



Marie H. "Ria" (Chandler) Chrystie

May 2, 1946 - July 14, 2006

Mrs. Marie H. "Ria" (Chandler) Chrystie, age 60, of Utica, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2006 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on May 2, 1946, Marie was the daughter of the late Lyle and Rosalie (Filippelli) Chandler. She was raised and educated locally. On February 8, 1964 she married Theodore "Ted" Chrystie with whom she has shared a loving union of 42 years. Ria and Ted were a couple who truly enjoyed and appreciated the many blessings of family life.

At one time Mrs. Chrystie worked as an assembler at the General Electric plant on Bleecker St. She also was employed with Chanatry's on Culver Ave., her family's business. She enjoyed her position there at the meat counter, especially to see and serve the many patrons.

The ever-present smile on Ria's face was an indication of the love, kindness, and generosity within her heart and spirit. With determination, dedication, and unselfishness, she pursued her foremost priority which was to keep her family together in a home life that provided them with security and happiness. Her door was always open and her house was always "home." She was deeply proud of her children and grandchildren and of what each one of them became. In return, they loved and respected their "Mom" and "Nonny" with devotion and affection. Ria was especially blessed to have had such close relationships with her grandchildren. She viewed this as one of her life's greatest accomplishments.

Ria was a woman whose heart was deeply imbued with spiritual faith and whose life was guided by her beliefs. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. She was known and admired for her culinary skills: in fact, her “chicken and potatoes” was legendary. She loved celebrating the holidays, honoring each one with great enthusiasm. Her special favorite was Christmas Eve when she hosted the traditional dinner at her home. Ria loved all kinds of games, including Bingo, computer games, and game shows on TV. She also enjoyed vacationing in Florida with her sister Rosalie.

Ria is survived by her husband, Ted; a son and daughter-in-law, Donald J. and Rowena Chrystie of N. Utica; 3 daughters and sons-in-law, Marie “Tinky” and David Zaniewski, Rosalie and Daniel Siuta, and Cherie and Scott Sait, all of Utica; and her grandchildren, Danielle “Gurtie” Siuta, Theodore “TJ” Chrystie, Craig Siuta, Nicole Chrystie, and Scotty “Squeaker” Sait. Ria also leaves a faithful canine companion, her toy poodle, Oreo, who always provided her with unconditional love. In addition, she was always entertained by Tinky’s canine pets, Pretty and Schultz. Ria’s survivors also include her siblings whom she loved very much: her sisters, Maryellen Gahan of Whitesboro, and Rosalie and Tony DeSantis; and her brothers, Butch Chandler of Deerfield, Lyle “JR” and Carlie Chandler of Nebraska, Sam Chandler of Ilion, and George and Debbie Chandler of Floyd. George had a special place in her heart because of his sincere brotherly love which prompted him to always look out for her. Also surviving are a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; and her in-laws, Virginia and Roy Scott, Lucy Chrystie, Joanne Chrystie, Richard Chrystie, Robert Chrystie, and Roberta “Bobbie” Baron and her husband, Frank. In addition, Ria was blessed with many wonderful friends and neighbors. She was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Nancy Chandler; and a niece, Tina (DeSantis) Ciccolella.

The family extends its sincere thanks to Dr. DeTraglia, and to a special group of caregivers who attended Marie with concern, compassion, and professionalism, namely the personnel of the Oncology and Special Care

Units, especially Craig, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Visitation will be held today (Tuesday) from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Mrs. Chrystie's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 from St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish located at Mt. Carmel Church. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *mom i miss you more than you will ever know!a day doesnt go by me that i dont think about you.some day we will play scrabble again !!!!!!! hahaha! and watch prisoner ceblock H .oh the joy we had! i love and miss you mom so much! i love you the mostest!!!!!!!##imported-begin##tinky##imported-end##*

February 22, 2007 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dear Uncle Teddy, children, grandchildren:*

We moved far, and it has been many years since I have seen you and the family in NY, yet the memories that I have of our beloved Aunt Marie is so special.

I fondly remember her pretty smile, and her warmth so sincere and kind towards me, and my twins, Daniel and Matthew.

I am praying for all the family's strength and consolation during this sorrowful time.

Our dear aunt, mother, nanny is temporarily gone, but someday we will meet up with her in Heaven and

rejoice to see her; the Bible clearly describes Heaven as a place of peace and happiness --without pain,tears,or suffering. It will be a grand Reunion with all the family and friends.

May GOD bless you all,

With love and sympathy,

Nancy , Matthew and Daniel Scott##imported-begin##Nancy Scott##imported-end##

July 18, 2006 at 11:47 AM



“ Despite the many years I've been away from the area, I've always held precious the dear childhood memories of my loving Aunt Marie. Thank you for the kindness, positive reinforcement, and love!

To Uncle Ted and the World's Best Cousins: My thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Carl "Sonny" Scott##imported-end##

July 18, 2006 at 11:40 AM



“ Marie "Theoria" my favorite email buddy in the world!!!! we all love you and will miss you dearly. I will always be here for Cherie Now and Forever! love Debbiexoxoxox##imported-begin##Debbie, , Maurice and Nicky Isaac##imported-end##

July 18, 2006 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear Chrystie Family:
I am so deeply sorry for your loss. I did not know Mrs. Chrystie well, but do remember some years ago visiting her home with my Uncle Don and being treated with great warmth and kindness (and some wonderful baked ziti and lots of other goodies). You, her family, are a great testament to what a wonderful woman she was. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time. God Bless You!##imported-begin##Allison Fessenden##imported-end##

July 18, 2006 at 08:22 AM



“ I WILL LOVE YOU ALWAYS MY LITTLE SISTER. TILL WE MEET AGAIN.

CIAO REA##imported-begin##MARY ELLEN##imported-end##

July 17, 2006 at 04:30 PM



“ WHAT A WONDEFUL PERSON, COUSIN AND FRIEND TO ME, I'LL REMEMBER HER ALWAYS LOVE, COUSIN LINDA##imported-begin##LINDA FILIPPELLI##imported-end##

July 17, 2006 at 10:37 AM



“ Aunt Ria:

I'll always love you.

Please tell my mom I love and miss her.

Rest in peace.....

Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Carzo##imported-end##

July 17, 2006 at 09:54 AM



“ You were such a sweet, wonderful lady. I'll never forget you.##imported-begin##Vicki Novak##imported-end##

July 16, 2006 at 07:59 PM



“ LOVE YOU ALWAYS
YOUR JALEPENO##imported-begin##BOBBIE & FRANK
BARON##imported-end##

July 16, 2006 at 04:47 PM