



Rosalie M. "Rose" (Graziano) Miller

November 12, 1918 - March 20, 2008

Mrs. Rosalie M. "Rose" (Graziano) Miller, age 89, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at the St. Joseph Nursing Home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 12, 1918, Rosalie was the daughter of the late James and Josephine (Maggiore) Graziano. She was raised and educated locally. On July 4, 1946 she married Anthony J. Miller with whom she shared a great love for 61 years. As a couple, Rose and Tony were devoted to each other.

With her husband Tony beside her, Rose was involved in the ownership and operation of the family concern, Graziano's Furniture Store located on the corner of Bleecker St. and Mohawk St. for many years. They shared both a partnership in furniture and a partnership in family. Their honest business practices and integrity endeared them to their many patrons over the years; their customers adored them. They developed a friendly reputation and formed lasting friendships through their devotion and loyalty, always providing a family-like atmosphere. As a complement to her kind and gracious nature, Rose possessed unique qualities that set her apart. She always greeted everyone with a smile that lit up a room. Her husband held her in his heart as a loving matriarch, as he was an only child and considered her an expert in raising the family. For special family events, it was always Rose who organized and planned the occasions. Above all else, her grandchildren were her life. She was warm-hearted and social, a good listener who always made

time for her friends, and those who knew her loved her dearly. At one time, she was president and treasurer of the East Side Senior Center, and a member of the Sons of Italy lodge. She was a devoted member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and she was also a parishioner of St. George's Catholic Church.

Rose is survived by her husband, Tony; her daughter, Joanne DePaul Wargo of Utica; her grandchildren, Alaina C. and Dennis E. Mazza, and Joseph A. and Jennifer (Circelli) DePaul, all of Utica; and her great-grandchildren, Alyssa, Dana, and Nicholas Mazza, and Alexis Rose, Joseph, and Daniel DePaul. Survivors also include her sister and brother-in-law, Josephine "Babs" and Cosmo Curri of Utica; and her nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging James & Helen Pugliese of Clifton Park, NY, Larry and Sandra Pugliese of FL, Lee and Elaine (Curri) Lowell of NC, Charles "Chuck" and Lorraine Curri of Oriskany, Jim and Andrea (Curri) Smith of TX, and Mark and Connie Curri of NC, all of whom she shared a mutual love; and several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was also blessed with many special friends, including Jackie Schafer. She was predeceased by her brother, Phillip Graziano; her sister, Ann Graziano Pugliese; and her son-in-law, Joseph S. DePaul.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the entire staff of the St. Joseph Nursing Home, especially the Sisters, nurses and aides for their very genuine care and concern not only shown to Rose, but to Tony as well.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Rose's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery.

"Please smile for me."

Tribute Wall



“ Tony and Joanne,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Rose is now smiling down on you ...##imported-begin##Chris Talerico##imported-end##

March 26, 2008 at 08:07 AM



“ Anthony, Joanne and family.
My deepest sympathy in Rose's passing. She was truly a great and inspirational lady. I have fond memories of all of you . I regret not keeping in closer contact with you after the passing of my Tony and my re-marriage
May you always remember the good times. Please know that my thought and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Carolyn(Carol Parravano) Ewing, Ocala, Florida##imported-end##

March 24, 2008 at 02:16 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family.
Sincerely,
Carol and Phil Scampone##imported-begin##Philip Scampone##imported-end##

March 24, 2008 at 08:23 AM



“ Dear Tony:
Remember the bygone days and Graziano's Storkville Express on WIBX. We had many pleasant visits. Please know that my heartfelt condolences extend to you and all of yours.
Sincerely, Fred###imported-begin###Fred Bowen###imported-end##

March 23, 2008 at 10:14 PM



“ Joanne, Alaina, Joe & families -
I am so sorry for your loss. I spent many an afternoon in the company of "Aunt Rose" with Loren back in our high school days. She was one of the sweetest women. Though I haven't seen her in 10+ years, I can still remember her voice...###imported-begin###Allison (Ciaiola) Vitale###imported-end##

March 22, 2008 at 06:05 PM



“ Tony, Joanne, Alaina & Joey:

Although time passes and our lives get busy, Tony and Rose Miller, will always be a Legend of their time to me. From a young girl, they opened their hearts and door to me and I don't really know how or why, but I knew I loved them and grew very close to them. In turn, lead me to grow close to you Joanne, Alaina & Joey. Some of my treasured memories of back then, have the 5 of you a part of them. Rose always smiled and cared about you, your family and what was happening in your life. Tony & Rose's door was always opened wide, especially if I knew Joey was there and wanted to see him when he was little, I was always welcome. When Tony sponsored me for the Miss Italia pageant when I was 17, Rose gave me a gold handbag. She said, "every young lady should have one of these." Till this day, I have that gold handbag and use it and think of Rose. We had some beautiful conversations that will always be close to my heart. St. Joseph's Dinner Dances have changed since Tony & Rose have been able to attend. Whether I went or not, I either enjoyed long talks with Rose or dances with Tony. If I didn't attend, I looked forward to my mom saying, "Tony and Rose asked about you". They were dear to the East Utica Community with the Furniture Store. It took me forever to realize their last name was NOT GRAZIANO! My heart is saddened today, unfortunately I have regret and wish I took the time out of my busy schedule to see someone who meant the world to me. Please know my thoughts, and prayers are with you. I love you all!##imported-begin##Lisa Piazza##imported-end##

March 21, 2008 at 02:58 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy in Rose's passing. Another Graziano Patriarch leaves us. Let us all remember the good times at the large Graziano picnics, when all of our parents were in the prime of their life. They are surely missed but not forgotten. Let us keep in mind the promise from our Lord, at Rev. 21:3,4: ' God will wipe out sickness and death " , at the fulfillment of the Our Father Prayer. Miss you all, living in North Carolina. (LITTLE NINO)###imported-begin##Anthony R Spina Jr & Maryann##imported-end##

March 21, 2008 at 08:04 AM



“ Alaina and family

My sincere sympathy at your time of loss of Rose. She is now with Jesus in His many mansions. May you seek comfort in the arms of the Lord. God Bless.###imported-begin##Lorena##imported-end##

March 20, 2008 at 10:43 PM