



## Rose M. (Arcuri) Elefante Rescigno

January 6, 1930 - August 12, 2022

UTICA - Rose M. (Arcuri) Elefante Rescigno, age 92, passed away on Friday, August 12, 2022 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 6, 1930, Rose was the daughter of the late Joseph D. and Petronella (Nicotera) Arcuri. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. Her eldest son, Patrick, was born from a previous marriage to Louis Elefante. She shared in a second union with Gerald A. Rescigno, bringing her youngest son, Nicholas, into her life. From those relationships came the blessings of Rose's two proudest achievements, her children.

She hailed from a wonderfully large family well known and loved in the Utica area and was proud of her mom and dad, first generation Italians who gave her and her siblings their values. Rose always remembered the 5 banners with stars her parents displayed in the front window denoting that her 5 brothers were in service at the same time; all of whom returned home safely. Their homestead was warm and welcoming and always the bustling hub for lunch or dinner gatherings, family meals made of secret family sauce recipes, and always served with a mother's love.

Rose was humble, selfless, resilient, and proud which were accolades bestowed to her life. She mixed what she learned as one of 14 children with her own inherent parental style, and applied it to raising her own children, and to the long life that God graced her. Given her maternal nature, Rose was meant to be a mother. She embraced the ethics of her family's core values,

integrity of character, and belief in a religious creed, virtues that she instilled in her sons.

As a single mother, Rose entered the workforce as an assembler with the General Electric Company at the French Road location. She was subsequently employed as a waitress at the Club House of Vernon Downs, the 'Home of the Miracle Mile'. Lastly, she worked as a cashier at Chanatry's Market on Albany Street until her retirement

Lovingly referred to as "Aunt Rosie" by everyone in East Utica, she was a beloved fixture in the neighborhood. She enjoyed everything that came with being a part of a large family and looked forward to celebrating the holidays, summer picnics, and family reunions. Her pastimes included listening to the Italian American Hour on the radio and trying to grow the juiciest heirloom tomatoes.

Later in life, Rose found her way to the Casino where her favorite game was "Wheel of Fortune" and she knew the sounds of the bells of her winning spins! At home, her "Pug" Chippy brought her great companionship and she catered to his every whim. The similarities they shared were uncanny and he made her life a brighter world. She was also wickedly funny, naturally beautiful, and fiercely engaging. She socialized most often with family members since they were so close-knit, and they were their own clan!

Among her altruistic acts, Rose donated her time and love as a Foster Grandparent. She adored and cherished the children she cared for, and she became part of their families. It was a perfect way to express and extend her motherly compassion. She also enjoyed her time spent volunteering at the Masonic Care Community. Rose had a personal relationship with the Lord. Rose was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Rose is survived by her two sons and daughter-in-law, Patrick L. Elefante, and Nicholas Rescigno and her cherished daughter-in-law, Belle Maximo. Both of her sons and daughter-in-law did their very best to care for the physical and wellbeing of their Mom. She will be remembered by her 5 grandchildren and their respective partners, Patrick N. Elefante, Jessica Elefante Davis and

fiancé Michael McFerran, Andrew Elefante and his wife Alexandra Hanretty, Hilarie Elefante, Halley Elefante and fiancé Chris Bougeokies; and seven great-grandchildren who were the apple of her eye, Gavin Elefante/US Army, and Isabella Elefante; Hays Davis, and Beau McFerran; Benjamin Elefante, and twins Cecilia and Nicholas Elefante. Many would remember this large and extended Arcuri family. "Rosie" is survived by her sister, Janet Cannistra (and her late husband Anthony F. Cannistra), and her brother, Raymond Arcuri (and his late wife Sally Arcuri). She was preceded by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Antoinette "Lalla" and Robert "Bob" Durante, Josephine and Vincent "Jim" Zegarelli, Congetta "Connie" Rotach-Marine and Clyde Rotach, Mary Kaufman, and Amelia "Mal" and Francis "Butch" Jones; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Salvatore "Savy" and Kathleen "Kay" Arcuri, Victor "Vito" and Doris Arcuri, Dominick "Babe" and Elvira "Mollie" Arcuri, Nicholas L. Sr. and Florence Arcuri, Peter and Mary Arcuri, and Alexander "Allie" and Marianne Arcuri. She lost several other siblings who passed in infancy. She will also be remembered by her cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and the many family members and friends who blessed her life. She was predeceased by her nieces, Cheryl Yozzo, Mary Anne Damuth, and Shirley Cannistra; nephews, Salvatore Arcuri Jr., Joseph "Joe Black" Arcuri, Alexander "Alex" Arcuri Jr., Gerald R. "Jerry" Rotach, and Daniel Arcuri; as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews.

The family extends their thanks to the numerous physicians who cared for Rose, especially Dr. John Pylman; the staff of Cedarbrook Village at Sitrin Health Care Center who were amazing and so attentive to the needs of Rose; from Management, to nurses, aides, and the Dietary staff for being so friendly and gentle. A special thank you is offered from her sons to those who came to visit and brightened Rose's days.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rose's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial which will commence on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an

opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of services. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Rose's memory may make a contribution to the continuing research of the congenital heart defect (HLHS) Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, to help a cause she was very invested in during her final days, her youngest great grandchild, Beau. Donations can be made online at <https://www.childrensheartfoundation.org>. Envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment 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

JA

“ *Patrick, Nicky and family,  
My deepest condolences,*

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**Joseph J Arcuri** - September 06, 2022 at 04:56 PM

DA

“ *Patrick and Nicky,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. You can take heart in knowing what a wonderful person your mother was. Even once Judy and I moved to Virginia we tried to see Aunt Roise whenever we could when we were home for a visit. We always enjoyed seeing her. When dad passed, we still looked forward to seeing her when we could and keeping up to date with all the news about the family. We will certainly miss her and that connection as well. You have our deepest sympathies.  
Dominick "Babe", Judy and family and Sandy Arcuri*

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**Dominick Arcuri** - August 22, 2022 at 07:59 PM

MM

“ My mama Rose , tomorrow I say goodbye for now . You Rest In Peace in the joy of the Lord . 🙏

What a delight to have known such a wonderful parent such as you are , giving and loving to your children , Last April that I was here with you , I witnessed how big your heart is for Nick and me , by simply being in the moment those 2 full weeks with you , you never took a nap , because you wanted us by your side . what a blessing to be conversing , laughing with you , because you had good sense of humor , then having meals together , the greens , meatballs , bread and florentine desserts , (yummy to the tummy ). We did our short prayers in the middle of the day , ( the best part of the day ) . As early as 5Pm you asked me , what do I wear for sleeping ? And you always wanted your favorite flowered night gown ... Mom it's in the washer , haha ... and the best part is when I tucked you in at night and we blessed each other goodnight . But there is this one last “Bump me up “ request that I can do and Nick can't ever get it right .. lol ... but it's just a push really but if you're happy , I am happy .. and Yes mama , we will be calling you at 8Am , to wake you up for another day of more lovings ...

Mama , we had a video in 2017 , and you said , I love you Belle forever , and A Day !

You pulled through , August 12 , 2022 , you waited for a whole day for me to come and said our goodbyes about 11:40 Pm , close to an hour , you listened and prayed with me the rosary and the Divine Chaplet . The most beautiful part , it was the super moon and the light was

Straight down to your room lighting up your path to heaven . What a glorious night . Thank you Jesus Mary and Joseph for her beautiful life .

I love you forever and a day !💕💕

Belle and nick

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maria maximo - August 21, 2022 at 10:25 AM

JA

“ Patrick and Nicky, we are so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a warm and friendly women who always welcomed her friends and family. We have good memories of her at the many family gatherings she attended. We send our love and warm wishes to you and your families.

Love,  
John and Angela Arcuri

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John and Angela Arcuri - August 18, 2022 at 04:12 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose M. (Arcuri) Elefante Rescigno.



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August 17, 2022 at 07:04 PM

GI

“ What a remarkable, funny, sassy, lovely woman! She was always so sweet and welcoming. We're grateful to have been a part of her world. Sending all our love to the family.

Love,

Gia and Kris

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gia - August 17, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rose M. (Arcuri) Elefante Rescigno.



August 17, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ Sending my condolences and love to Nicky and Patrick and their families. I will miss Aunt Rosie. I have so many fond and funny memories of her at our Arcuri family picnics/reunion. Aunt Rosie had so much love and warmth for everyone. Rest In Peace Aunt Rosie.

Sue Sardina - August 17, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ To the family of Rosie,  
I send my deepest condolences to all of you. I had the pleasure of caring for Rosie at Cedarbrook. Rosie had such a beautiful laugh and told the best life stories. We shared many beautiful conversations together during her time at Cedarbrook. May Rosie Rest in Peace and fly with the angels above.  
Love Debbie Rivera

Deborah Rivera - August 17, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Rose M. (Arcuri) Elefante Rescigno



Chris Conway - August 16, 2022 at 04:57 PM



“ Pat & Nicky -

*My genuine sympathy on the loss of your beloved Mom. Mrs. Rescigno is one in a long line of the finest 'mothers' of my, Gerald, and 'lil sis TC's friends. She always wore a smile and warmly welcomed us upon arriving at her home on Culver Ave to call on Nicky. Soon after my injury and returning home from 6 months of rehab in April 1975, Mrs. Rescigno invited us Plante kids to Summer family bar-b-ques. That generous and kind act helped me reacclimate to the Old Neighborhood with our friends in a new, changed way. Blessings aplenty to her grandchildren and extended large family.*

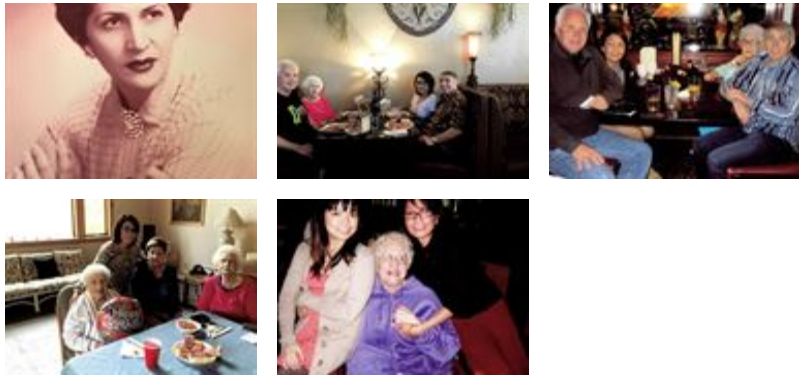
*Girard A. Plante  
Newton, Mass.*

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**Girard A. Plante** - August 16, 2022 at 04:53 PM



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - August 16, 2022 at 12:57 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your Mom and sister, and grandmother. She was a wonderful friend and always made us laugh. She even called me earlier this year just because she was thinking of me and Babe. We will miss her. Rest In Peace , dear friend. Love Babe and Joanne Cannistra.

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**Mr and Mrs Babe Cannistra** - August 16, 2022 at 12:03 AM

LT

“ I always enjoyed Aunt Rosie's company. She was hysterical. Special mention has to go to her special use of a bag of pastina. She also was a joy for those waiting in Line at Chanatry's in East Utica, way back when. I hope that she and "Pookie" are enjoying themselves somewhere up high. My condolences to the family.

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**Lynne Toussaint** - August 15, 2022 at 09:21 PM