



Mrs. Mary "Maria" (Cavo) Colucci

October 12, 1925 - March 30, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Mary "Maria" (Cavo) Colucci, age 94, went home to the Lord while in the comfort and dignity of her home, surrounded by her loving family who was caring for her until her passing on Monday, March 30, 2020.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on October 12, 1925, Mary was the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Giovannina (DiPalma) Cavo. After her mother passed away, Mary at a very young age returned to Erchie with her family, a picturesque village dotted with vineyards and lemon groves on the Amalfi Coast of Italy where she was raised and educated. In 1947, Mary returned to the United States and met the love of her life, Michael D. "Mike" Colucci. On May 1, 1948 they married and became one soul and one heart. They honored their vows, made family a priority, and found trust in the providence of the Lord. Mary and Mike were blessed with 69 loving years prior to his passing on November 8, 2017.

Mary's vocation in life was caring for the wellbeing of her family on many levels. She was a beloved matriarch, maintaining a warm, welcoming home.... and she was always in charge! She was famous for her cooking, especially preparing holiday meals presented in an old world style. She was proud of her home and worked so hard to set an example for her children to follow. A benevolent woman, she was concerned for others and was affectionately known as "Mama Mia" because her generosity and hospitality were extended to all. Those were the best days of her life. Mary had strength of character that carried her forward in the face of adversity, with faith and family first and

foremost in her mind and heart. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Italy to see family, and in later years she had the fine motor skills for adult coloring. She liked the excitement of going to the casino with her family and nothing could compare with the time she shared with her loved ones.

A devoted communicante of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, she and her family donated tirelessly to the success of many of the church activities. Her many acts of goodness brought her closer to the Lord through doing his work. She could always be counted on. During her life, Mary had the love, company, and respect of her entire family. Nothing could have made her happier, and for that, she was eternally grateful.

Mary is survived by her children and their spouses, Carmella Marie De Carlo (and the memory of her son-in-law, Mario De Carlo), Dominick Sr. and Linda Colucci, Vincent and Virginia Colucci, Ann Colucci Duesler, Anthony and Frances Colucci, and Joann and Kevin Kortright; her cherished grandchildren, Dominick Jr. and Jessica Colucci, Angel and Roger Squires, Kelly and Darryl Yaddaw; Nicholas and Kristin Colucci, Mark and Audra Colucci; Terra and Florian Waitl, Nerissa Colucci, Anthony Colucci; and Kevin R. Kortright; she adored her 19 great-grandchildren; and her brother and sister-in-law, Raffaele and Fiorina Cavo. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially Maddalena Battista and her family; dear family friends, the DiPierro family, and Barbara Barry; and the special friends who have blessed her life throughout the years. She was predeceased by two children who passed in infancy; brothers and sisters-in-law, Nunzio and Mario Cavo, Samuel and Yolanda Cavo, and Vincent Cavo; and her dear friend, Concetta DiPierro.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, services will be held privately. A Celebration of Life will be planned by the family at a date to be determined.

Tribute Wall

CA

“ *My condolences to those who loved Mary. She lived a difficult life and caused pain for some along the way. I hope that, in death, she has found the peace that eluded her in life. May we all learn to treat one another with more kindness while we have the chance.*



Cavo - January 02 at 02:29 PM

RO

“ *Happy Birthday zia Maria Hope you are celebrating with your mom dad and brothers and zio Mike Love Rose cavo Otoole*

Rose OToole - October 12, 2020 at 10:43 PM

JP

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Mary's passing. Through the years of our occasional visits between Utica and Endicott, it was always a pleasure to be in Mary and Mike's presence and share stories of family and the love of Italy and our heritage. Our many thoughts and prayers are with all the family. Deepest condolences. John and Mimi Pado and Vito DeCarlo from Endicott, NY*

John and Mimi Pado - May 05, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family sorry for your loss Mike and LuAnn Miller*



Mike Miller - April 04, 2020 at 07:55 PM

MC

“ Sincere sympathy to the Colucci family May she RIP 🌸🌸❤❤

Mary & Joe Corapi - April 03, 2020 at 01:21 PM

PG

“ Carmella, Dominick, Vinny, Ann, Tony and Joann. Great memories working with your mom and dad at all the Church activities. We were family. Were the best of times... Loved them both... My sincere sympathy to all of you... My thoughts and prayers are with you. Phil Graziano

Phil Graziano - April 03, 2020 at 09:14 AM

JF

“ So sorry for the loss of your mom. She was a beautiful lady. Rip Mary 🙏

Jackie Faga

Jackie Faga - April 02, 2020 at 09:30 AM

YD

“ Yolanda Dischiavo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary "Maria" (Cavo) Colucci



Yolanda Dischiavo - April 02, 2020 at 09:28 AM

NC

“ We love and miss you sooo much Grandma Mama Mia! Love, Nick, Kristin, Ava, and Ariana. ❤️❤️❤️❤️



Nick and Kristin Colucci - April 01, 2020 at 07:35 PM

RO

“ Rose Cavo Otoole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary "Maria" (Cavo) Colucci



Rose Cavo Otoole - April 01, 2020 at 05:44 PM

YD

“ Dominick, Vincent, Anthony, Carmela, Anna, Joann and families,
My thoughts and prayers are wit you. Losing our parents is one of the most difficult things in life. We all have such fond memories growing up close to each other. Family together all the time. I have fond memories of watching your mom, my dad and Uncle Sam having conversations. Always with love in their eyes. They had a bond that was unbreakable. I enjoyed my conversations with zia Mary and talking about the old days. We all hold those memories close to our heart and those memories live on threw us. There is no question that my dad, Uncle Sam, grandma, and uncle Mike came to greet her and welcome her. Find comfort in knowing they are all together again. My heart is broken. Love you cousin Yolanda



Yolanda Dischiavo - April 01, 2020 at 02:33 PM

ML

Dear Ann and family, Our prayers are with you all. No words could ease your pain. Your Mom was a beautiful person. She will be truly missed. But her love remains with you all. Gold Bless. Love, MaryAnn, Larry, Michael and Danielle LaTour

MaryAnn And Larry LaTour - April 01, 2020 at 05:24 PM

RO

“*My dear cousins Carmela, Dominick, Vincent, Anna, Anthony, and Joann,
My deepest condolences to all and your families, Losing our parents is one of the hardest things in life that we all have now faced. And so the end has now come to the last thread that we were able to reach out to, to listen first hand to the childhood memories of those three little escape convicts, lol we all know those stories. I know how protective her 2 brothers were of their baby sister. The worst was when the orphanage was separating boys and girls, I remember dad telling me how distraught him and zio Nunzio were that they would still have each other and she would have no one. Thank God our grandfather made the decision to pick up and go back to Italy, which opened a new chapter in their lives. I'm glad that your Mom led the path back to America and her brothers followed. I truly believe in my heart that their Mom wanted them close to each other. Story time listening to them made us all realize how thankful we are to God. Those stories made us appreciate the gift we were given to grow up with both parents. I turned to Zia Maria so many times after my dad and Zio Nunzio were gone to pick her brain. I was able in my searches to find a copy of all of their baptismal records, and just recently found a site where I was able to show her her Mom's grave site in NYC. So now along with your Dad her brothers brought her back together with them. REST IN PEACE Zia Maria I love you till we meet again.*

Rose Cavo O'Toole - April 01, 2020 at 10:14 AM

RD

“ Carmela Marie, Dominick, Vincent, Anna, Joann, e Anthony and family, Our sincerest Condolences. My heart is broken and there are tears in my eyes as I write these words. I've lost my 2nd Mother. Comare' Maria and Compare' Mike are in all of my memories from childhood to now and now I too share your pain. I am pleased we spoke today, I wish I were able to have spoken with Dominick. We grew up as brothers and sisters and I was loved by your parents as I was by my own.

There are so many memories and stories that there is not enough space to write them all. Comare Maria' was one of the absolute best cooks ever.(The Napolitani) are known to be, she most definitely proved that. She fed all of you and many times Joey, Julie and myself as well. Her heart was pure and giving.I learned many things in your home, your mom and dad knew what I didn't know back then at 11yrs old. Compare' Mike always taught me right from wrong as he did your brothers, and Comare' Maria made sure I did it right. Our mothers were as 2 sisters and now they are reunited once more as is your mom with Compare' Mike. I spoke with my brother Joe today and he too is distraught over mamma's passing as is Julie.

Your mother and dad were the only family we had here in America, when my Papa passed I remember how important your mother and father were to my mom, brother, myself and sisters at that sad time. Your parents are and shall be in my heart always. My mind wanders now, remembering your mamma singing songs a la Napoliana,(a great voice) helping when we made sausage, our Sundays at Verona State Park with Zio Sam, Zio Nunzie and their families when we were young, we took up most of the park and your mamma would make pasta, boiling water there. Our time spent in Cortland during Summertime, The rides when your sainted dad would take us all on an ice cream run when we were young,He always had patience ,God love him, the family birthday parties, weddings,and baptisms.

Joann your parents honored my mom and dad by asking them to

baptize you and be with you at The Font on your baptismal day, Our Parents became Comari e Compari, today in America even our own don't understand this true honor ,in Italy and for our parents it was actually respect and joining our two families forever.....

I knew the phone call from Anthony at that hour of the morning was not a good sign and I was told the sad news and my heart was pierced once more. I know what you all are going through at this time. I am praying for you all and ask you all to remember the most important thing at this time, you kids were the best, most respectful and most attentive children there are, you were a blessing to both your parents and they loved you more than words can say. This I know , I am family.

Anna, remember my words, God chose you! Your heart is heavy but you can be grateful because you were with her when she went to meet your dad. I hope all our loved ones gone on before are there to greet her and she is happy and at Peace. God Bless Her Soul and grant her a well deserved rest. She worked very hard in her life, she did much good for others, she believed in God , she truly was a very good woman. I miss you Comare' Maria, you helped me, you taught me as your own and you cared for all of us.

Dio ti benedico

Love you always

Your son

Rocky

ROCCO DIPIERRO - April 01, 2020 at 01:07 AM