



Mary Laura (Capalupo) Ruggiero

April 27, 1941 - June 22, 2007

Mrs. Mary Laura (Capalupo) Ruggiero, age 66, of North Utica, passed away on Friday, June 22, 2007, in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 27, 1941, Mary was the daughter of Lucy (Longeretta) Capalupo and the late Ralph Capalupo, Sr. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a 1959 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On May 2, 1964 she was joined in marriage with Philip L. Ruggiero who passed away on December 9, 2003. They were the best of friends, and their lives intertwined with much love, commitment, and their mutual pleasures.

Mary was employed by the N.Y. Telephone Co. as a secretary prior to raising her family. When she returned to the workforce, she was a lead associate at the Montgomery Ward Co. and also worked as a cashier at the North Utica Rite Aid store. Mary was a woman who cherished her children, always protecting and guiding them to their best potential. She shared a closeness with her granddaughter Fallon, who spent a great deal of time with her grandparents. She was always the “apple of their eye”, and she will miss their love and physical presence. Mary was happiest in the company of her family, and her heart and home were open to all. She also loved animals, and felt a special connection especially with dogs. For leisure entertainment she enjoyed games of chance, especially bingo. She was a communicant of St. Peter’s Church.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Laurie A. Ruggiero of Utica; her son, Paul

Ruggiero of Deerfield; her granddaughter, Fallon Renee Ruggiero and her mother, Jackie; and her mother, Lucy Capalupo. Also surviving is her brother and sister-in-law, Ralph A., Jr. and Anna Marie Capalupo of Cape Vincent, NY; her nieces and nephews, Marea and Chad Kessler, Ralph A. Capalupo III, and Paris Capalupo who she loved as her own children; and her great-niece, Olivia Kessler. Other family members include her in-laws, Rose and Anthony Calaguiro, Faye Fiorentino, Austin "Augie" and Rose Ruggiero, John and Stashia Ruggiero, and Anthony J. and Linda Ruggiero. Mary was blessed with best friends who were "attached at the hip", Lena and Kenny Wuest, couples that endured the best and most challenging times together. She was also held close by her childhood and devoted friends, Kathy Ventura, Chickie Viscosi, and her generous neighbors and bingo pals, Reatha and Bill Bouchey. She was predeceased by her grandmother, Mary Capalupo, who Mary lovingly remembered.

The family extends appreciation to Dr. Atul Butala and his staff, especially Diana; Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. with mention of Pat, all who gave her the comfort of her home and family; and the staff of the Critical Care Unit at Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 2:00 – 5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Mary's honor to the American Cancer Society for her Relay for Life team; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mary's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Peter's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **25**. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Church
422 Coventry Ave
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall



“ Paul, on behalf of my partners and i we wish you our heartfelt sympathy.##imported-begin##Scott Gladstone (Iron Realty)##imported-end##

June 26, 2007 at 08:21 AM



“ Dear Lori and Paul,

I'm very sorry for your loss. I was unable to attend the services because of my mother's recent fall. Please take care and be strong through this difficult time.

Malorie##imported-begin##Malorie a. Carbone##imported-end##

June 25, 2007 at 12:28 PM



“ Paul and Laurie, I really don't know what to say, other than i am soooo sorry for your loss. Your mom was the greatest, most kind, caring and giving woman that i have ever met, and unfortunately ever will ! May God bless both of you. Paul, again, I'm so sorry ! I promise you are in our prayers. I love you guys!

Your friend,

Bill##imported-begin##william gouse##imported-end##

June 24, 2007 at 03:57 PM



“ My parents, Larry and Margaret Vivirito, were very good friends with Lucy and Ralph. Lucy had always said that if Mary was a boy, she was going to name him "Peter" and my father always called her that. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Lucy and her family. You and your family will always be in my heart, thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Margaret (Vivirito) Chapman##imported-end##

June 24, 2007 at 10:45 AM



“ Laurie and Paul,
No one can take away the pain and loss you must feel, but hopefully you can take comfort in knowing your Mom is no longer in pain and is at peace with God. I will always remember her smile, and even more, her sauce...Sunday dinners were always my favorite and special times for us... I know the two of you have many more memories like this to reflect on so let's keep all of these happy times with her alive...she would want it that way! I'll always keep her close in my heart...Laurie I am always here for you....love you Julie##imported-begin##Julie Schneider ##imported-end##

June 23, 2007 at 12:06 PM



“ Laurie and Paul,
Words can not express the sorrow we feel for the loss of you Mom.

Laurie, I have many fond memories of my childhood and many of them are due to both your Mom and Dad-for that I am truly grateful. Mary was a warm and caring person, who will always hold a special place in my heart.

Mary-you will be missed beyond words.Shine down on us from above. I promise to look out for Laurie.

Love, Laura##imported-begin##Laura Crigger##imported-end##

June 22, 2007 at 04:32 PM