



Patricia A. "Patty" Demme

April 4, 1929 - October 31, 2010

Patricia A. "Patty" Demme, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of her devoted family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 4, 1929, Patricia was the daughter of the late Frank "Chick" and Bessie (Lupia) Demme. She was raised and educated in Utica and attended school locally. At one time, she had been married to Benjamin P. DeGeorge, who has since passed.

During her working life, Patty was employed by Mele Manufacturing as an assembler for many years. Lastly, she worked for the Utica City School District at the central kitchen. A very perceptive and sharp-witted woman, Patty lived her life by her own guidelines. She had a style all her own --- she was independent, yet unique in the way she showed her affection and love. Always supportive and sensitive to those she knew and loved, she was also encouraging, loyal, and honest. She was blessed with a great inner strength, a bravery laced with laughter and humor that she relied upon during times that were good or challenging, especially in times of health challenges. She loved to cook and took pride in the meals she prepared as a way to show her affection. She was a dedicated mother to her own children and as the years passed, a doting grandmother as well. She became even more attentive and appreciative of her great-grandchildren. During her more active years she was an avid bowler and she loved to dance. She was gifted with vocal talents that she gracefully used as she accompanied her late husband, Benny, when they

performed for local clubs. She was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge where she volunteered at their functions and especially enjoyed the dances. She was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Patty is survived by her daughter, Bonnie J. DeGeorge of Utica; her son, Stephen P. DeGeorge of Utica; her grandchildren, Frank Zammiello, Anthony J. and Sarah Zammiello, and Stephanie Alberico and fiancé Dan Kinney.

Always close to her heart was the memory of her grandson, Salvatore Alberico, who passed away in 2005. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Giavanna, Mackenzie, and Daniel; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; her close friend, Kim Clancey; and her home health caregiver, Demaris. She was predeceased by her brother, Simone P. "Bunzy" Demme; her sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Salvatore "Sam" Monopoli; and the memory of her longtime friend, Beverly Basile.

The family is grateful to Patty's physicians, especially Dr. Dilip Kachare; and the nurses and staff of the Special Care Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially Ryan and Ashley, who comforted and honored Patty during her illness.

Patty's family will honor and celebrate her life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service which will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia A. "Patty" Demme*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 31, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Demme's were are neighbors for many years on Rutger St. Always remember Patty as a fun love of life person..I moved away many years ago but she always rememberd me and came to visit when we came back.home for visits. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and yours Annette Talerico Giambrone Bellbrook Ohio*

Annette Giambrone - November 03, 2010 at 09:47 AM

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“ As a young boy, when my mother, Joesphine, took ill, I lived with my maternal Grandmother's family (Frank [Chic] and Bessie Demme). Bessie's other daughter, Patty, lived upstairs with her family.

My aunt Pat was funny, upbeat, the life of the party and a heck of a bowler. She reminded me of Lucille Ball, a bundle of energy with great comedic timing.

She made a great omelet and I enjoyed cheating while playing cards with her, very competitive as she was, this tactic annoyed her greatly. She and I played second bananas at Christmas and Easter, relegated to cleaning the calamari for “Nanu” and making the cookie dough for “Nana”. She laughed at my intentionally horrific frosting decorations.

My Grandfather, "Chic", as well as my Uncle “Bunzy” (Simon Demme), affectionately nicknamed Aunt Pat, “The Scarecrow”, due to her wispy thin figure. Nick names - something with which perhaps many other families of Italian heritage are familiar and can appreciate.

She and my grandmother introduced me to the entertainment world in the form of Classic movies and 40's-50's music. To this day, I am an avid fan and occasional participant in the theatrical arts due to their combined influence. Her son, Stephen (“Orville”), despite his quiet demeanor, was a kind of big brother during that time, and her daughter, Bonnie (“The Muffett”), a sister of sorts. Bonnie is responsible for my fascination with Beatle's music. Steve and his satirical, dry sense of humor, as well as love for the arts, had a significant influence as well.

Life goes on, but I will always value that time in my life. May God bless you Aunt Pat; say hi to my mom, Uncle Bunzy and Nana & Nanu for me.... and keep them laughing when you are appearing on stage at the Pearly Gates.

Love,

"Nemo"

Salvatore Sam" Monopoli - November 02, 2010 at 10:56 AM



“ *Bonnie and Stephen,*

Your mom was a great lady. I have not seen her or you in many years. But what has always stuck in my mine for the past 44 years is when I was 15 and visiting at your house on Rutger St and your mother was dancing with me and wearing her GoGo booths. She was always full of life and laughter. I will remember her as always being young at heart. May she rest in peace..... Sam Garfola (Palm Beach, Fl)

Samuel Garfola - November 02, 2010 at 08:40 AM