



Mrs. Pauline R. "Pat" (Zinicola) Saponari

May 16, 1930 - October 4, 2013

Mrs. Pauline R. "Pat" (Zinicola) Saponari, age 83, formerly of Utica and currently of DeKalb, Illinois, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 at Kishwaukee Community Hospital with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on May 16, 1930, Pauline was the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Rosalie (Borruso) Zinicola. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On January 15, 1955 she married John L. Saponari, Sr. with whom she shared 46 years prior to his passing on February 27, 2001.

Pat worked at several area businesses during her lifetime, but it was her job at Cavallo's Restaurant that served her best because it was where she met her husband. She also held positions at General Electric, Neisner's Department Store, McCrory's Store, and lastly at Pacemaker Millar Steel Company from which she retired. A loving matriarch, Pat thought of her family as the blessing of her life and the source of her happiness. She was especially eager to decorate her home, prepare traditional meals, and gather together for the holidays. Pat's radiant personality and friendly nature warmed the hearts of those who knew her. During her spare time she volunteered her time at the ARC, was an avid bowler and enjoyed playing card games. She was a parishioner of St. Paul's Church in Whitesboro.

Pat is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, JoAnn and James Whitaker of Holland Patent; her son and daughter-in-law, John L., Jr. and Sharon Saponari of DeKalb, IL; her grandchildren, Danielle and Nicholas Hotz; and

Samantha and Matthew Galliher; and her great-grandchildren, Gwenyth and Elaina Galliher, and Cameron Hotz. She also leaves behind her half-brother, Ronald Zinicola; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, who were all special to her, and her in-laws, Mary Zinicola, and Helen Saponari. She was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, Vincent Zinicola, and Patrick Zinicola; her half-brother Joseph Zinicola; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Frances and Joseph Voce, and Antoinette and Anthony Costello; and her in-laws, Bruno P. and Helen F. Saponari and Dominick "Dick" Saponari.

Visitation will be held on Saturday morning from 9:30-10:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Pauline's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence immediately upon the conclusion of visitation at 10:30 at the funeral home officiated by Rev. Felix Colosimo. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 12. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

MR

“ With great sadness I arrived at this page. 'Honey' as Pauline was known to me in the family was the youngest sibling of Joe and Rosalie Zinicola. Back in the day our families would get together to meet and celebrate life. I grew up, moved away, had children.

I wanted my children to meet everyone from home so we visited Utica and a bunch of us got together back around the year 2000-2004 sometime. We met up at Antoinette's house but I was supposed to meet Pauline earlier but somehow I was late, very late, which was unusual for me. I felt terrible about that. Pauline gently forgave what was pretty shoddy of me. It was so wonderful, though, later that same day, to see Ann (Antoinette), Mary and Pauline. I was so happy and planned to stay in touch after that.

When I returned home the computer where I kept everyone's address (I did not have a cell phone at the time) crashed and that was the end of keeping in touch. I must have tried Facebook over the years, something, but all came to naught.

I am writing to say Pauline was such a beautiful person. My memories of her growing up were of her fun-spirited and full of love and liveliness. JoAnn and John, I remember visiting your home at Ablett Avenue. My parents had planned to live a couple of doors down from you but that plan did not reach fruition which made me very sad. We were just kids then and would have grown up together. Funny how life can be.

JoAnn and John, please stay in touch whenever you like. You can find me on Facebook.

Love,
Madaline (Scaduto) Reddy

Madaline Reddy - February 21, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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“ I took care of your mom while she was at St. Lukes we talked forever I found out that she knew my dad and that they hung around when they were younger. I brought my first grandchild to see her. I was bless to meet a wonderful lady. she had a wonderful smile that lit up a room . Karen (stepanick) robbins

karen (stepanick)robbins - October 12, 2013 at 12:11 PM

MS

“ "webbles". i am so sorry to hear about your mom. she was a wonderful lady who was always kind to me. you are in my thoughts and prayers. love marybeth and jerry



mary beth smith - October 11, 2013 at 09:54 AM

JS

“ JoAnn, Jim and Family,
So sorry to read of you mother's passing, she will be greatly missed. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this difficult time.
Jacquelyn Schmidt



Jacquelyn Schmidt - October 09, 2013 at 08:25 AM