



Monica (Hughes) Fontaine

September 8, 1927 - September 1, 2009

Mrs. Monica (Hughes) Fontaine, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Holyhead on the Island of Anglesey, North Wales, on September 8, 1927, Monica was the daughter of the late William and Mary Catherine (Owen) Hughes. She also knew the love and guidance of her 2nd mother, Catherine. As a child, she immigrated to the United States and to Utica with her family where she was raised and educated, attending Utica Free Academy. On August 30, 1947 she married Mario Fontaine with whom she recently celebrated 62 years of marriage; a couple of their era, they shared a great love and support for each other and were blessed with happiness and harmony.

Monica was a dedicated homemaker and mother who displayed a devotion to her family and their well being. For many years, she was employed by the Utica City School District in the food service department at Columbus School, a position she thoroughly enjoyed. Affectionately known to the students as "Grandma", she would beam with joy when the children recognized her and called her by name. She retired in November of 2008.

She was proud of her Welsh heritage, and also honored her husband's Italian celebrations and traditions. She enjoyed storytelling and with her great sense of humor, she was the life of the party. She had a flair for entertaining at her home and always found a way to have fun. She sang in her church choir and

offered her talents as a soloist. She also played the organ 'by ear' and played the piano and sang until recent days. She was a former member of the St. David's Society and a member of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Monica is survived by her husband, Mario; her daughter and son-in-law, Lyn and Larry Oyer of Clifton Park, NY; her son and daughter-in-law, Ronald M., Sr. and Josette M. Fontaine of Utica, and her daughter-in-law, Paula Fontaine of Whitesboro. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Gary R. Fontaine, UFD who passed away on June 18th of this year. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Ronald M., Jr. and Brianne Fontaine, Michele and Bob Roberts, Lisa D. Fontaine, Kristina Fiorini and her friend Brian Listovitch, Gary Fontaine, Jr., Jackie Tucciarone, and Sara Tucciarone; and her adored great-grandson, Michael Fiorini. Survivors also include her sister and brother-in-law, Wavel "Wave" and Joseph Cichello of Whitesboro; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Brunhilde, Betty, Mary Leo, S. Steve and Delores Fontaine, Gerald and Marion Fontaine, and Lucy Fontaine; and the wonderful friends she made throughout her life with special mention of her longtime friends, Connie and Chuck Gaetano. She was predeceased by her brothers, Ret. Lt. Colonel U.S. Air Force Gwilym Hughes, and John Hughes; her sister, Dylis Jones; and her in-laws, Charles Fontaine, Santina Fontaine, Albert J. "Booboo" Fontaine, and Liberty Leo.

The family is grateful to Dr. Kevin McCormick, Dr. Ashok Patel, Dr. Chris Max, the outstanding staff at the St. Luke's Home, and the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center and the entire 2nd floor staff, especially Aaron, Riveta, Sara and Nicole. Their care and compassion were of the greatest solace to the family. Monica's family also wishes to extend a special thank you to Dr. Scott Brehaut for his kindness.

Visitation will be held Friday (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. Monica's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will

take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of
Monica (Hughes) Fontaine



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mario: Sorry to learn of the passing of your beloved wife. I doubt
you will remember me since it has been over 15 years since we met
but that is fine. Just know my sympathies are extended to you and
your family.##imported-begin##Kay Leaf##imported-end##

September 12, 2009 at 01:09 PM



“ Ronnie, Mr. Fontaine, and family;

We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom...our thoughts and
prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Mike Graham &
family##imported-end##

September 06, 2009 at 10:14 PM



“ Ron, so very sorry on the loss of your mother. She was a class act, and a wonderful person. Heavens gain and earths loss. You and your family have our deepest sympathies.

Ralph and Rosemarie Paladino##imported-begin##Ralph Paladino##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 10:18 PM



“ In loving memory of Aunt Monica, she will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Cindy (Fontaine) Cocomazze and family##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 09:48 PM



“ My deepest sympathies for the entire family. Monica always had a way of lighting up my day. She always had a warm smile for me and we shared many laughs. I will never forget the time she spent with us. God Bless##imported-begin##Aaron Smith##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 11:58 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear of Aunt Monica's passing. She was always able to put a smile on everyone's face. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.##imported-begin##Debbie and Santina Fontaine(Rios)##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ Please accept our heartfelt sympathies at this time. Our thought are with you.##imported-begin##Sharon & Bill##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 07:38 AM



“ We are saddened by the news of Monica's passing. She was beyond lovely. Our prayers are with you and yours. God Bless you. The Di Iorio Family##imported-begin##Ben Di Iorio##imported-end##

September 04, 2009 at 06:32 AM



*“ I remember when I was Ron's partner and all those times we stopped to see you. You always treated me as family and I always felt welcome in your home.
I'm sure you will be missed by many people for your kindness and generosity.*

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generosity.##imported-begin##Richard Citro##imported-end##*

September 03, 2009 at 12:55 PM