



Mrs. Philomena "Fannie" (Desiato) Christiano

May 2, 1927 - November 9, 2018

UTICA - Mrs. Philomena "Fannie" (Desiato) Christiano, age 91, passed into eternal life on Friday, November 9, 2018 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare and is now reunited with loved ones who have waited to welcome her.

Born in Utica on May 2, 1927, Philomena was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Antoinette (Bissone) Desiato. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. On September 6, 1947 she married Joseph F. Christiano with whom she shared 60 years prior to his passing on April 29, 2008. They were the original "Edith and Archie Bunker", and they were in love to the very end.

At one time, Fannie held a position with the General Electric Radio/Receiver plant on Bleecker Street. Lastly, she was employed by the Masonic Care Community, the position from which she retired at the age of 73. When faced with adversity, no matter what the reach of her challenges, she rose to the occasion with the help of God and the love of her family. She maintained her independence and was a survivor. As a matriarch and mother, she shared her words of wisdom and encouragement with her loved ones and expected the best from them. Her personal regard for her friends was a sure sign of her affection for them, and when she said, "Ohooo..." or "Oh, my God", it was her way of saying she acknowledged the moment or reaction in a conversation. Fannie was the ultimate shopper, back in the day, after dinner, off she went with her husband to browse the stores. It was a form of entertainment and a pleasurable time for her. She had a slipper collection that was second to none,

and because she was a bit of a fashion plate, she loved “parfume” to accent her apparel.

Fannie’s children were close to her and only a phone call away. They faithfully visited her to share special events and important moments. She loved her children and grandchildren beyond words, and her great-grandchildren put her over the moon. A parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, Fannie prayed daily and held a reverence for Holy Mass.

Fannie is survived by her children and their loves, Tina and Ken Dardano, and Phyllis M. Christiano and Rick Trinco. Always close to her heart was the memory of her daughter Marie “MiMi” Arcuri who passed away on July 27, 2009. She also leaves her son-in-law, Nicholas “Nick” Arcuri, Jr.; her grandchildren, Anthony and Maria Dardano, Ken Dardano Jr., and Chrissy Dardano. (She also held in her heart her grandson Joseph P. “Joey” Dardano who preceded her on June 5, 2015); and grandchildren Nicholas Arcuri III, Kim-Marie and John Kleaka; Nicole L. and Ashley Latini, and John Michael and Courtney Latini; great-grandchildren, Tony Dardano, Vinny Dardano, Jed Dardano, Kaylee Dardano; Nicholas Jon Arcuri, and Logan Tyler Arcuri; Taryn Marie Kleaka, and Emerson Paige Kleaka; and Leo John Latini. She will also be remembered by her sister and brother-in-law, Freida and Leo Ferraro; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Marian Desiato, and Theresa and Bill Simonik; and the many wonderful friends who blessed her life throughout the years. She was predeceased by her brother, Angelo Desiato; in-laws, infant John Christiano, Angelo and Marie Christiano, Louis D. and Grace Christiano, Margaret “Marge” and Dominick Greco, and Arthur and Anna Christiano; and her niece, Deborah L. “Debbie” Crouse. The family is grateful to the ICU staff at St. Luke’s Healthcare who attended to Fannie with compassion and love; the Office of the Aging for their services through the years; and Fr. Pasik for his prayers and Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

The family honored and commemorated Fannie’s life at a private time.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Fannie’s funeral service

and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 11:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Committal Prayers and Entombment will follow in Calvary Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

LL

“ *Lynette Lentricchia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Philomena "Fannie" (Desiato) Christiano*



Lynette Lentricchia - November 13, 2018 at 11:02 AM

LE

“ *Leah lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Philomena "Fannie" (Desiato) Christiano*



Leah - November 13, 2018 at 09:56 AM

LE

“ *Tina and family,
My heartfelt sympathy goes to you. I know Tina how much you cared and the time you spent with your mom. Now In the days ahead you will embrace the memories and the knowledge you were with her every step of the way. I'm so sorry for your loss💔 I love your family. When you put your head on the pillow tonight you can rest easy knowing your moms at peace, and that your the reason..
Love ya! 🙏😭*

Leah - November 13, 2018 at 09:52 AM

CO

“ 2 files added to the album Nonnie



Courtney - November 12, 2018 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Philomena "Fannie" (Desiato) Christiano.



November 11, 2018 at 07:14 PM

MS

“ Fannie was a wonderful beautiful woman who always knew how to light up a room with her happy funny spunk loved her in every way I worked with her at Masonic Home for 2/12 years she always made me smile and laugh will miss her rest in peace Fannie



Marie Simonette - November 11, 2018 at 01:13 PM

MA

“ Many prayers and lots of love coming to all of you. She was beautiful, inside and out.

Maria Arrigo-sequin - November 11, 2018 at 09:34 AM

PA

“Mom”, don't know whether I'll miss your kind,gentle and loving demeanor more or the fun times of discussing a serious family or life subject and in the middle of trying to solve that problem hear you ask if we watched a certain Hallmark Movie last night!! Thank you for your kindness and respect to me and my family. You will be missed! RIP with your beloved Joe ("Pop")

Phil Avella - November 10, 2018 at 04:33 PM

GD

Our deepest sympathy ,, may her soul Rest In Peace. Gail & Nick Demma

gail demma - November 10, 2018 at 04:56 PM

DL

Our deepest sympathy to you Phyllis and your family. Your Mom was quite the lady. She will be missed especially by her daughter, Phyllis. Love to all the family

Donna Lacatena - November 10, 2018 at 06:39 PM

CO

Phyllis and Tina my thoughts and prayers are with you. Will always remember your Mom at the Drum Corps Shows. She was a great lady.

Charleen Okuszki

Charleen Okuszki - November 11, 2018 at 11:13 PM

 Elise Avella Feiner

Fannie was a beautiful and loving woman who always made all the family affairs a joy. She will be missed. May she rest in peace and enjoy being reunited with her loving Joe. Our deepest sympathies to all of you. Elise and Marc Feiner

Elise Avella Feiner - November 12, 2018 at 12:04 PM