



## Rose (Cucharale) Levito

August 17, 1907 - February 24, 2006

Mrs. Rose (Cucharale) Levito, age 98, a longtime Utican who most recently resided in Port Orange, FL with her niece, Melanie, and Melanie's husband, Tom, passed away there on Friday, February 24, 2006. Born in Italy on August 17, 1907, Rose was the daughter of the late Antonio and Marie Angela (Pandolf) Cucharale. After coming with her family to the U.S. when she was a child, she was raised and educated in Utica. It was in St. Anthony of Padua Church in 1949 that she married Peter Levito. As a couple who were devoted to one another, Rose and Peter shared a 21-year union prior to his passing on February 27, 1970. Always a dedicated and conscientious homemaker, Rose was also loved and respected as the matriarch of the family. Gifted with a compassionate and understanding nature that endeared her to her loved ones, she also possessed great strength of character and an independent spirit, qualities that were evident in her actions, in her attitudes and in her thought processes. One of Rose's favorite pastimes was traveling. She belonged to the East Utica Senior Center and was a communicant of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Mrs. Levito is survived by two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carmela and Anthony Etergineoso of Tamarac, FL, and Philomena MacCrea of Utica; and a brother and sister-in-law, Rocco and Lena Cucharale of Frankfort. Her survivors also include many nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Melanie Bell and Sharon MacCrea; and numerous great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by three brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Florence Cucharale, Nicholas and

Dorothy Cucharale, and Henry and Mary Ann Cuchiarale; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Nicholas Pepperine; and her in-laws, Angelo Grande and Harold MacCrea. The family offers its sincere appreciation to the staff of the Port Orange Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility for their compassion and care in attending Rose. Her time in Florida was truly blessed with many wonderful friends and excellent caregivers. Special thanks is extended to Antoinette Rizzo, a longtime friend of Rose's, for her continued personal contact. Visitation will take place today (Tuesday) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Rose's honor to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mrs. Levito's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.