



Mrs. Phyllis M. (Alfano) Guido

October 20, 1927 - July 6, 2017

EAST UTICA - Mrs. Phyllis M. (Alfano) Guido, age 89, was received into Heaven by her husband and her son as she passed away on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving family at her side. Born in Utica on October 20, 1927, Phyllis was the daughter of the late Lester and Mary (Tedesco) Alfano. She was also loved and raised by her mother's sister, Aunt Angelina Fiore who provided maternal guidance to her. She was raised and educated locally, a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1945. On May 8, 1948 she married Vincent R. Guido with whom she shared 50 years. They complemented each other and were role models to their children. They enjoyed socializing with friends and extended family, going to dances, and traveling to visit relatives. Vinny was an honest, hardworking man who provided for Phyl and their family. He passed away on October 12, 1998. From her youth, Phyllis worked hard. She was blessed with excellent office skills and utilized them in her position as bookkeeper at Grant's Bookstore. She later worked at the Utica Knitting Company, Daw's Drug Store, and the UFCW Local #1, where Phyllis was the head of the Health and Welfare Department, the position from which she retired in 1988.

Phyllis had a heart of gold — she was generous, honest, and non-judgmental. She helped when she could, and did good deeds, but she never expected anything in return. She was a wise and wonderfully witty woman, and she gave good advice. She was also able to roll with a conversation in today's modern contexts. As matriarch, Sunday meals were a must, so she prepared

a feast which always yielded leftovers. She was an excellent cook, and many of her recipes were passed down from her mother-in-law. She was a seasoned gardener with fresh basil, tomatoes, and arugula always in abundance. Her home was always warm, open, and welcoming. Her daughter-in-law and son-in-law felt fortunate to have had the most wonderful in-laws which is a testament to Phyl and Vinny and the great love they extended to everyone in their family. Her children blessed her heart and her grandchildren were her ultimate joy. As a gram, she was idolized because she was so eager to spend time with them, even through their adult years. Her home was the go-to place. Phyl was a staunch supporter of Proctor High School Baseball and always attended the games, rooting for the team and working the concession stands when her son Dave played for Proctor and continuing through the years as he became Proctor's Head Varsity Baseball Coach. Phyllis was so proud. The passions that Dave and Maryann had in life came from their mother, and by far, she was the person with the strongest inner faith that they ever knew.

Phyllis shared a personal relationship with the Lord and was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. She attended Mass, and the Lord kept her strong and helped her in difficult times. She made the St. Anthony Novena every year since 1939 and was very involved with church activities and festivals for many years. She loved her church. Phyllis wanted to leave a legacy of a simple life well-lived, ...she succeeded, and made it home.

Phyllis is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, David A. and Donna M. Guido; and her daughter and son-in-law, Maryann G. and Mark VanDreason. Always close to her heart was the memory of her son, Vincent L. Guido who passed away on October 7, 1993; she thought of him every day of her life. She also leaves her incredibly loving grandchildren, Lindsay A. Guido, David A. Guido III; Mark and Nicole VanDreason, Matthew VanDreason; and Dana Guido; her precious great-granddaughter, Emma Ann; and her brother, Pat J. Alfano of Schenectady. She also leaves many nieces and nephews, with special mention of Debbie Alfano Loven, and Larry and Debbie Guido; great-

nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially Louise Centolella, and Ray and Jenny Casatelli; her sister-in-law, Isabelle Guido with whom she shared a beautiful life; her dear friends, Ann Ezzo, and Marie Durso; and her many Mary Street neighborhood friends. She was predeceased by her brothers and a sister-in-law, Raymond J. Alfano, Anthony Alfano, and Rosemary Alfano; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, David and Angeline Guido; her in-laws, Raymond A. Guido, and Richard J. and Jacqueline "Jackie" Guido; and her nephew, Richard Guido with whom she shared a wonderful and admirable relationship.

The family is grateful to Dr. Fred Talarico, Phyl's longtime physician, and Dr. Sultana Razia, Dr. Minella, and Dr. John Pylman for their medical expertise; the staff of the Sequoia Household at the Sitrin Health Care Center, especially Kenesha "K-K", Jason, and Katie for their personal attention to Phyl; and the personnel of the Emergency Department and 3A at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for the compassionate care they provided to Phyl.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please consider a donation in Phyl's honor to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and/or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Phyllis' funeral service and Celebration of life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing I think about her all the time she was in my thoughts I did not realize that she had passed away my heart goes out to you and the family and I'm so sorry for not reaching out to you sooner they are all together now in heaven and enjoying each company each other's company once again as they did in Florida on their many trips and their Winters in Florida God bless you all



Doreen Camerona - August 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM

AR

“ Phyl and I were friends for 75 years. I will miss her very much.

Ann Russell - July 12, 2017 at 08:20 PM

AR

“ I have very fond memories of chauffeuring Phyl and my mom, Ann Ezzo to their annual lunch. They so enjoyed their time together.

Ann Russell - July 12, 2017 at 08:18 PM

JB

“ David/Donna/David II and all
The passing of a parent/grandparent is a milestone.
Mourning is a sad inevitability, but remembering the better times makes it all possible.
May God bring you comfort during this period of loss and sadness.
Joe & Mary Bottini

Joseph P. Bottini - July 11, 2017 at 04:05 PM

GB

“ Dave & Family
I am very sorry for your loss. Prayers are with you and your Family.
George DiBrango & Family

George Di Brango - July 11, 2017 at 03:47 PM

TF

“ Dave and family. I am very sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you.

Tom Ficarro

Tom Ficarro - July 11, 2017 at 07:57 AM

JH

“ Dave and family, My sincere sympathy on the loss of your Mother, I will pray that she may rest in peace.

Jim Horgan
Daytona Beach Florida

Jim Horgan - July 10, 2017 at 10:12 AM

DB

“ Dave and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your Moms passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May you find comfort through this difficult time. May she rest in peace.

Debbie Barbero - July 09, 2017 at 01:42 PM

BO

“ Very sorry to hear of your mother's passing, my condolences. I will keep the family and her in my prayers, may she RIP.

Bob Ollerenshaw - July 08, 2017 at 01:49 PM

TF

“ *The Van Dreason Family purchased the Red, White & Blue Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Phyllis M. (Alfano) Guido.*



The Van Dreason Family - July 07, 2017 at 10:24 PM