



Mrs. Nicolena M. (Mosca) Manca

May 18, 1919 - December 1, 2012

Mrs. Nicolena M. (Mosca) Manca, age 93, journeyed to be with her beloved husband Dick as she passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2012 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of her family. Born on May 18, 1919 Nicolena was the daughter of the late Dominick and Anna (LaCroce) Mosca. Raised and educated in her native town of Rome, NY, she was part of the "Greatest Generation." She intrepidly worked to assist the needs of her family. On November 16, 1946 she married the love of her life, Dominick A. "Dick" Manca, upon his honorable discharge from military service. Their closeness was admirable as they watched over and complemented each other while participating in the traditional roles of their era. Her beloved husband passed away on December 8, 1987.

Although her family and home were her main watches, Nicolena was also employed by the General Electric Company at the Broad Street location, followed by her positions at the Unemployment Office where she worked as a claims person, and the Utica City School District/Christopher Columbus Elementary School where she served in the Cafeteria. Nicolena was independent and self-sufficient, always remembering special dates and occasions and noting them with a card or a phone call. She was resourceful, real, and loyal almost to a fault. She was proud and well-renowned for her culinary talents and baking abilities. She was generous with great intentions of pleasing her family. They observed simple rituals time after time so that one could set a clock by these events. She also had heartfelt, timeless traditions

that she adhered to for the betterment of her family, and she was prideful of her simple heritage and her Italian descent. During her retirement years, Nicolena, her husband, and her in-laws enjoyed trips, especially to Atlantic City. Well-versed and blessed with a sharp mind, she solved daily crossword puzzles and engaged in needlepoint. A woman of great spirituality, she faithfully recited the rosary every night at 9:30 and her loved ones respected her private time. She also held a deep admiration for Mother Angelica. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish; for a period of 25 years she was escorted to mass by a dear family friend Deanna DiBrango, and the family will hold that memory close to their hearts.

Nicolena is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Gina and Bill Robertello, Sr. of Marcy; her son and daughter-in-law, Richard "Dick" D. and Evelyn "Eve" Manca of Walworth, NY; her adored grandchildren, Anitra and Philip Thompson, and Christina and Brian Smith; Amanda Robertello, Matthew Robertello and Kristi Teesdale, Billy Robertello, Jr., and Ariana Robertello; and her great-grandchildren, Sophia, and Bennett. She also leaves her sister, Rose Winfrey of Rome; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, all of whom loved her very much; and her in-laws Mary Manca, Marie Manca, and Rita Fierro. She was predeceased by her 10 siblings, Joe Mosca, Jeane Mosca, Anthony Mosca, John Mosca, Frank Mosca, Carmella Samsel, Louie Mosca, Angeline Hanba, Samuel Mosca, and Virginia Pinti; and her in-laws, Jean and Frank Dardano, Anthony Manca, Lawrence Manca, Robert "Bob" Manca, and Tom Fierro.

The family wishes to extend thoughtful thanks to the staff of the Rehabilitation Unit at the Presbyterian Home of Central NY, the personnel of the Intensive Care Unit and 2nd Floor West at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, and all Nicolena's physicians, especially Dr. Kevin Mathews and caregivers who were exceptional and compassionate in caring for her.

The family will gather privately to honor Nicolena's life. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 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 the Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Abraham House. Although their amenities were not utilized, their service is greatly appreciated, so in recognition of their efforts the family asks to consider donations to this worthy organization; envelopes will be available at the service. Committal prayers and Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

The Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. is providing the guidance in lighting the path for the Manca family in commemorating Nicolena's life.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

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“ *My Sunday morning church routine will be not be the same,,I will truly miss her!*



Deanna DiBrango - December 02, 2012 at 07:02 AM

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Sadly, we cannot be there to give you a hug, but we are with you in spirit, and all of you are in our prayers. We especially pray for God's peace at this difficult time.

*With much love,
Jim and Jan Harmon*

Jan Harmon - December 02, 2012 at 08:41 AM