



MaryLou (Schafer) DiBenedetto

January 11, 1932 - September 6, 2007

Mrs. MaryLou (Schafer) DiBenedetto, age 75, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, September 06, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Born in Utica on January 11, 1932, MaryLou was the daughter of the late Frank Schafer and Nancy (Talerico) Clemente. She also knew the guidance of her stepfather, Louis Clemente. Raised and educated locally, she attended T. R. Proctor High School. On June 17, 1950 she married Joseph F. DiBenedetto with whom she shared a loving relationship of 44 years until his passing on December 28, 1994.

Warm-hearted and welcoming, MaryLou opened her home to all. She enjoyed entertaining and preparing favorite foods for her family. Her world revolved around her loved ones which enriched her life in countless ways. A longtime N.Y. Yankee fan, MaryLou also found pleasure in playing cards, traveling, and listening to Elvis tunes. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

MaryLou is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Gary Wereszynski of Whitesboro, and Angela M. and Bryan Ward of Virginia; her grandchildren, Valerie and Adam Ellis, Gary and Jennifer Wereszynski, Joseph Wereszynski, Anthony and Mary DiBenedetto, Christopher DiBenedetto, and Tiffany DiBenedetto; and her great-grandchildren, Allison and Zachary; and Madison. She also leaves her cherished nieces and nephews; her sister-in-law and longtime friend, Marie Schafer; and her many other treasured friendships. She was predeceased by her sister, Jeanette G.

Maggio; and her brother, Frank "Sam" Schafer.

In keeping with MaryLou's wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Saturday morning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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

Tribute Wall



“ Mom...It's been a year since your passing. Eveyone says it gets easier over time, but it's actually getting harder. We all miss you and the good times we've shared. I hope you & dad are happy together once again. Never forgotten and always in our hearts.
We love you both###imported-begin###Angela Ward###imported-end##

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“ Nancy and Angela (and family):

My life has been blessed by your mom being a part of it. She not only was my client, but like a mother, and a dear friend to me for the past three years. I will miss her dearly, as I am sure your whole family will.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

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