



## Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra

December 29, 1910 - October 28, 2013

Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra, age 102, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2013 at the Katherine Luther Residential Healthcare Center.

Born in Utica on December 29, 1910, Mary was the daughter of the late Frank and Lena (Giglio) Longo. She was raised and educated locally, a graduate of the Utica School of Commerce. On November 15, 1930 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church she wed George J. Inserra in a marriage ceremony that was blessed by Fr. John Marchegiani. The couple shared 58 years prior to George's passing on April 6, 1989.

Mary worked as a bookkeeper for her husband's business, Inserra Banana Company, retiring in 1977. A woman of humility and faith, Mary would like to be remembered for her small acts of kindness. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church and a member of the St. Anne's Society and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Society.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Virginia "Bee" and Norton Esposito of Utica; and her two sons and daughters-in-law, George A. and Nancy (Breitbach) Inserra of New Hartford, and John and Diana (Hettinger) Inserra of Clinton. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Frank G. Inserra, who passed away on September 24, 2004. She also leaves her cherished grandchildren, David Inserra and Maryanne, Alison and Bob Manderson, Laura and Curt Perfect, Andrew J. Inserra, and Barbara Welstead. She also held close to her heart the memory of her beloved grandson, George A. Inserra III, who preceded her on December 21, 1994. In addition, she leaves

her adored great-grandchildren, Monique Inserra, David Inserra II, Stephanie Inserra and Trent Welstead; her sisters, Santina "Sadie" Piazza of CA, and Josephine Vescera of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, with special mention of her cousin Joanne Longo; and in-laws, Anne Calabrese, and Ninfa Inserra. She was predeceased by her brother, Mariano "Happy" Longo; her sister, Anne Longo Lebert; and several in-laws and their families.

The family wishes to thank each and every member of the staff in the "Saul" Unit at the Katherine Luther Home in Clinton for enriching Mary's stay during her final journey; each of you helped so much.

The family will honor and commemorate Mary's life in a private gathering. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta and con-celebrant Fr. Flanagan. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be considered to the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Memorial Fund in Mary's honor; envelopes will be available at the service. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of mass. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

"In my journey through life, there were so many special friends. You were my treasures. I thank each of you for making my life beautiful. To all who remember me, remember me in an eternal, true memorial- by reaching out to help someone who is hurting. And, to everyone who reads this, enjoy the now!"

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ Douglas and Cindy Aiello- To the entire Inserra family. We are so sorry for your loss. I have many memories of Mary while growing up two doors away . I would always stop by and enjoy conversation with Mary. Mary was always kind to me and always had some yummy food for me to taste. Mary would always convey a positive message to me and was a very spiritual person. When I introduced my wife Cindy to Mary , she was inspired by the type of person Mary was. She was amazed by Mary's great energy ,kindness and positive attitude . Mary was definitely one of a kind

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**douglas & cindy aiello** - December 19, 2013 at 12:13 AM

AB

“ Bee: So sorry for your loss. "Mary Street" will always be a cherished memory for me.  
I will always remember her many kindnesses to me. Love and sympathy to you.

*Annabelle Bernardi*

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**Annabelle Bernardi** - November 06, 2013 at 01:21 PM

TS

“ John & George,  
So sorry for your loss. I have some great memories of going to house in high school and visiting with your mother.he was great woman.

*Joyce & Tony Scalzo*

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**tony scalzo** - November 01, 2013 at 05:28 PM

LB

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Lisa Bates** - October 31, 2013 at 08:21 AM

LG

“ *Lynarda Girmonde lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra*



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**Lynarda Girmonde** - October 31, 2013 at 06:34 AM

LB

“ To the Longo & Inserra Family- Sincere prayers for comfort and peace are sent your way. Mary was near and dear to my heart. Always a hug, a listening ear, an encouraging word and truly an inspiration! I will treasure the many kitchen table talks, the ice cream outings once in awhile and seeing her at the feast-dancing, singing and making pizza fritte! She also made the best homemade ravioli's and sauce! She never met a stranger, to Mary... the world was one big family. A true italian mama to many.

*Born in a castle, somewhere in the sky, sent down from heaven to put a sparkle in our eyes. Gone from this earth but never forgotten. May these memories shared bring comfort to her family, knowing that her 102 years on earth will be remembered fondly.  
God Bless all of you*

*Lisa Mattison Bates*

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**Lisa Bates** - October 30, 2013 at 09:46 PM

MA

“ so very sorry for your familys loss



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**Maria Arrigo-sequin** - October 30, 2013 at 06:09 PM

AR

“ Alison And Rob... lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra



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**Alison and Rob...** - October 30, 2013 at 08:07 AM

DP

“ So sorry for the passing of Mrs. Inserra. Everytime I would ride my bike in the neighborhood when I was little, she would come out and talk to us.

Dana PladoZito - October 30, 2013 at 07:13 AM

DG

“ Deanna Giacovelli lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra



Deanna Giacovelli - October 30, 2013 at 06:58 AM

GV

“ Gloria Williams Vescera lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra



gloria williams vescera - October 30, 2013 at 05:53 AM

LC

“ Laura And Curt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra



laura and curt - October 29, 2013 at 11:53 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary (Longo) Inserra.*



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October 29, 2013 at 03:26 PM



“ *To the Longo/Inserra Families, With sincerest sympathy for the loss of a wonderful, kind, giving, considerate, loving, sweet and beautiful woman. The fond memories of her will always be kept in my heart. Beginning with the friendship she had with my mother and father, Frank and Wanda Guzzardo . Truly a Blessed union. I was fortunate and honored to carry their friendship with Mary over the years. Her chats with me were inspiring with the love she had for my parents and grandparents. From Kentucky to now Florida our phone conversations and her beautiful voice will always be with me. Her birthdays were special to me because I sang to her and she just loved it. May she rest with His Angels till we all gather together in harmony with the Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a reunion we have to look forward to..... May God Bless you with His Peace and Comfort at this very difficult time.*

*With Much Love,  
Mary Guzzardo Annese  
Venice, FL*

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**Mary Guzzardo Annese** - October 29, 2013 at 11:15 AM