



## Mrs. Philomena A. "Phil" Bosco

July 9, 1921 - March 6, 2015

Mrs. Philomena A. "Phil" (Passante) Bosco, age 93, of New Hartford and formerly of Mason Street in Utica, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2015 in the comfort of her home surrounded by her loving family and into the loving arms of Jesus, her savior.

Born in Utica on July 9, 1921, Philomena was the daughter of the late Thomas and Rosina (Colissimo) Passante. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. On January 31, 1942 she married Benjamin V. "Bennie" Bosco; unknowingly, they were wed on the Feast Day of St. John Bosco! They shared unconditional love, mutual regard, and understanding during their 56 years as partners in life. Her loving husband Bennie passed away in June of 1998.

Phil took on the maternal role of family care giver and remained at home to raise her children. In her heart and mind, her family's wellbeing and happiness came before everything else. At the age of 39 Phil enrolled in the Utica School of Practical Nursing, earning her LPN degree. She began her nursing career as a Pediatric Nurse working for 10 years at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital and 10 years at the Oneida County Head Start Program. Phil was a selfless, giving person, by nature. She was a forward thinking woman, strong, courageous, and well ahead of her time. She was eager to learn and try new things, and she enjoyed life every day. One of her highlights of homemaking was cooking in volume, enough to serve the entire family on any given day. Music was important in her life, she was a talented pianist, and she could cut a rug doing

the jitterbug. In the summertime, she loved gathering at the family camp on the Black River, always accommodating family members who visited. Memories of those days were forever in her heart. Phil was civic-minded and concerned with the well-being of the community. She helped annually with the Election Polls, Senior Centers, Blood Drives, and transporting the elderly to church. A communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, Phil was a very devout Catholic. Her faith and church community were her cornerstones. She was the last of the daily morning Mass "Morning Glories". Philomena is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Rose Marie and Henry Taylor of New Hartford, and Marlena M. Bosco of New Hartford with whom she resided; her son, Salvatore B. "Sal" Bosco of Connecticut and New Hartford; and her grandchildren, Lisa and Steve "Louie" Senk of Frankfort, Debra Porto of Syracuse, David Taylor, and John and Jennifer Taylor of Syracuse. She also leaves her nieces and nephews, Thomas and Nicole Bosco, Salvatore J. Bosco III, Madeline and Dick Garofalo, and Connie and Bill Buehler, Sr.; her in-laws, Josephine M. Cefali DeMola of Utica, and Salvatore J. Bosco, Jr. of Utica; and her extended family including the Gorea family and Sandy Bosco. She was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Salvatore, Sr. and Mary Magdalena Bosco; and 3 half-siblings of the Fuoco family.

The family is grateful to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for going above and beyond in blessing Philomena with the dignity of being in her home during her final days.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 12:00 noon -1:00 p.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Philomena's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Memorial contributions in Phil's honor may be considered to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

MAR 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Sal I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love you. Jules*



Julanne Rosa - March 09, 2015 at 09:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Philomena A. "Phil" Bosco.*



March 09, 2015 at 08:41 PM

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“ *Phil was a close girlhood friend of my mother and a bridesmaid for her when she was married. They remained dear friends for many decades thereafter. How well I remember Sunday afternoon visits with her and Bennie at their home on Mason Street where the WELCOME mat was always out. There was always warm hospitality, great conversation and a bounty of good food shared at the kitchen table. I always had great respect for her success in obtaining her LPN degree and her career in healthcare. Most of all, I treasured her warm, caring and sincere personality. She was truly a fine woman. My deepest sympathy to you Rose Marie, Marlana and Sal. - - “And when she shall die, take her and cut her out in little stars and she will make the face of heaven so fine that all the world will be in love with night. Wm. Shakespeare*

George Tulloch - March 09, 2015 at 08:34 AM

JC

“ Rosemarie, Marlena, Salvatore and families. Sending my sympathies during this difficult time. I remember vividly those many childhood visits to your house full of love,laughter and Italian food! Your mom was a treasure. She can now be with Benny again. Blessings from cousin Judi Cappelli

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**judith Cappelli** - March 09, 2015 at 08:27 AM

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**judith Capparelli** - March 09, 2015 at 08:28 AM

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*Sal, Sorry for your loss, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with You! Andy & Linda Convertino*

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**Andy & Linda Convertino** - March 09, 2015 at 10:40 AM