



Marion R. (Hawkins) Ricco

October 30, 2008

Mrs. Marion R. (Hawkins) Ricco, of Utica and New Hartford, passed away on Thursday, October 30, 2008 at the Stonehedge Health and Rehabilitation Center in Rome.

Born in Rome, NY, Marion was the daughter of the late John and Helen (Abel) Hawkins. She was raised and educated in Rome and attended Rome Free Academy. On March 4, 1958 she married Joseph G. Ricco who passed away on February 5, 1994; they were well-suited for one another during their 36 year marriage.

Marion was employed by the Utica Mutual Insurance Company where she held the position of receptionist prior to her retirement after 25 years of service. Endowed with great strength of character and generosity of spirit, Marion lived her life with grace and style. She had a passion for animals which inspired her gentle care and affection for them. Although not blessed with children of her own, she was fortunate to have the respect and love of her 3 "special nieces", Norma Jean, Darlene, and Wendy. Marion was an avid golfer who managed many tournaments and was especially proud of heading the Cerebral Palsy Golf Tournament. She was also supportive of many civic, social, and political causes. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and volunteered her time at the Rectory. Marion is survived by her brother, Paul Hawkins of Northwestern, NY; her special sister-in-law, Jean E. Hawkins of Rome; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was blessed with many friends

through the years. She was predeceased by her sisters, Helen, and Edith; and her brothers, Roy, Jack and Norman Hawkins.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Alterra Villas of Sherman Brook, and the nurses and staff of the Stonehedge Health & Rehabilitation Center for the love and compassion they displayed while Marion was under their care.

In keeping with Marion's wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Monday afternoon at 2:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. In memory of the care given to Marion's late husband, Joe, please consider memorial donations to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.