



## Marie J. Gaetano

November 14, 1922 - May 2, 2008

Miss Marie J. Gaetano, age 85, of N. Utica, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 14, 1922, Marie was the daughter of the late Ralph and Marian (Lescio) Gaetano. She was raised and educated locally. Marie was employed as an assembler at the Bendix Corp., retiring from that company in 1985 after 32 years of dedicated service. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her loved ones. She was a caregiver by nature and will always be remembered for her selfless and thoughtful ways. In her leisure time she liked to travel. She was of the Catholic faith.

Miss Gaetano is survived by a very special niece, Teddy Allen and her husband, Alan, of Poland NY; her nephews and their wives, John and Pat Gaetano of Cicero NY, Phil and Lorraine Gaetano, and Ken and Lisa Gaetano, all of Utica; and her great-nieces and great-nephews, A.J. and Kelly Allen and Cherene Allen-Caraco and her husband, Sal, all of Charlotte, NC, Michele Gaetano, Gina Gaetano, Kenny Gaetano, Vinny Gaetano, Anthony Gaetano and Alyssa Gaetano, all of Utica, Nikki Gaetano of Cicero, and Tim and Lynn Gaetano of Virginia Beach, VA. She was also blessed with a great-great niece, Celia Marie Allen of Charlotte, NC. Marie was preceded in death by a sister, Beatrice "Beaty" Gaetano who passed away in 1997, and her brothers, Philip Gaetano, who passed away in 1979 and John Gaetano who passed away in 2003. In addition, she was deeply saddened by the loss of her

longtime canine companion, Punky, whose death occurred in 2003.

Marie's family was deeply touched by the dedication of Dr. Ahmad Mian and staff, Dr. Ute Driener and Dr. Michael DeJesus, who all offered professional guidance that was delivered with much compassion and dignity. A special thank you is extended to the entire staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their personal care and commitment while caring for Marie.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 5-6 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In keeping with Marie's wishes, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions in Marie's name may be made to Wegener's Syndrome Vasculitis under the direction of the Vasculitis Foundation; envelopes will be available at the funeral home or may be sent to the foundation directly at PO Box 28660 Kansas City MO 64188-8660 ([www.vasculitisfoundation.org](http://www.vasculitisfoundation.org)).

Marie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will be offered on Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. immediately upon the conclusion of visitation with the Rev. John Rose officiating. Entombment will take place in the Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Teddy,

*Although I don't know you that well, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the passing of your Aunt.*

*Kathy White##imported-begin##Kathy White MVBWN##imported-end##*

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May 07, 2008 at 08:32 AM



“ Aunt Marie--- as you always said, you are not a "great aunt," you are a GREAT aunt! Some of our favorite memories are fun ones, not sad ones so this is how we will remember you... with one white glove on, wearing your orange or plaid bell bottom pants, cleaning a house that is already clean enough to eat off of the floor- but NEVER clean enough for you, "how do ya do's," "whatcha macallits," and, ofcourse "toomalooos," the visual of little aunt marie on the back of Sal's motorcycle, your famous chocolate birthday cakes, weekly visits to the gym at the young of 82, saying "I never looked this old before-- where did these wrinkles come from?" or "when I was younger I was beautiful, not like I am now with skinny legs."

*Oh, Aunt Marie, how you tried to be so serious, but somehow was able to soften and even be silly at times.*

*We wish you the peace now that you wanted in life. You are loved and will be so missed. Today we honor your life, Aunt Marie, and treasure our memories. Love Cherene and AJ##imported-begin##Cherene and AJ##imported-end##*

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May 05, 2008 at 11:08 PM





“ Marie

*I will never forget as a Hospice nurse the many months that I came to your house, every day for four hours to take care of "Beaty". At first you were not sure if you wanted to trust me or anyone with her care. After a short time I was allowed to do all of her care and you even ventured out to the store or bank or whatever. Then as the winter months set in you would not allow me to leave without lunch. Everyday I would care for Beaty while you made me something Italian for lunch. My favorite being sausage and pepper sandwiches and cabbage soup. I loved the stories about you and Beaty growing up in Utica and going to the movies looking for guys, movies were a quarter. Hearing about your work years. You always had to have every gadget that came on TV and we used to laugh about the fact that you would never use them. I remember you and I arguing with the Dr and calling Teddy to take care of what we messed up. John would visit often for coffee. and caught h\*\*\* when he did not bring us any goodies. When there were no goodies we had Italian bread toasted with jelly, I never toast bread without thinking of you even after these many years. I regret that I promised to keep in touch but did not do a good job. When my daughter passed you called with tears and words of sympathy. We grew close quickly and I learned many things Italian from you that I continue to do today. I am laughing now thinking about you giving me a swat on the back when I laughed at sausage hanging in the attic when you were growing up. I hope your passing was peaceful and I wish I were there to say goodbye. As I write this I know Heaven is one pasta dish better for having you there. Thoughts of you, Beaty and I on those winter mornings will never be forgotten. I could have written a book about you, your sense of humor, your wisdom, your temper and your love of family. Much like "Tuesdays with Morrie" it would be titled "Days with Marie" or "The Irish Italian connection." Thank you for the lessons, the laughs and your friendship. My love then and now.*

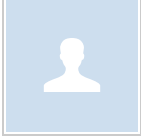
*Bonnie Mccarthy*

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May 05, 2008 at 04:46 PM



“ Dear Teddy,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. If there is anything that I can do for you or your family please don't hesitate to call on me.  
Deepest regards,  
Donna Rebisz##imported-begin##Donna Rebisz##imported-end##

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May 05, 2008 at 04:02 PM



“ Teddi,  
I am so sorry to hear of you Aunt's passing. My prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss.##imported-begin##Joanne Zennamo##imported-end##

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May 05, 2008 at 03:43 PM



“ *Teddy & family - I was so saddened to hear of your loss. While I haven't known you that long, I do know from other MVBWN members how much your aunt meant to you. Please know that you are all in my prayers today.*

*Losses like this tear our hearts apart, wounding us to the soul. But remember, scar tissue is one of the strongest materials in the world. These wounds of loss do heal, leaving behind scarred but even stronger hearts for having loved someone so deeply. It is always better to have loved and lost than to have never felt that love at all.*

*Blessings,  
Linda Fake###imported-begin##Linda Fake###imported-end##*

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May 05, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ *Great-Great Aunt Marie -*

*Glad we were able to spend time together when I got home from the hospital and again at Christmas - as little as I may be, I will never forget you and you will forever be in my heart. I know you are with the angels now and will forever be at peace. I love you -*

*Love-  
Celia Marie Allen###imported-begin##Celia Marie Allen###imported-end##*

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May 05, 2008 at 11:43 AM



“ I know how special you were to everyone, especially Teddy. What a delightful sense of humor and an enthusiastic appreciation of life you had. It was my great pleasure knowing you.##imported-begin##Bonnie Santino##imported-end##

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May 04, 2008 at 02:26 PM



“ Aunt Marie,  
You have blessed me with your presence in my life for over 36 years. You gave me Teddy who is a product of your love, devotion and assisted upbringing. You helped mold her into the woman that I so dearly love, and I am eternally grateful to you for that. You, Dad, Nana, Uncle Phil, & Aunt Bea can now all be together again as a whole family. Please have a beer waiting for me in Heaven so that we can take up where we left off when my time comes. You are loved...and will be deeply missed!##imported-begin##Alan##imported-end##

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May 04, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ "Marie"  
The time that I have dreaded has finally arrived, and as I write this I remember with a smile my life growing up with you. Your love for me was unconditional. You accepted me in spite of my faults. My life will be very empty without you in it, but I know that you are where you belong with Nana, Aunt Bea, Uncle Phil, and Dad. Be happy together...I love you!!!!##imported-begin##Teddy##imported-end##

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May 04, 2008 at 12:38 PM