with. I will miss her too. May you rest in peace MiMi.##imported-begin##Susan (Zwir) Daniels##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 07:19 PM

Nick,

Words cannot describe my saddness for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. Your wonderful memnories of Mimi....your best friend and wife will be with you forever.

I am sorry that I could not be there for support at this time, but please know that I am thinking of you and your family and if there is anything your need or would like to talk about any time, any place all you have to do is call me.

Your friend....Harry##imported-begin##Harry E. Crockett Jr.##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 07:19 PM

Nick and family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##John @ Faith Giglio##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 06:11 PM

IT is with deep sorrow learning of the passing of my old friend and classmate at Utica School of Beauty Culture. MiMi was loved by all in our class and I'm sure will be remembered for her wit, helpfulness and her very deep love of Nick. She brightened each and every day. It was a pleasure having known her.
My deepest sympathies to her Nick, children and grandchildren. May God's mercy see you through this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Dolores Wines##imported-begin##Dolores (Dee) Wines..formally Godfrey##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 01:04 PM

Nick& Family
We want you to know , that we are sorry for your loss. Remember the good times . We will be thinking of you & your family at this time.
With our deepest sympthy
Jimmy & Maryrose Schiavetta##imported-begin##Maryrose & Jimmy Schiavetta##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 12:57 PM

to PHYLLIS AND FAMILY. I SEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU ALL.
I KNOW YOU WERE ALL CLOSE AND
ENJOYED EACH OTHER VERY MUCH. THE FACT THAT YOU HAD THAT TIME TOGETHER IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. LIFE HANDS US CHALLANGES THAT WE DON'T UNDERSTAND, AND CAN ONLY KNOW THAT GOD IS WITH HER AND SHE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU. THEY DON'T GO AWAY THEY STAY IN YOUR HEART FOREVER,
JOANNE ANGELHOW##imported-begin##joanne angelhow##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 12:33 PM

Kim and Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Keep the memories alive, it will get you through. I am thinking of you and I am here if you need anything. Love you.

Terri, James, Katelyn and Ashley Robotham##imported-begin##Terri Robotham##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 09:27 AM

Nick, Nick, Kim & family,

Please accept our condolences and know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Cindy & Jon##imported-begin##Cindy and Jon Gilbert##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 09:15 AM

Nick & Logan,

We are so sorry that you have lost your Nana. She was so very proud of you and loved you very much.

Lots of love,
Nain & Papa##imported-begin##Cindy and Jon Gilbert##imported-end##

July 29, 2009 at 09:10 AM

*To the Christiano-Arcuri family. I was so sorry to hear about Mi-Mi's passing thru my sister in Utica. She was such a wonderful person with a beautiful personality. Mi-Mi had syle and class. I admired her very much. She made me laugh at the salon she made it a blast to be there.... I knew her from when I was a kid. Whenever we spoke she spoke about her family, and how proud she was of her children and about being a grandmother..She battled hard against this dreaded disease, the same disease that took my mom's life. I hope and pray they can find a cure. My sincere sympathy goes out to her wonderful family. May god bless Mi-Mi your friend Bernie, as your called me Bernie-B****.##imported-begin##Bernadette Filipell-Jackson##imported-end##*

July 28, 2009 at 10:55 PM

Kim and family I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all during this difficult time. She will be deeply missed, but your cherished memories will live on forever.##imported-begin##Nancy Darling##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 10:49 PM

Mr. Arcuri, Nick, Kim and family,
I know I speak for Tara and the rest of my family when I say that our thoughts and condolences are with you all during this very difficult time. I have wonderful memories of Mimi, doing my nails in your basement for the prom just to name one. My family and I are truly sorry for your loss and will keep you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer DiBrango (White)##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 09:12 PM

My Meem
My heart is so broken right. I love and admire you so much. Your strength amazed me.. I cannot imagine life without you. I will forever think about you and all the laughs and crying we have done; Rest in peace my beloved cousin. I will see you some day. Love Jo##imported-begin##Joanna greco##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 08:01 PM

Meem,

I love you and always have and always will. You will be in my heart forever. Rest and hold my baby please. Love, Karen##imported-begin##Karen Trascritti##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 07:57 PM

Nick, Nick and Kim, my prayers are with you all. I am so sorry for your loss. MiMi was such an awesome mom and I have fond memories of her growing up.##imported-begin##Denise Wojcik (Darling)##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 01:10 PM

Nick and family, Kenny, Tina and family..you all have our deepest sympathies on your loss. She has earned her wings and is an angel watching over all of us now. Someday we will all see each other again in Heaven.
Ralph and Rosemarie##imported-begin##Ralph and Rosemarie Paladino##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 12:38 PM

Her Life will always be an inspiration. My prayers will be with you all.##imported-begin##Pamela Hiatt##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 11:47 AM

To Joanne Fanelli-Babiarz, & Arcuri Family
We did not know "Mi-Mi", but came to know of her and be involved a little in the Relay for Life by doing the banner for her. We know her loss is tremendous and a huge blow for all of you.
But, now, you must pick up the torch that she has passed to you and continue the fight in her memory. None of us know what she endured, but she fought a long and hard battle. She has touched a lot of lives, even to those of us who never knew her.
We are both so very sorry. She most certainly will always be remembered and in our prayers. She was so fortunate to have such a huge circle of family and friends to get her through. As you were her strength, she now will be yours and get you through this difficult time. Fondly, Beverly and Butch##imported-begin##Beverly Schrader##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 10:36 AM

MIMI HONORED US LEADING THE LUMINIRA CEREMONY AT THE RELAY FOR LIFE. SHE WAS A FIGHTER BUT OUR BATTLE CONTINUES, WE LOST ANOTHER. HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY.
CAROLYN (CARLONE) FACCIOLI##imported-begin##Carolyn Faccioli##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 09:41 AM

Nick, Nick, Kim, and kids,
I am so sorry to hear that Mimi has passed. She put up a valiant fight with the dreaded cancer.
Our thoughts are with you at this time.
Gina Arcuri
Tracy Leone George##imported-begin##Gina##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 08:08 AM

Mimis family and her family at Joanne Fanellis Hair Salon, we are sorry for your loss..Mimi was a wonderful person who always put a smile on our faces when she did our hair. We will forever miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with all you.

Joslyn, MaryAnn and Jade##imported-begin##Joslyn Wallace Arena##imported-end##

July 28, 2009 at 07:42 AM

Nick, Nick, Kim, and family,
Memories of Mi-Mi will always be as special and close to our heart as she was. Always with a grin and a "funny" remark! Always joking, and laughing... is how we will remember her. Our hearts are so heavy for your loss, and our minds cannot comprehend that she has left us all. Please know that we felt every up and down of this long journey with you. And we feel very blessed to have known her and enjoyed her company. We will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time. Our our Love, Mark & Annie Vallese##imported-begin##Mark & Annie Vallese##imported-end##

July 27, 2009 at 11:06 PM

You are all in my prayers, I pray God continues to give you the strength and courage to keep Mimi's spirit alive and to always remember all the wonderful memories she leaves with you. Love you...Juliann##imported-begin##Juliann Sapio##imported-end##

July 27, 2009 at 07:08 PM