



Mary E. (Berarde) Kempton

November 19, 2018

UTICA - Mary E. (Berarde) Kempton, age 97, went home peacefully to be with her Lord on Monday, November 19, 2018.

Born in Warren, Pennsylvania, Mary was the daughter of the late Louis and Josephine (Vescio) Berarde. At one time she was married to Robert W. Kempton who passed away in May of 1999. They were blessed with three wonderful children.

Mary's life was devoted to her children, and she always found the means to be a wonderful support, a source of joy and encouragement. A woman bestowed with great strength of character, Mary also had a compassionate heart. Along with her wonderful work ethic, her life was guided by an optimistic attitude and an unshakeable determination, all worthy qualities that she possessed which her children embraced.

Because of her love of the Lord, she and several devout believers gathered in Mary's home and through their devotion, commitment, and prayer she became a founding member of the Foursquare Gospel Church. The congregation now knows their home as City Hope Fellowship Foursquare Gospel Church. She held many meaningful, rewarding positions and served as a communion stewardess. She volunteered at the Compassion Coalition, and the ARC Oneida-Lewis Chapter. She was an avid and passionate Bridge and pitch player.

Above all, Mary will be remembered for her integrity, honesty, and trustworthiness, a legacy that will live in the hearts and minds of those who

knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by her twin daughters and their husbands, Robin K. and John Wilson, and Roxanne K. and John Mutchler; her son, Robert W. Kempton, Jr.; grandchildren, Maria C. and Anthony Dardano, Leigh Ann and Michael Dillon; Jacob A. Mutchler and Christine Keyser, and Sarah J. and Michael DeMarchena; great-grandchildren, Anthony Dardano, Vincenzo Dardano, Evelyn Dillon, and James Dillon; her sister, Diane Pohlman; brothers and sister-in-law, Pat Berarde, Dominick DeMarco, and Frank and Colette DeMarco. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, particularly special niece and nephew Judy Riggi and her husband Charlie, and James Varrasa; great-nieces, great-nephews, and longtime and loyal friends, Georgianne and Nick Ide, Margaret and Frank Jakubowski, and Penny and Leonard Milano. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Gert Spitali; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Sarah and Raymond Cullinan, Rose and Anthony Russo, and Genevieve and Thomas Varrasa.

Her Pastors, Brad and Cathy Huson, have been so faithful in remembering, honoring and visiting Mary throughout the years for which her children will always be grateful. The kindness shared by the staff of the Presbyterian Home was very much appreciated.

The family commemorated her life at a private time. Memorial donations in Mary's honor may be made to ARC Oneida-Lewis Chapter, 245 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501 or online at <http://www.thearcolc.org> or to City Hope Fellowship Foursquare Gospel Church, 1415 Sunset Ave., Utica, NY 13502 or online at <http://www.cityhopefellowship.com/donate>. Interment in New Forest Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

New Forest Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2001 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

MP

“*Robin and Roxanne and families I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of your mom she always had a smile on her face may all your memories comfort you at this time . Michele Phillips*

michele phillips - November 25, 2018 at 07:16 PM

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“*I was the property manager at the Brook when Mary resided there. No matter what she always had a smile to share. My thoughts and prayers are with her family*

Jody Guarnieri

Jody - November 23, 2018 at 07:29 AM