



Mrs. Mary (Ferrese) Sabo

February 3, 1922 - August 6, 2016

Mrs. Mary (Ferrese) Sabo, age 94, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family at her side.

Born in Utica on February 3, 1922, Mary was the daughter of the late Thomas and Concetta (Buccina) Ferrese. She was a member of the first graduating class of T.R. Proctor High School. In November of 1943 she married Joseph G. Sabo with whom she shared 32 years prior to his passing on May 18, 1976. Their marriage was filled with the joy of family and the blessing of two respectful sons.

Mary was graced with physical beauty and beautiful principles that guided her life. Her compassionate soul made her sensitive to the needs of others. She was a good person and a good friend. To her family, she was an angel and a bright light. Her grandchildren kept her days busy and she shared a wonderful relationship with them. They reciprocated her love and attended to her needs. Mary treasured her many memories of camping out during the summer months at Christmas Tree Park in Forestport. They were great days, filled with fun and fresh air, gathering and relaxing with family and friends in the outdoors. Mary was also renewed by her unwavering Catholic faith. Her great spirituality and the Sacrament of Holy Communion were a source of strength and inspiration throughout her life.

Mary is survived by her sons and their loves, George Sabo and Kathy Ganci, and Gregory Sabo and Sally Whitaker; and her cherished grandchildren, Richard Sabo; Joseph Sabo, Shannon Sabo, and Dena Sabo. She also

leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. She was predeceased by her brother and sister-in-law, Frank and Rose Ferrese; and her sisters and brother-in-law, Netty and James Rivecca, and Rosina Ferrese. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Mary's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Richard Dellos officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Funeral Service

AUG 10. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Moms stay in a very special part of our hearts even after they pass. We are deeply sorry to hear of your loss. Keep all your memories close to your heart and she will be right there with you. Now she flies high as a beautiful angel in the heavens above.*
pat & Brenda Castelli



Pat & Brenda Castelli - August 10, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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George Sabo - August 09, 2016 at 07:28 AM

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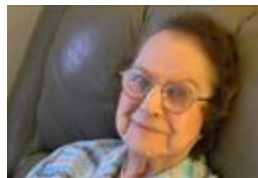
“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on the passing of your Mom. We will keep her and Family in our prayers.*



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - August 09, 2016 at 04:21 AM

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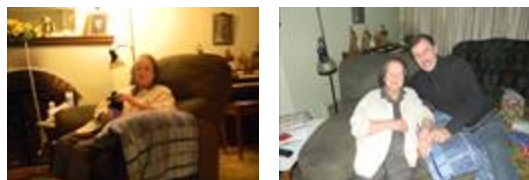
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George Sabo - August 09, 2016 at 03:04 AM

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George J Sabo - August 09, 2016 at 02:30 AM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray* was purchased for the family of *Mrs. Mary (Ferrese) Sabo*.



August 08, 2016 at 06:35 PM

MR

“ I awake each morning to start a new day
But the pain of losing you never goes away.
I go about the things I have to do
And as the hours pass I think again of you.
I want to call you and just hear your voice
Then I remember that I have no choice
For you are not there and now my heart cries
Just to see you again to tell you goodbye
To say Mum I love you and I always will
And hope that much of you, in me you've instilled.
The day that you left I just didn't know
That you were going where I couldn't go.
And now all my memories of you are so dear
But gosh, how I miss you and wish you were here.
Who now can hear me when I need to cry?
It so hard to tell you "Mum goodbye."
Someday I know all will be well
And I'll see you again with stories to tell
Of how you were missed and how we have grown
And how good it is to finally be home.
Until then my memories of you I'll keep near
And I'll pass them on to those who are dear.
I miss you Mum

Mikel Ian Rennie - August 08, 2016 at 04:42 PM

GS

Perfect !

George J Sabo - August 09, 2016 at 02:17 AM

TF

“ *She was Zizi Mary to me and my sisters and cousins. My first memories were of her as a young woman who had just married Uncle Joe and moved to a far off house on a street called Fox Place. Zizi Mary was the best. She loved children , especially her nephews and nieces. She was always so nice and fun to be with. She had the best goodies and candy and she let us do whatever we wanted to do (within reason of course).*

I often thought my Zia Mary could have been a movie star. She had the most beautiful eyes and complexion with dark hair to complement. Elizabeth Taylor had nothing on Zia Mary.

There could never be enough visits to Zizi's house. She was filled with so much love that you could feel it. Those memories were and still are precious to me. The impact you have on children stays for the rest of their lives. I was so fortunate to have a Zizi Mary and I thank God for that blessing.

I left for college and never truly returned home to stay. We were out of touch and Zia Mary went on to raise her own family and help with the grandchildren too. A life well lived.

To your family Zizi I express my deepest sympathies and sorrow that you are no longer there for them. I will also feel sorrow knowing you are not here for all of us. The last link to our parents , aunts, uncles and grandparents.

You will always be alive in my heart.

Tommy

Thomas Ferrese - August 08, 2016 at 04:04 PM

GS

Thank you , for the great memories !

George J Sabo - August 08, 2016 at 04:20 PM

LT

Sally, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Gregory's mother. I'm sure that you'll both miss her very much. The Tribute Wall is starting to fill up with nice memories of her. Take care.

Lynne Toussaint - August 08, 2016 at 07:20 PM

PH

“ The best memory of Mary I can think of isn't even a memory, more of a general feeling. She was "Non", she was a grand-mother figure to many others including myself and was happy to be. She was just the nicest, most pleasant person, and had a great sense of humor. Non will never be forgotten.

Phil - August 08, 2016 at 12:43 PM

GS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



George J Sabo - August 08, 2016 at 03:32 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



George J Sabo - August 08, 2016 at 02:51 AM

JC

“ To my good friends, George, and Gregg , I am very sorry for your loss. Love u guys, John Capraro.

john capraro - August 08, 2016 at 01:20 AM

JE

we hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain, to walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. so rest in peace dear mary and thanks for all you,ve done we pray that god has given you the crown you,ve truly won you well be missed your friend jeanette

jeanette - August 08, 2016 at 02:36 PM

BR

i'm filled with much sadness for the lost of my Zizzi Mary As Tommy noted you were the last link to our grandparents my Uncle Frank , little Rosina and of course my beloved Mom. in a strange way having you on earth gave me a comforting feeling that my mom somehow was not so far away

To Greg and George my cousins- i know the sadness you're feeling and how tough this is. But i can only imagine how Blessed and loved your Mom felt having you as her sons. i saw first hand how you both and your'e families took such good care of her. i truly believe that Zizzi didn't live to be 94 by chance or pills per say. i believe it to be more a testament of how so very happy she was to be able to live so long in her home with the people she loved the most around her. . God Bless- see you soon - Bruce

Bruce Rivecca - August 09, 2016 at 08:27 PM

LO

So sorry to see the loss of your mother. I remember lots of good times with you and your mom involved. George and Greg I sure your mom is happy being with your father and all her friends that have gone before her. She will be missed and I know that she will miss the two of you and your families. She will always have a place in your hearts. Till you all meet again. God bless you all Lori Freel and family.

Lori - August 09, 2016 at 09:53 PM

JR

Zizzi Mary was so special. She and nanna took care of me on Nichols St. in East Utica when I was a child and my mother had to work at the GE on Bleeker St. for the war effort and my Dad was serving his country during World War 2 in Europe. I can remember her and Uncle Joe, before George and Greg came along, driving me in their beautiful Buick and in the Plymouth convertible down Genesee St. I felt like a big shot! So cool.

We had backyard BBQ's over their house on Fox Place. They always went out of their way with their hospitality and warmth. I also remember going to their home in my altar boy uniform to make them proud that I was the leader of the altar boys at Mount Carmel church . I still have super 8 movies my Dad took of that event.

I remember Mom telling me the story of how Zizzi had a goiter/thyroid problem that required surgery as a teenager and my mother, as her older sister, had to make that critical decision whether to have the operation to save her life. She had the operation, which was an experimental procedure at that time, and came through it better than ever. They were always there for each other - my Mom and Zizzi. I remember how Zizzi would come to the assisted living facility my Mom lived at during the latter stages of her life, to keep her company. Zizzi was a Rock for her family after the premature loss of her husband, Uncle Joe.

Greg and George were blessed with a wonderful mother and father and I can understand their grief and sorrow at this difficult time. My prayers and condolences go out to you and your families

. I would kid Zizzi on the phone that she looked like Elizabeth Taylor and she would always downplay the resemblance. She was as beautiful inside as she was on the outside. May God bless you for a life well lived. I know you are up in heaven Zizzi with your sister Netty, brother Frank, mother Concetta, father Thomas and Uncle Joe.

Through your example and by the will of God, we will all be up there in heaven to join our loved deceased family members when our time has come to leave this Earth. Until then, we will go on living life to its fullest knowing we were blessed to be a part of a phenomenal family. May you rest in peace. We love and miss you.

Jim Rivecca (alias Dee-Dee).

Jim Rivecca - August 10, 2016 at 03:23 PM

LA

Dear George & Greg,

We were saddened to hear about your moms passing. We have many fond memories of growing up & riding our bikes or walking down to, but not past "Mary on the corner's house". Always had a warm smile & something 'sweet' to share with us.

She would listen to us with a genuine interest that would make us feel special. I cherish the memories of her laughing with mom, dad & grams. Her love lives on in all of you.

In loving thought & Prayers.

Laurie Hotaling

Bill Hotaling

Laurie - August 18, 2016 at 08:33 PM

AM

Dear George & Greg,

I can't believe my dear friend Mary has passed away. We went through so much of our lives together. Through good times & difficult times we could always count on each other for support. Our boys were such good friends & always welcome at both our houses for snacks or to mend cuts or bruises. My heartfelt sympathy is with you all. You have been, and always will be in my daily prayers.

Love you both,

Amy Hotaling

Amy - August 18, 2016 at 08:51 PM