



Marie Joyce (Cuccaro) Rocci

November 30, 1929 - August 4, 2008

Mrs. Marie Joyce (Cuccaro) Rocci, age 78, of Utica, passed away on Monday, August 4, 2008 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Marie's passing was graced with the support and love of her family.

Born in Utica on November 30, 1929, Marie was the daughter of the late Pasquale and Rose (Pepe) Cuccaro. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1947 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On October 20, 1951 she married Mario L. Rocci with whom she shared 56 wonderful years of marriage. The couple was blessed with a happy home and respect for each other's lives. Marie was employed by the Utica City School District for a number of years, retiring as office manager for the superintendent of the school system. A genuine woman of grace and compassion, Marie was an outstanding mother, a loyal friend, and a welcoming soul who was loved by many. Her pastimes included golfing, bowling, playing bridge, and sharing monthly dinners with the "Proctor girls". She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, a member of the St. Theresa Society, and a participant in the annual church festival. An ultimate blessing and source of inspiration during Marie's life was her religious journey in following the path of Christ in Jerusalem.

Marie is survived by her husband, Mario L. Rocci, Sr.; her sons and daughters-in-law, of whom she was so proud, Mario L., Jr. and Donna Rocci of Utica, David and Marie Rocci of Springboro, OH, and Stephen J. and Carla Rocci of Utica; and her grandchildren, Mark Rocci; Philip Rocci, Elaine Rocci; Samantha Rocci, and Savanna Rocci. Survivors also include her sisters and

brother-in-law, Theresa and Ronald L. Smith, and Carole Aulbach, all of Utica; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl F. and Kathleen Cuccaro of New Hartford, and Ronald A. and Sheila Cuccaro of Utica; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Orietta M. "Orrie" Rocci of Utica. She was also blessed with many true friendships. She was predeceased by her brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Alphonse and Mary Rocci, and Alfred J. Rocci.

The family offers heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the dedicated personnel of the Sarasota and Placid households, and the Physical Therapy Department at the Masonic Care Community of NY for their sincere kindness and professional care.

In keeping with Marie's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Marie's honor to the Masonic Care Community of NY; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in the family's private mausoleum in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Aunt Marie,
You were such a beautiful woman and lovely soul. I will miss you terribly, but know heaven is graced by your presence and charm. Enjoy your peace, beauty and health in your new home. I love you, Ana##imported-begin##Ana Burke##imported-end##

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“ Mario, Orrie, Carl & Kathy, Ronald,

So sorry we couldn't make it to the mass. Marie was a beautiful women, always kind, generous and a pleasure to be around. So sorry for your loss.

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“ Marie was a lovely woman and will be remembered in our prayers. May you find consolation in knowing that others care. Condolences to you and your family.##imported-begin##joe and madeline hobika##imported-end##

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“ *Mario and boys:
My heart goes out to all of you. Marie was a beautiful woman inside and out. Always a kind word and a smile. I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the Mass tomorrow.
My prayers and condolences to all of you and your families. Hope to see you soon.
Michele###imported-begin##Michele (Dimeo) Zegarelli###imported-end##*

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“ *Steve,
I am truly sorry for your loss. I may not know your Mom, however, she had to be a great lady to have a son like you.
God needed a Great Mom and so he took her home - she will continue to watch over you.

Sincerely, Lucille###imported-begin##Lucille R. Argenzia###imported-end##*

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