



Rita DiNigro Miosi

January 8, 1932 - January 28, 2021

Rita DiNigro Miosi, 89, a Utica native, passed away peacefully in her sleep on January 28, 2021, in Portland, Oregon.

The youngest of 7 children, Rita was born to the late Pasquale & Catherine DiNigro on January 8, 1932. She graduated from Thomas R. Proctor High School, where she met her husband, Louis Miosi. Together they had three daughters.

Rita was immensely proud of her family – both the one she was born into, as well as the one she created. Her love remains alive through her girls, Cathy Brown, Karen Lawler & Lisa Miosi (Aleson Macfarlane), who she affectionately referred to as “Cash, Carrie & Lis”. Rita is also survived by 5 grandsons, their wives, & 7 great grandchildren. She loved being their nonnie.

Rita was an amazing cook, with an exceptional flair for Italian cuisine. In her kitchen, food was love, & she shared both freely, welcoming family & friends to her table. The doors to her home & her heart were always open. No one ever turned down an invite to sit at Rita’s table!

Rita’s passion & talent for Italian cooking have been passed down to her three girls, who in turn have shared her recipes to their families, keeping traditions alive through the generations.

A memorial mass for Rita will be held on Saturday, August 7, 2021, 10:00am, at Historic Old St. John’s Church, 240 Bleecker Street. Her burial will take place immediately afterwards, at Forest Hill Cemetery.

To honor Rita’s love of children, in lieu of flowers, the family is asking for

donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, stjude.org/donate or to the newly established Louis A. Jr. & Rita R. DiNigro Miosi Memorial Scholarship, offered to a graduating senior at Thomas R. Proctor High School. Gifts to the Miosi Memorial Scholarship Fund may be made to Utica Dollars for Scholars through www.utica.dollarsforscholars.org. Please specify the Miosi Fund on the donation form. Gifts payable to Utica Dollars for Scholars may also be mailed to UDFS, P.O. Box 1733, Utica NY 13503.