



Mary Lou (Steppello) Colucci

September 3, 1933 - January 31, 2009

Mrs. Mary Lou (Steppello) Colucci, age 75, of North Utica, passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2009 in the privacy of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on September 3, 1933, Mary Lou was the daughter of the late Phillip J. and Rose (Mazzeo) Steppello. She was raised and educated locally and was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. Her artistic talents were allowed to be developed when she pursued her studies in art design. On October 5, 1956 she married Donato P. "Donald" Colucci with whom she shared a 52 year union heralded with dedication and unconditional love; as best friends, they truly knew how to meet each other's needs.

Mary Lou was a meat cutter by trade and was employed by Grand Union, Acme, and Price Chopper Markets. Along with her husband, they established and operated several Italian bakery and pastry shops in the Utica area. She was honest, hard working, selfless, and always concerned about her family first. Her lighthearted personality with a smile upon her face complemented her natural flair, style, and grace and earned her many friendships. As a mom, she was best friends with her daughters, always supportive and aware of their needs often before they were. As "grandma", she was the best at communicating and remembering the special everyday achievements and activities of her grandchildren who proclaimed "there is no one else like her". Even to this day, Mary Lou made it her 'business' to gather her family for their memorable yearly vacation. Holidays were also made special and exciting and

she made sure that everyone was personally accommodated. Mary Lou had an abiding faith that revealed itself through her devotion to scripture and the words of the Lord. She was a devout Catholic with a deep spirituality and was a faithful communicant of St. Mark's Church and a member of the Altar Rosary Society and prayer group.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Donald; her daughters and sons-in-law, Donata and Louis Arcuri of Marcy, Philomena and William Gerstner III of Utica, and Dana and Christopher Gonzalez of Pittsburgh, PA; and her grandchildren, Giavanna Marie and Santina Rose Gerstner; and Amaris Danielle, Christopher Luis, Ariana Grace, and Krislyn Nicole Gonzalez. Survivors also include her sisters and brother-in-law, Lorraine Curriere, and Philippa and Roger Palek, all of Utica; her brother, Louis Steppello of Deerfield; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially Charlotte and Ed Froman of NJ; and her sister-in-law, Sharon L. Steppello. She was also blessed with many friends, especially her longtime and loyal friends Carm Ziobro and Patti Diven. She also leaves her faithful and loving canine companion "Princess". She was predeceased by her brothers, Donald F. "Bena" Steppello and Phillip Steppello; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Thomas and Philomena Colucci; her in-laws, Dominick and Anna Colucci, and Vito Colucci; and her niece, Carm Graziano.

The family expresses heartfelt appreciation to the Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo which was a welcoming and outstanding place of care for Mary Lou and her family; Dr. Marwan Fakh and his dedicated staff who offered treatment with honesty and humanity which is only common among family; and the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. who were such a comfort to Mary Lou that she referred to them as her "angels" during her difficult moments, especially Navez and Mary; and Deacon Richard Prusko and his wife Donna who were a blessing and comfort to the family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please

omit floral offerings. Mary Lou's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mark's Church on Keyes Rd. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

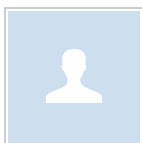
St. Mark's Church
440 Keys Road
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



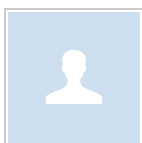
“ To MaryLou's family, We are so sorry for your loss.. MaryLou was a wonderful person. We are sorry that we missed the services. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you..##imported-begin##Michelle Gulla/Elizabeth Gulla##imported-end##

February 09, 2009 at 03:46 AM



“ God bless you Mary Lou,you were an angel on earth,now you are an anglel in heaven.you had the gift to keep a smile on anyones face no matter what they were going through,I will miss you,and never forget you.My Sympathy to your wonderful family..
Nancy Page P arker##imported-begin##Nancy Parker##imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 10:40 AM



“ My Husband and I offer our sincere sympathy, we were not able to make the services but our thoughts and prayyers were with your family. We met your Mom this past summer and had many nice conversations with her. May the love she had for all of you be with you always.##imported-begin##Lenora Murad##imported-end##

February 07, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ Dear Colucci family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My mother (Gloria Foe), Carm & Mary Lou used to be 3 peas in a pod ... what wonderful childhood memories they blessed me with. What extraordinary woman our mothers were! How ironic that they both died on the same day ... 7 years apart ... both from cancer ... both with their loving family by their side. May God bless each of you & may you find peace and comfort through the many precious memories this beautiful lady left with you. God Bless. Alberta (Foe) Goodnow##imported-begin##Alberta (Foe) Goodnow##imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 09:47 PM



“ Donata and family, we to are greiving the loss of our mom they took apart of our heart with them, and how they both will be missed very much and will not be forgotten. we have the best memories and story to tell and share with our loved ones. They both a very beautiful people and now our guardian angels. god bless you and your family.
love jackie##imported-begin##jacqueline dewey##imported-end##

February 06, 2009 at 02:49 PM



“ To the entire extended Colucci family,

You have our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies at the homegoing of Mary Lou, "Mrs. Colucci" to us. While we saw her only on a couple of occasions, we remember her fondly with a warmth and love for all. We know she is at home now and no longer uncomfortable, what a blessed hope to have. Our prayer is that God bring peace and comfort to all who miss her dearly in this time of loss. God bless.

Love,

Aaron and Kristi, Gabriel, Abigail, Annelise and Adeline
Aaron & Kristi Gonzalez and family

February 06, 2009 at 02:19 PM



“ To the Colucci family...I was saddened to hear of Mary Lou's death. She, along with your entire family were a great influence to me during my childhood. My mother Gloria and she were good friends for many years and I know that my mother cherished her. Infact they passed away both of cancer, surrounded by family and on January 31st. Only difference is that mom died 7 years ago. Philomena was my best childhood friend. To the entire family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless you all and give you the grace that is needed to over come such sadness and loss. Love to you all.

Helene Foe

February 05, 2009 at 10:58 AM



“ *Donita and Louie, my deeepest symapthy on the loss of our mom. My prayers and thoughts are with you. Donna##imported-begin##Donna Magaro##imported-end##*

February 04, 2009 at 07:12 PM



“ *To Lou and family;
Our deepest sympathy.*

Carol and Phil Scampone##imported-begin##Philip Scampone##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 04:13 PM

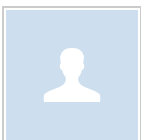


“ *Dear Donata and family,*

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers and if anything is needed, please let me know. Keep your mother alive in your memories and dreams and she will always be with you.

*Love,
Ben, Katie and Maggie Tylutki##imported-begin##Katie Tylutki##imported-end##*

February 03, 2009 at 01:49 PM



“ *Donata & family, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Keep your head held high. Your mom touched many hearts along her way.##imported-begin##Jenn Gagnon##imported-end##*

February 03, 2009 at 01:48 PM



“ Donata- You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Kristie Barcomb##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 01:21 PM



“ I always remembered Mary Lou when she worked at Foodland in North Utica, years ago. And then at Price Chopper. She was so kind and friendly and always with a smile. My prayers go out to her family.##imported-begin##Carolyn Faccioli##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 11:26 AM



“ Donata and family,

Whenever I was around your mother all those years ago, I laughed till I cried! She was so full of mischief and fun despite whatever troubles she was going through. This morning when I read her obituary my eyes welled up with tears- the world will be less happy a place without her- she was so special.##imported-begin##debbie d'accurzio##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 11:15 AM



“ Philomena & Family, I am very sorry for your loss, Your mom was a very nice woman. I will keep you & your family in my thoughts & prayers. With my deepest sympathy, Laura##imported-begin##Laura {Sacco} Sudakow##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 10:21 AM



“ Thinking of you today with deep

and sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Michael & Geraldine Bello (Florida)##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 10:09 AM



“ Donald and Family,I am sorry about your loss.Mary Lou was a great person.We know one another since school days.Donald i always remember you playing cards with my cousin Sammy.No matter when I ran into Mary Lou she always stopped to say hello.God Bless and time will heal, but you will never forget all the good times you had together.

Sally Gigliotti Pugliese##imported-begin##Sally Gigliotti Pugliese##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 09:23 AM



“ Dana and Family- So sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. God Bless##imported-begin##Gina(Ruggiero)DeMaio##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 08:10 AM



“ my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time##imported-begin##Doreen Cameron##imported-end##

February 03, 2009 at 07:29 AM



“ Aunt Mimi,
We think of you often and feel sorrow that you are gone. We loved you in life and in death we love you still. When God called you home, you took with you a part of our heart and left behind an empty place no one can fill.
You are with God now, but the memories you left behind will keep you alive. We wish you peace and send with you our love on your journey home .##imported-begin##Aileen Steppello & family##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 10:26 PM



“ Dear Don and girls, I am so sorry that I cannot be there with you at this time. I am so sorry for your loss. Marylou was one of a kind and a very special person. Please know that you are in my thought and prayers always. My memories of Marylou are all good ones especially the last time we met in Utica. I will be in touch. Love,
Nancy##imported-begin##Nancy Mazzeo Reeb##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 08:37 PM



“ D-
I am so sorry to hear about your mom's passing. You were truly a blessing to her and she to you and her memory will be with you forever.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family.
Leslie##imported-begin##Leslie Smith##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 05:25 PM



“ *Donata, Louie and family,*

I'm sorry to hear about the passing of your Mom. I'll always remember her kind ways. May God bless you and your family always.##imported-begin##Lorrie Sullivan##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 05:03 PM



“ *We are very sorry for your loss. My mother Janice, my husband Scott and myself worked with Mary Lou at one point or another at Price Chopper and she always had a smile and comment to make everyone laugh. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. God Bless.##imported-begin##Susan Bartkowiak##imported-end##*

February 02, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ *Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family.*

*Love,
Kenneth and Kristen Lott##imported-begin##Kristen and Kenneth Lott##imported-end##*

February 02, 2009 at 12:58 PM



“ *Donata, I was so sorry to hear about your Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Barb Krauza##imported-end##*

February 02, 2009 at 11:45 AM



“ Donata and family,
So sorry to hear about your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.
Flo, Tom and Amanda DeSimone##imported-begin##Flo DeSimone##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ Donata,
Please know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Peggy Ellis##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 09:50 AM



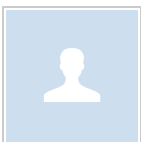
“ i am sorry for your loss##imported-begin##anthony bower##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 09:09 AM



“ Donata and family - my deepest sympathies on the loss of your dear loved one. I pray for comfort for you all.##imported-begin##Tina Kulesa##imported-end##

February 02, 2009 at 07:36 AM



“ Donata,
I am so sad to hear about your Mother-I pray for you and your family to help you through this time. You are blessed with many years of wonderful memories with your Mom. Take Care.##imported-begin##Karen Angus##imported-end##

February 01, 2009 at 09:24 PM



“ Donata & Family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother, please let me know if there is anything I can do. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Love, Andrea Fisher##imported-begin##Andrea##imported-end##

February 01, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ *Bev and I are so sorry for your loss. Mary Lou was a wonderful lady and a good friend. Sorry we are unable to be there.##imported-begin##Scott & Beverly Phillips##imported-end##*

February 01, 2009 at 10:33 AM