



Mary "Marie" A. (Zito) Guarnieri

January 2, 2013

Mrs. Mary "Marie" A. (Zito) Guarnieri, age 81, passed away in the comfort of her home on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Her passing from this world was unexpected and peaceful.

Born in Utica on February 17, 1931, Mary was the daughter of the late Louis and Josephine (Columbro) Zito. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1948. On November 27, 1952 she married Frank V. Guarnieri with whom she shared 33 years prior to his passing on April 14, 1986; the couple was mutually supportive of each other's needs, and united in raising their children with love and understanding.

Marie had a solid work ethic and was meticulous at everything that encompassed her life. Several local businesses would fondly remember her as an employee, including the former Oneida National Bank, Genesee Optical, and Lowe's Cinema National. Also, because of her nurturing nature, she was sought out by many to look over their children in her home. Marie was loved, respected, and trusted; she was held in high regard for her parental guidance skills and her patience with children. In fact, Marie cared for the youngsters under her watch as if they were her own, a testimony to the "hallmark of her life's work". She was generous and genuine, with good intentions and a happy heart. Her home's interior and exterior were personally adorned which gave her much pleasure. She had excessive energy and took her domestic duties very seriously. She shared a great closeness with her children; she was their confidant and one who listened intently. Her

grandchildren enjoyed conversations which imparted her wisdom and desire to know, and which helped to shape them into the individuals they became as the years passed. Marie especially loved the holidays and family birthdays, and her loved ones will long remember those special times made most precious by her special touches. Marie held a deep and abiding spirituality that guided her in making life's decisions. She filled her days with activity, and later on she would relax by watching a good movie and a couple of innings of a Yankee game.

Marie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Christine M. and Joseph A. Tresoline; her son, Frank V. Guarnieri; and her grandchildren, Kara Marie Tresoline, and Joey C. Tresoline. She will also be remembered by her sister and brother-in-law, Roccotelle "Tillie" and Joseph Pisani; in-laws Gloria Duniec, Doris Curcio, Rosemarie and Frank DeFazio, and Joann and Peter Schuman; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, including Lenore Falvo.

Marie's wish was to have her family gather at a private time to honor and commemorate her life. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *To Joann and Peter Schuman*

Joann, I'm sorry for your loss. And am sorry we've lost touch

I hope you are well.

Please contact me at your convenience.

Marci Green - January 05, 2013 at 08:39 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary "Marie" A. (Zito) Guarnieri.*



January 05, 2013 at 07:26 AM



“ *Christine and Franke,
So sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. She had one of those smiles that lit up the room. She was always a wonderful friend and cousin to my mother and she will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her. Our love and thoughts are with you both.*

Richard & Richelle Caruso

Richard Caruso - January 04, 2013 at 12:33 PM

BC

“ Christine, Joe & family we are so sorry to learn of the passing of your Mom. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories that you have forever and will keep close to your heart. With our deepest sympathy and love Patrick & Brenda Castelli & family

Brenda Castelli - January 03, 2013 at 07:58 PM

TT

“ Tricia Tomaino lit a candle in memory of Mary "Marie" A. (Zito) Guarnieri



Tricia Tomaino - January 03, 2013 at 05:54 PM

TT

Christine, I am sorry to hear of your Mom passing away unexpectedly!! I have memories of her working at Genesee Optical and also coming into my Dad's store. I pray that you will get through this difficult time, by reliving the great memories that you have of her!! Sincerely, Tricia Tomaino

Tricia Tomaino - January 03, 2013 at 06:02 PM

IS

“ Christine and Frankie, I was so saddened to see that you lost your mom. I will never forget all those childhood days on Arthur Street and how close our neighborhood was and those friendships that last a lifetime. I was just thinking of her as I do every Christmas because she always made the house look so beautiful with the blue lights on the trees. There is not enough room here for all the wonderful memories I have of all of you. My deepest sympathy to you both. May she be welcomed by a choir of angels. I am so very very sorry.

Irene (Santagata) Scalise

irene scalise - January 03, 2013 at 12:41 PM

JC

“ *Christine and Frankie, our prayers go out to you both in this time of sorrow. Both Yvette and I were saddened when we heard the news. She was a wonderful aunt and will always be remembered.*

Jamie Curcio - January 03, 2013 at 12:08 PM

JS

“ *I have no words to describe the emptiness I feel knowing that my wonderful Aunt Marie is gone. She was and will stay in my memory as one of the warmest, most genuine, caring persons I have had in my life. I especially cherish the special times she provided us as kids at the camp in Hinckley, NY. You could always count on her to walk you to the lake for a fun day of swimming or to pick strawberries with you in the open grass at the front of the camp.*

Christine and Frankie, my arms envelope you in this difficult time of loss.

Always in my heart, Aunt Marie - I love you.

Joanne (Duniec) Sommers

Joanne Sommers - January 03, 2013 at 10:11 AM

LE

“ I will be forever grateful to Marie for taking such good care of Cristiana. She treated her like one of her own. She made it easy for me to go to work everyday, knowing my daughter was in such good hands. She was always concerned about everyone before herself. She was truly a lady in every sense of the word.

Chris, Joe, Kara and Joey-our sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with you.

Lynn Esposito, and Talia & Cristiana DeFazio

Lynn Esposito - January 03, 2013 at 09:22 AM

CF

“ Joe, Christine, Joey and Kara, I am very sorry for your loss.

Christopher Filipelli - January 03, 2013 at 09:02 AM

JC

“ Marie was my saving grace for many years. My children thought of her as thier Grandmother. And she was the best grandmother they had. We loved her with all of our hearts. This world has truly lost an angel!

Our Sympathies to Chris, Joe , Frankie, Kara and Joey. May God bless you in this time of need. You are in our prayers.

Julie, Kara and Brett Nelson

MO---- WE LOVE YOU!!!!

Julianne Cardone-Nelson - January 03, 2013 at 07:43 AM