



Mrs. Rita Anna (Coutu) Mario

April 21, 1929 - April 19, 2013

Mrs. Rita Anna (Coutu) Mario, age 83, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2013 in the comfort and dignity of her home.

Rita was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on April 21, 1929, the daughter of the late Alfred Joseph and Bertha (Lussier) Coutu. Raised and educated in North Adams, she graduated from Drury High School/Class of 1948 and received a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from Utica College in 1972. On September 16, 1967 she married Albert B. "Al" Mario, Jr. with whom she shared a loving relationship for over 35 years until his passing on April 17, 2003.

Rita worked for the federal government from August 1955 to June of 1986 as a Procurement Specialist in the Contracting Division and as a Division Administrator in the Intelligence Directorate of the Rome Air Development Center at Griffiss Air Force Base. Additionally, she held a 10-year position at the Analytical System Engineering Corporation retiring in 1996. She was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Rita is survived by her sister, Theresa Dube, of North Adams, MA; many nieces, and nephews, including Ron and Madeline Burdick, Keith and Michelle Crockwell, Joe and Nancy Sacco, Craig and Cheryl Burrows, and Gerald Coutu, Jr.; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; friends, Frank P. Albertine, III, and his sons Frank P. Albertine, IV, and Matthew A. Albertine, Marion Reed, and Marge Cameron. She was predeceased by her brother, Gerald E. Coutu, Sr.; and sister-in-law Angeline "Lily" Mario.

A special thank you is extended to Virginia Littrel, Janet Meyers, Suzana Sukunda, the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., and Home Care Plus for all their devotion and attention.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rita's Memorial Service which will be held on Thursday morning at 10:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church officiated by Rev. Mark Kaminski. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Inurnment 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



“ *Roses For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Anna (Coutu) Mario.*



April 24, 2013 at 06:02 PM



“ *Aunt Rita was a wonderful, wonderful woman. From taking care of our Nani, to bringing my wife and I to Paris with Uncle Bert to see my sisters, to going camping with my parents and I. We would be playing cards in the camper, and my Mom and Aunt Rita would get a little tipsy after 1/2 glass of wine and still beat my Dad and me cards! She is VERY deserving of heaven.*

thomas palazzolo - April 22, 2013 at 11:14 AM



“ *Our Lord now has another angel, Rita, by his side! May God Bless! Jim and Genevieve Schreck, friends.*

Genevieve & Jim Schreck - April 22, 2013 at 08:50 AM



“ *I rode to work with Rita for over 30 years and she was so full of life. Now the angels can enjoy her. Loretta Marks, Pineville NC*

Loretta Marks - April 22, 2013 at 08:25 AM