



Rose F. (Vasallo) Salerno

March 21, 1921 - June 20, 2009

Mrs. Rose F. (Vassallo) Salerno, age 88, of New Hartford, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Siegenthaler Residential Hospice Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on March 21, 1921, Rose was the daughter of the late John and Josephine (Graziano) Vassallo. She was raised in Utica and attended local schools. In October of 1946 she married Vincent "Jim" Salerno. They shared 62 years of true companionship and were supportive parents who focused on the well being of their family.

Rose and Jim co-owned and operated the Super Value Food Market located at Seymour and Eagle Streets for 20 years. Their business was a family concern, and Rose embraced the responsibilities of cashier, greeter, and supporter of their endeavor. She also excelled in cooking and baking. She was a gracious and thoughtful grandma who adored her grandchildren and loved to hear the stories of her great-grandchildren.

Rose is survived by her husband, Jim; her daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Ron Romano of Ogdensburg, NY; her son, Joe Salerno and his partner, Alan Urek, of Philadelphia, PA; her grandchildren, Susie Romano, and Ronnie and Brandi Romano; and her great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Vincent, and Alexa Rose. Survivors also include her sister, Peppy Vassallo of Utica; and her brother and sister-in-law, Casper "Cappy" and Gloria Vassallo of New Hartford; her nieces, nephews, including Fr. Joe Salerno for whom she held a special fondness. She also leaves many special neighbors and loyal and

longtime friends who have been so supportive and have shared much kindness. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Anne and Sam Constabile; and her brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas J. and Julia L. Vassallo, Philip and Margaret Vassallo, and John and Lydia Vassallo.

The family is especially grateful for the compassionate care rendered by the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. which was exceptional and of great support. The last days of Rose's life were made most comfortable at the Siegenthaler Center where she was in the presence of wonderful caregivers who assisted her, as well as her family, through this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Rose's honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Rose's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by her nephew, Fr. Joseph Salerno. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Tribute Wall



“ *Jim and family,
I was so sorry to hear about Rose's passing. There are no magic words to take away the heartache of losing someone that you love. In time, it will become less heart-wrenching. There are so many pleasant memories of our families. They help, somehow.
Much love,
Marie and my father
Dominick Francavilla##imported-begin##Marie Dodge##imported-end##*

June 28, 2009 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dearest Jim, Cathy, and Joe , sorry to hear of the passing of Rose. I have so many fond memories of picnics we had with Gram Spina and my mom and dad. Rose and you, Jim always had a smile on your face. May god be with you at this time. Allow his strenght to help all of you through this. Love always Rosanne Spina Giardina##imported-begin##Rosanne Spina Giardina##imported-end##*

June 25, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ *Dear Jim and family,
We only lived at Wedgewood Apts. for two years down the hall from you, but, we will always remember Rose's smiling face and pleasant personality. We are so sorry for your loss. She was a great lady to her neighbors, and, I'm sure to the entire family. We have some very nice memories of our conversations with her. Keep well, Jim. Our prayers are with you.
Always, Frank and Antoinette, Palm Harbor, Florida##imported-begin##Francis and Antoinette Scalzo##imported-end##*

June 24, 2009 at 11:42 PM



“ *Jim and Family
We were sad to read about Rose's passing. Always enjoyed visiting when we were neighbors on Mohawk St. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Eternal Rest##imported-begin##Ed and Regina Childs##imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 11:58 AM



“ *Jim,
My Prayers of Comfort and Pleace.*

*Frank Annese
Ft Mitchell Ky.##imported-begin##Frank Annese Ft Mitchell
Ky##imported-end##*

June 22, 2009 at 09:48 PM



“ *Many years ago a beautiful lady asked me if it would be o.k. if she sat and waited for her husband, in the shoe department I managed at the old Steinbach's store. Well, these visits became a regular weekly treat for me. Through conversation we found we knew many people of the same people. She had even known my father as a child and he remembered her as the darling, wonderful woman that quickly became my dear friend. She told so many stories of Utica in earlier years and loving tales of her adored family. Rose was a happy woman and fulfilled in the life she lived. I loved our times and I will always realize the influence she had on me. She taught me to appreciate the simple things for they are the important things. Rose, heaven will brighten with your loveliness, may you rest in the sweetest peace.##imported-begin##Patricia Scalise##imported-end##*

June 22, 2009 at 11:21 AM



“ *DEAR "VINNY" AND FAMILY,*

I HAD HEARD FROM VICKIE ANDERSON THAT ROSE WAS NOT DOING WELL. STILL I WAS SO SAD TO READ THIS MORNING IN THE UTICAOD.COM THAT ROSE HAD PASSED. SHE WAS A VIBRANT LADY!! IT WAS A PLEASURE TO KNOW HER. SO MANY BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE FROM "OUR" BLDG. AT THE WEDGEWOOD GONE...YOUR ROSE, SAUL AND ELSIE, FRAN AND JENNY. I SEND HEARFELT SYMPATHY TO ALL OF YOUR FAMILY. BUT FOR ROSE...JOY!!!! SHE IS IN HEAVEN AND HURTING NO MORE.

DOTTIE##imported-begin##DOTTIE TALLINI, FORMERLY FROM "B" BLDG. WEDGEWOOD##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 10:04 AM



“ JIM & fAMILY ARTIE & I ARE VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS OF ROSIE SHE WAS A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL THAT KNEW HER YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS LOVE YOUR OLD FRIENDS MEL & ARTIE##imported-begin##MELODY VOLK & ARTIE CARDILLO##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 07:32 AM