



Mrs. Mary M. (Convertino) Grande

June 20, 1920 - May 17, 2013

Mrs. Mary M. (Convertino) Grande, age 92, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 17, 2013 in the comfort and dignity of her home.

Born June 20, 1920 in Utica, Mary was the daughter of the late Donato and Maria (Santoro) Convertino. She was raised and educated locally. On March 6, 1943, Mary wed Christopher A. Grande with whom she shared 68 years in a strong and steadfast marriage of their era until his passing on December 12, 2011.

During World War II, Mary worked at the General Electric Company Defense Plant on Kent Street. She later worked as an assembler at Mohawk Containers for many years. Mary was an extremely energetic woman who was always on the go, and she was an active member of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, now the Italian Heritage Club of the Mohawk Valley. Mary had a passionate presence with a vibrant persona and always attired to perfection. She let her "heart" guide her life allowing her to possess a unique and generous spirit which were her signature characteristics. She delighted in recognizing her innate traits and infused them upon others in her life. She loved to engage in the activities of playing bingo, partaking in card games, and enjoyed the art of baking. The company of her family was sustaining and a source of enjoyment in her life. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Survivors include her children, Christopher and Linda Grande of Utica; Johann and Philip Sbarra, and Mariann and Anthony Spiridigloizzi, all of New Hartford;

her grandchildren and their spouses, Salvatore and Michele Grande, Christopher Jr. and Patricia Grande, Melissa Grande, and Dominick Collicco; Adrienne and Bernard Adorino, Philip Jr. and Erica Sbarra; Anthony Spiridigloizzi Jr., and Erica (Spiridigloizzi) Grande and her husband Sam Grande; as well as her 12 great-grandchildren. Her extended family includes many nieces, especially acknowledging Joette Mancuso, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law Frances Grande and Carmella Grande. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Louis R. Randazzo; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Theresa Convertino, Martin and Frances Convertino, and Angelo and Angeline Convertino; and her in-laws, Faye and Salvatore Talerico, Lucy and Vincent Motto, Carl "Mooch" Grande, John and Peggy Grande, Rocco and Carmella Grande, and Angelo J. Grande.

The family honored and commemorated Mary's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday afternoon at 12:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Mary M. (Convertino) Grande



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Aunt Mary was a wonderful woman! I always loved coming over after bingo and playing cards. So many memories.

She's back home,

She will be greatly missed.

Rochelle - June 04, 2013 at 09:43 PM

CC

“ My deepest condolences to the Grande family. I remember Mary from years ago. We shared the same hospital room at Faxton and both had hand surgery. She was so very kind and beautiful and made my stay less frightening. I remember she enjoyed Jean Nate and found out I went to school with her son. (8th grade) I always remembered her.



Chris Conway - May 31, 2013 at 04:36 PM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary M. (Convertino) Grande*



Don Marino - May 20, 2013 at 08:41 AM

HE

“ *If ever a rose could hold such beauty,
If ever a person could compare to that beauty,
I would call her Ma, Non, or Mary,
For the beauty of that rose never dies,
The memory of her love, her spirit lives on,
It lives on in all that who knew her,
All lives that she touched,
All that loved her & all that she loved,
Today the heavens rejoice because she has gone back home.*

*I will miss her dearly,
Love, Helen*

Helen - May 19, 2013 at 11:48 AM

AC

“ *Our Aunt Mary was a Special and Beautiful Person, she was always giving and so pleasant to be around, She Prayed for everyone in the family and kept her candle burning for us and as she could sense good and bad in everyone! We will light a candle for you Aunt Mary for you will ALWAYS and FOREVER be in our Hearts, We LOVE and MISS You, Andy & Linda*



Andy Linda Convertino - May 18, 2013 at 12:12 PM

SG

“ *What an amazing woman she was, I was very fortunate to be as close to her as I was and to have both her and pop as role models in my life.*

She loved so many things bingo, Jonny Carson, a good fight over a game of rummy (poor Fran), entertaining I don't think a day passed that she didn't have a house full of company, But most of all she loved her family and made each of us feel very important and special in her life.

*We love and miss you
Sal, Michele and Family*



Sal Grande - May 18, 2013 at 09:22 AM