



Philomena "Mena" (Mendito) Buck

January 18, 1932 - September 9, 2008

Mrs. Philomena "Mena" (Mendito) Buck, age 76, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, September 9, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 18, 1932, Philomena was the daughter of the late Gaetano and Concetta (Santomassino) Mendito. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a 1950 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. On June 16, 1951 she married Fred "Fritz" Buck with whom she shared 57 years. Mena and Fritz were true companions and best of friends; they had a wonderful life, and they loved and respected each other.

Mena was employed by Abelove's Linen Supply Company as a bookkeeper, a career that enabled her to make use of her mathematical talents and demonstrate her conscientious work ethic. But it was her family that made her complete. She loved them well, and that was certainly reciprocated by her children, grandchildren, and her 2 precious great-granddaughters who she treated as princesses. Mena's greatest accomplishments were to keep peace among her family and to celebrate the holidays and special occasions in the lives of her loved ones. During her spare time she enjoyed games of chance and shopping, not only for herself, but for her entire family. She was a former member of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054. She held a strong belief in her church, and the guidance she received strengthened her as a person.

Mena is survived by her husband, Fritz; her children and their families, Rick C. and Jackie Buck, Andrea Buck and Mary Ostrosky, and Maria and Frank

Swiderski, all of Utica; her grandchildren, Concetta and Nondie Sarus, Ricky Buck and Melanie Robilotta, and Justin Buck; Pernell Wadley and Crystal Noti; Frank and Danielle Swiderski, Victoria Swiderski and Frank Mallozzi; and her great-grandchildren, Abriana Wadley, and Alexis Sarus. Survivors also include her brother, Angelo A. Mendito of Utica; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She also leaves her family friends, Lola, and Barbara, whose support in caring for Mena and Fritz when they were in need was of such comfort to them. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Victoria and Anthony J. LaPorte; and her sister-in-law, Mary L. Mendito.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Christopher Clarke whose friendship and professional guidance was of the utmost importance to the family, and they will always remember his compassionate concern.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Philomena's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will be held on Saturday morning at 9:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Was sorry to hear about Aunt Mena. my prayers to the family. Little Marie I would love to have your address. Your long lost cousin in tennessee. Nancymarie##imported-begin##Nancymarie Kemker (Kranz-Calo)##imported-end##

September 14, 2008 at 08:59 PM



“ FRITZ & FAMILY,
WE WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW SORRY WE ARE FOR YOUR LOSS, MENA WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL WOMAN, SHE LOVED HER FAMILY DEARLY AND SHE WILL BE MISSED..MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES..JOE & DEBBIE##imported-begin##JOSEPH VALENTI & DEBBIE##imported-end##

September 12, 2008 at 12:35 PM



“ Rick, Jackie & Family my thoughts and prayers are with you on the loss of your Mom...##imported-begin##Don Marino##imported-end##

September 12, 2008 at 10:30 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Hans Kunz and Kristen Bollana ##imported-end##

September 12, 2008 at 10:01 AM



“ You are at peace now may the angels take good care of you .We did have good time in school and on St Vincent street and Conkling Ave . Love Anna Marie###imported-begin##Anna Marie Gigliotti Clare###imported-end##

September 12, 2008 at 09:49 AM



“ Family,
I am so sorry to hear about Gram. My thoughts and prayers are with Her and the Family. God Bless,

Dougie###imported-begin##Doug Abraham###imported-end##

September 11, 2008 at 09:48 AM