



Marie C. (LaBella) Cerullo

June 28, 1928 - January 4, 2008

Mrs. Marie C. (LaBella) Cerullo, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2008 in the comfort of her home with her loving daughters and "Harley" by her side.

Born in New Jersey on June 28, 1928, Marie was the daughter of the late Rocco, Sr. and Elvira (Camillo) LaBella. She was raised and educated locally and was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On October 2, 1948 she was joined in marriage with Frank A. "Whitey" Cerullo, Jr. with whom she shared 47 years as a devoted wife until his passing on May 19, 1996.

For over 20 years Marie held the valued position of office secretary for the Utica-Oswego Motor Express Company. As a devoted mother and matriarch, her daughters blessed her life with love, respect, and friendship. A gentle grace and spirit guided her life and illuminated her as a selfless, generous, and kind person. She had a genuine interest in the lives and happenings of those she loved. She was a pillar of strength and a cultured woman with a unique sense of humor. An avid reader, she also enjoyed writing, especially poetry, and was very computer savvy. She was also an outstanding baker who enjoyed sharing her culinary delights. During her spare time she took pleasure in participating in games of chance and she especially loved to socialize. She was a member of the East Side Senior Center where she made many new and lasting friendships. She played cards weekly with her "dear friends" who she cherished. Marie had a successful and precious life filled with people who loved and admired her. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Marie is survived by her devoted daughters, Joyce and Janice who will honor their mother's memory until they meet again. Also surviving is her sister, Lucy Sageer of Utica; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Ann C. LaBella of Utica. Marie welcomed and cherished the friendships of Jane and Bernie, Denise, Candace, Suanne, Sylvia, Michelle, Liz, and Irene. She was predeceased by her infant brother, Rocco LaBella; her brother, Rocco C. LaBella, Jr.; and her brother-in-law, John A. Sageer.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. James O'Malley, and the outstanding staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their professionalism and commitment which was a complement to the loving care that her daughters shared with their mother.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. Marie's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

“The past is filled with memories most of which we'll treasure.

The future holds a ray of hope of a happening of pleasure.

The present isn't clear to me, just a fleeting moment in space

For only time has made of the past as the future takes its place”.

- Written by our beloved mother.

Tribute Wall



“ *JANICE & JOYCE,
OUR FAMILY'S HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU &
YOUR FAMILY.
MAY A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES STRENGTHEN EACH STEP
YOU WILL TAKE. AND MAY GOD GRANT YOU HIS PROMISE
FOR ETERNAL LIFE TO BE SHARED WITH HIM & OUR
CHERISHED LOVED ONES.
STAY FOCUSED ON JESUS.....
DIANNE DENIGRO###imported-begin##Dianne DeNigro##imported-
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January 08, 2008 at 12:52 PM



“ *Dear Janice and Joyce, It saddened me deeply to read about your mother's passing. My childhood memories of your mother will remain with me always. Our families were next door neighbors for many years, and we could not have asked for better people to be near us. Marie always had that special smile on her face; she was a devoted wife and mother. I will always value and remember the times I babysat for you two girls, who have now grown to be compassionate, good, people like their mother. I will be sure to keep in memory her words of wisdom (printed on the bottom of her obituary) and make note of Marie, as author.*

*Love and God bless you both,
Patty Shaheen, a long-time acquaintance now living in
Michigan###imported-begin##Patty (Haddad) Shaheen##imported-
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January 08, 2008 at 11:09 AM



“ We were all sorry to learn of the passing of such a wonderful lady. We will miss her dearly and always remember her smiling face. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family. May the wonderful memories of her life comfort you in this difficult time.##imported-begin##East Side Senior Center - Ann Perry##imported-end##

January 08, 2008 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear Joyce & Janice,
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your beloved mother. We heard many, many, many wonderful things about your Mom and the devotion of her daughters. May delightful memories of her life comfort you.##imported-begin##Robin & Kim Roberts##imported-end##

January 07, 2008 at 02:55 PM



“ Dear Joyce and Janice,
I'm so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Although it's been years living on Mohawk St, I have so many good memories of your mom. She was a very special lady. With loosing my mom in May, we need to think of them as not being gone, but think of them as living in the hearts of who they touch. Hold on to all the wonderful memories. My sympathy goes out to you.
Love,
Linda (Haddad)
Cianfrocco##imported-begin##Linda Haddad
Cianfrocco##imported-end##

January 07, 2008 at 11:30 AM



“ *Janice and Joyce,
Your mother was given the greatest opportunity in her life which was to have two daughters that were her "Angels". Your mother loved the both of you with all her heart. You went above and beyond for your mother. There should not be a doubt in your mind that you did all you could for her. Now she looks down upon you with her beautiful smile saying "Thank you my wonderful daughters"###imported-begin###Candace###imported-end##*

January 07, 2008 at 08:58 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. She was a wonderful lady. Rest assured in the fact that you took very good care of her and made her very happy. It takes very special people to do that. You were blessed to have Marie as your mother, and she was blessed to have you as her daughters. You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Fred & Mary Ann (Motto) Furtek###imported-end##*

January 06, 2008 at 01:25 PM



“ *JANICE,I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS,JUST KEEP YOUR CHIN UP AND STAY STRONG, THE WAY YOUR MOM WOULD WANT YOU TO. I AM SURE SHE IS WITH HER LOVED ONES, HOME SAFE AND SOUND AND WATCHING OVER YOU AND JOYCE. GOD BLESS AND LOVE YOU. MARY LOURDES###imported-begin###MARY LOURDES###imported-end##*

January 06, 2008 at 09:23 AM



“ *Janice and family, I am terribly sorry for your loss. May your mother find everlasting peace,,and until you meet again, may you live the rest of your life, with the joy of her memories###imported-begin###Gina Arcuri and Tracy###imported-end###*

January 05, 2008 at 11:01 PM



“ *Dear Joyce and Janice,
I am deeply saddened by your great loss. I have the fondest memories of your Mom and, on my too infrequent visits to Utica, I always enjoyed being in her company. Through Janie, I have always kept in touch with you all and informed on the happenings throughout this difficult year. I cannot find words to express my appreciation for the incredible loving care you provided for Mom - you were incredible; you gave more than anyone would ever expect or hope for. You have been the most amazing daughters any mother could hope to have. You are always in my thoughts. Take care of yourselves and each other. I extend my deepest sympathy and hope that knowing that your grief is shared will somehow provide comfort to you both.
Love, Sondra###imported-begin###Sondra Modell Hirsch###imported-end###*

January 05, 2008 at 07:51 PM



“ Marie,

By now you have been reunited with your "loved ones" and are dancing with the "angels".

We grieve for our loss, but we are consoled by the legacy you have left to all of us who were privileged enough to have known and loved you.

You gave us unconditional love, acceptance and support. Never did a moment pass by that we doubted your utter devotion.

As the days go by and our lives go on, we will love each other a little bit deeper, understand each other a little bit better and cherish each day together as if it were our last.

With all our love,

Sylvia, Suanne, Jane, Bernie, Michelle, Denise, Candace, Ellen, Liz and Irene##imported-begin##Cerullo family and friends##imported-end##

January 05, 2008 at 05:47 PM



“ Dear Janice & Joyce,

Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loving mom. She had the greatest care takers in the world, you two should be very proud of yourselves. A mother can never be replaced, and we know how much love there was in your hearts for her.

Love,

Ray & Terry##imported-begin##Ray & Terry Zangrilli##imported-end##

January 05, 2008 at 03:40 PM