



## Phyllis M. Tofani

April 7, 1932 - October 19, 2011

Phyllis M. Tofani, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at the Katherine Luther Home.

Phyllis was born in East Utica on April 7, 1932, the daughter of the late Enrico “Henry” and Josephine (DiBiase) Tofani. She was raised and educated locally. During her working life, Phyllis was employed at the General Electric Company, the Whitesboro Pharmacy, and lastly, the Bank of America as a teller at their Main Branch. Phyllis was truly a blessing to her family as a daughter and a sibling, and her motherly instincts were tendered as a nurturing and fun loving aunt. For several generations she was an inspiration, a steadfast source of love and advice. She was affectionately known as “A.P.”, short for Aunt Phyllis, because it was an endearing epithet for one so loved. Phyllis loved to cook, especially the savory foods that were her family’s favorites. She also had a knack for creating ceramics, and a bias for Bingo. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Phyllis is survived by her sisters, Margaret Wolkowicz of FL, and Eleanor Borello of Utica; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Edith Tofani of GA, Henry Tofani of FL, and Frank and Angela Tofani of Utica; and her many beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, cousins, and her wonderful friend, Mariam Mudri, who was so helpful to Phyllis. She was predeceased by her sisters, Elizabeth “Betty” Fiaschetti, Antoinette Paciello, Carmella “Cora” Grande, Rose Palmano, and Elvira Ceci; and her brothers, Pat, Joseph, and Americo Tofani.

The family wishes to praise the staff of the Katherine Luther Home for the attentive care they rendered to Phyllis during her stay.

The family will honor and commemorate Phyllis' life in a private gathering. Please refrain from floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Phyllis' funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 10:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis M. Tofani*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Phyllis M. Tofani*



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**Michele Simmen** - October 23, 2011 at 07:32 PM

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“ Aunt P was a lady who loved her family and had a zest for life. She treated all of her neices and nephews in a motherly manner. When ever and where ever you needed her you could take comfort that Aunt P will be there for you. Shelby, Delaney, Vincent and I absolutely loved having Aunt P every winter as we lived in Virginia and now Tennessee. Our 4th bedroom will aslways be known as Aunt P's room. We will always treasure the home movies that we took of her at Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and Easter. How very fortunate we were to have shared so much time with her. Baking us cookies, italian potato salad, sausage rolls, crazy apple pie, escorole & beans, homemade gnocchi, and her famous chiameli cookies. Watching us eat them was pure pleasure for her. Teaching us Italian and sharing family stories might have been her favorite thing to do. God blessed all of our lives with Aunt Phyllis. She touched the lives of each one of us and we will always carry a little piece of her heart with us. Thank you Aunt P rest in God's hands....you deserve it.

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Vinny Borello - October 21, 2011 at 09:56 PM

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“ A.P.... You were always waiting for me when I was little at Nannie's house with lots of goodies and homebaked food. I loved going to sleep over your house for the weekends we spent in Utica. All of of kids would pile on your floor and couches and just loved spending time with you. Lol, I have the best memories of you ! You were the best Aunt Phyllis and I will miss you very much. I love you always !!! XOXO your neice  
Christine



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Christine L DiOrio - October 21, 2011 at 09:35 PM