



Mrs. Rachel R. Sciortino

January 3, 1922 - December 3, 2015

Mrs. Rachel R. (Tedesco) Sciortino, age 93, of Utica, passed away on December 3, 2015 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 3, 1922, Rachel was the daughter of the late Joseph and Antoinette (Caroli) Tedesco. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1940. On February 18, 1946 she married Frank A. Sciortino with whom she shared over 66 years in a loving marriage until his passing on August 26, 2012.

During her career days, Rachel held a clerical position as a secretary at the Utica Board of Education, and in 1968 she was appointed personal secretary to former Utica Mayor Dominick Assaro, an assignment that inspired her love of politics. She went on to support local Democratic candidates and was a compelling and charismatic campaigner well into her 80's. She was principled and perceptive in all her political activities, presenting her convictions clearly and honestly. It was inherent in Rachel's nature to be giving of her time to the things she loved. A wise and resourceful shopper, she organized her coupons and sought out the best sales. In her heart and mind, Rachel was non-judgmental and saw the inner beauty of all people. She was blessed with friends from every walk of life. Above all else, she was a proud and loving mother and grandmother who always acclaimed the best attributes and accomplishments of her loved ones.

Rachel was a member of many religious and civic organizations and clubs

including the St. Anne's Society, the Catholic Women's Club, the Christ Child Society, the Mount Carmel Society of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, the St. Rosalia Society, the Oneida County Democratic Women's Club, and the North Utica Senior Center. As a faithful communicant of her parish, Rachel was very active in the festivities and willingly and wholeheartedly gave her time and talent to all church functions. For many years, she was in charge of preparing the pizza frita whenever it was offered at Church or at the St. Rosalia Festival. Rachel meticulously assisted in preparing the "black pepper" cookies with fellow parishoners. In recollecting Rachel's life, we will remember her as a woman who made a positive impact on her family, her community, and her church.

Rachel is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Rosanne and Peter MacPhail of New Hartford, and Janna Kane of Philadelphia, PA; her grandchildren, David and Brook Baumgartner, Matthew Baumgartner, Steven and Melissa Baumgartner; and Ben Kane and his girlfriend Hannah Levavi. She kept the memory of her son-in-law, Brandt Baumgartner, who passed away on May 31, 2000. She also leaves her great-grandchildren, Alison, Sam, Lidia, and Anthony Baumgartner; and her sister, Frances Ciaccia of Rome NY. She will also remain in the hearts of many family and friends, including members of the Ciaccia, Ostler, Matt, Sciortino, Blando, Giruzzi, and Maneen families; her sister-in-law Jane Maneen; and her friends, Penny Assaro, Lou and Lee Critelli, Angie Pedone, and Palma DeSarro. She was predeceased by her sister, Alice Ostler; her in-laws, Lawrence Ciaccia, Philip and Rosalia Sciortino, and Salvatore "Sam" Maneen; her niece, Darlene E. LaPorte; her cousin, Vincenza "Chinzie" Inserra; and her two beloved best friends, Angie DiNigro, and Margaret Schepsis.

The family is grateful to Dr. Francis Constantine and Dr. Guy Wilcox for their care and friendship, who afforded much solace; the staff at the Villas of Sherman Brook for their personalized concern; and the personnel of the Windham Hall at the Masonic Care Community of NY for their kindness and compassion, especially Social Worker, Melinda, who went above and beyond

when concerning Rachel's wellbeing.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Rachel's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Tribute Wall

JA

“*Roseanne and family,
Ken and I are very sorry to hear that your Mom passed away. We are out of town right now and want you to know that we are thinking of you and your family. We are happy for you that you were able to have your Mom for many, many years, and we know how well you took care of her. You were both blessed! Take care.
Ken and Jaye Ann*

Jye Ann - December 08, 2015 at 06:35 AM

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“*Very sorry to hear of Mrs. Sciortino's passing, she was a pillar of the community at Mt. Carmel and will be missed. Keeping her and the family in my prayers.*

Bobby Ollerenshaw - December 06, 2015 at 08:48 AM

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“*I first met Rachael when she became Mayor Assaro's secretary and soon found out what a thoughtful, loving person she was. When I went to work in the Assaro administration in 1971, I was sustained many a time by the pepper and egg sandwiches she would bring to the City Hall each day.
Her loyalty and devotion to the Democratic Party will be missed. No doubt she is at peace and while gone from this life, her memory will linger for many a year.*

*Joe Tierno
Melbourne Beach, Fl.*

joe tierno - December 05, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ *White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rachel R. Sciortino.*



December 04, 2015 at 09:23 PM



“ *love larry,marcia and lauren ciaccia purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Rachel R. Sciortino.*



love larry,marcia and lauren ciaccia - December 04, 2015 at 09:11 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. She was a wonderful and loving person who brought joy to so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Rosie as well as your boys she loved so much. Love, Laurel and Ed*

Ed and Laurel Leahy - December 04, 2015 at 06:04 PM