



## Palma S. (Filletti) Percia

March 28, 1926 - September 25, 2016

Mrs. Palma S. (Filletti) Percia, age 90, went home to the Lord when she passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family at her side.

Born in Utica on March 28, 1926, Palma was the daughter of the late Bruno and Stella (Tripepi) Filletti. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On September 24, 1949 she married Francis M. "Frank" Percia with whom she shared 43 years of true companionship. Common values and family relationships were important to them, and the blessing of their only child was the greatest. Frank passed away on December 31, 1992.

Palma worked at the Oneida County Courthouse as a Court Attendant for both the Supreme and County Courts for 22 years, retiring in 1990. She was well-suited for her position and she earned the respect of lawyers and judges. She performed her job with diligence and dependability. Her compassionate heart allowed her to reach out to people who were facing stressful situations. She was a proponent of social justice and shared her personal beliefs and wisdom with others.

Palma was born to be a leader. She instinctively knew what people were capable of and she encouraged them to do their best and cultivate their natural abilities to a high level of expectation. As a matriarch, her hospitality knew no boundaries. She hosted occasions with eclectic style and grace, but it was her antique dishes and stemware that brought an ambiance of yesterday to the table. She also loved the detail and craftsmanship of her

vintage lamps, ornate furniture, and accent pieces that were created long ago to standards since gone. Celebrations around the dining room table were time-honored traditions, and Palma wanted her family and friends to feel welcomed. She cooked up a feast and pleased her guests with any request. Setting a table to be admired was a pleasant task for her. But there was one caveat - no paper napkins! Only neatly folded cloth napkins adorned her table. Palma also had a flair for fashion, especially jewelry. She was mesmerized by color and unique designs, and her stature and grace complemented her adornments. She also loved to shop, especially with her sister Nancy. She was moved by different genres of music and could be seen flitting lithely around the dance floor on many occasions.

Palma knew the love of her son and the blessing of her daughter-in-law, but when her twin grandsons came into her life, she cherished, catered to, and loved them with all her heart. They were the best things that happened to her, and her relationship with them was very important and rewarding to her.

Through her late husband Frank's association with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Stars & Stripes Chapter #82, she became a member of the Women's Auxiliary where she served as chaplain for many years. The organization afforded her the opportunity to travel to many different locales within the state and around the country and to forge many friendships that continued throughout the remainder of her life. At one time she attended the former St. Agnes Church and was currently a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Palma is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Frank A. and Carla J. Percia of Utica; her twin grandsons and their wives, Michael Percia and Mei Ling Xue, and David and Dana Percia; her great-grandchildren, Julian, and Dominick; her sister, Nancy DeMartino, her best friend who she spoke with and saw every day; and her brother and sister-in-law, Carmen and Corinne Filletti. She also leaves her many nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Richard DeMartino, and Mary and Gary Mancuso; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was favored with a host of

wonderful friends that were dear to her. She was predeceased by her sister, Grace Morgan; an infant sister; her brother-in-law, John J. "John D" DeMartino; her nephew, Dr. John DeMartino; and her sister-in-law, Rose Flint. The family wishes to thank the staff of the St. Luke's Home/Clark West for the compassionate care they provided to Palma during her stay. Visitation will be held Thursday from 11:30-12:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please refrain from floral offerings. Palma's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday afternoon at 12:30 from the funeral home and at 1:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

CP

“ *Dear Frank and Carla and family*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Your Mom was a wonderful person.*

*Vin and Cissy Pastorella*

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**Cissy Pastorella** - September 30, 2016 at 02:48 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Palma S. (Filletti) Percia.*



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September 28, 2016 at 06:29 AM

BA

“ *Carla I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother- In-Law. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family*

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**Bea Allison** - September 27, 2016 at 08:31 PM

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“ *Dear Carla and Frank: Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers as you mourn the loss of your mother.*

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**Patricia Tedesco** - September 27, 2016 at 08:26 PM

AB

“ Dear Carla, Frank and family,  
We were saddened to read of your mom's passing. Although we never had the pleasure of meeting her, she must have been a very special lady to be part of such a beautiful family. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you. You were so blessed to have her with you so long. We will pray for her.  
Fondly,  
Angie and Jim Brooks

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**Angela Brooks** - September 27, 2016 at 06:54 PM