



## Rosemary J. (Clerrico) Gatto

November 19, 1931 - October 31, 2011

Rosemary J. (Clerrico) Gatto, age 79, of N. Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 31, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on November 19, 1931, Rosemary was the daughter of the late Salvatore "Sam" and Rose (Graziano) Clerrico. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1949 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and also furthered her studies at the Utica School of Commerce. At one time, she was married to Joseph S. Gatto who passed away on October 12, 2001. To that relationship she knew the blessings of her three cherished children.

Many would remember Rosemary from the Utica City Court where she served as Deputy Traffic Clerk for over 30 years. She was well-suited for this position and enjoyed the camaraderie of her colleagues. She retired in the early 1990's. A serene and sociable woman, Rosemary possessed beauty and was noted for her fashionable ways. She was a progressive thinker and an accomplished

contemporary woman. She was a supportive mother who encouraged and respected her children, always catering to their culinary wishes which were vast. She recognized her ability to be a good friend and she enjoyed socializing with her friends at monthly dinners, prayer groups, and local artistic, theatrical, and musical performances. She herself was an ardent artist of watercolor paintings and attended classes at MWPAI; this talent was innate and developed in her childhood. She was spiritually renewed as a Eucharistic

Minister, and tended to the altar of her parish with much reverence.

Rosemary is survived by her daughters, Donna M. Gatto of Utica, and Lisa A. Gatto, of New York Mills; and her son, Joseph A. Gatto of CA. She also leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Michael J. Colacicco of Utica. She was also blessed with the companionship of her dogs, Annika (a therapy dog) and Roxanne (her baby girl). Also left to mourn her passing are her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Augustina Gussie” Brindisi. She was blessed with a host of friends, especially Sharon and Dick Raccioppa.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and staff of the Masonic Care Community of NY/Windom Household. They honored Rosemary as a family member during her stay. Thanks also to the personnel of the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center Critical Care Unit who were attentive and comforting to Rosemary’s needs.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Rosemary’s funeral service and Celebration

of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 4. 9:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rosemary J. (Clerrico) Gatto



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Donna, I'm so very sorry for your loss. I was not fortunate enough to have met her in person, but I hope I was able to rest her worries about her girls during a recent thunderstorm. Our prayers are with you and the family. Cher Ketchum

cher ketchum - November 05, 2011 at 12:24 PM

AS

“ Alison Sinnott lit a candle in memory of Rosemary J. (Clerrico) Gatto



Alison Sinnott - November 04, 2011 at 10:22 AM

DG

Donna & family we are saddened to read about your Mom our heartfelt prayers are with you--- always Dottie , Phylis & Marge your Wed Golf friends

Dorothy Grasso - November 04, 2011 at 11:52 AM

AS

“ Donna, so sorry for your loss. I'm wishing you all of the best in this terrible time.

*Alison Sinnott*

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**Alison Sinnott** - November 04, 2011 at 10:21 AM

KH

“ Donna and family,

*I am so glad that I was able to visit your mom at the Masonic Home when she felt comfortable there and was happy. I will always remember our tour with your mom of the indoor pond and waterfall with the turtles. That was such a nice time with your mom.*

*Sincerely, Karen Heinlein*

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**Karen Heinlein** - November 04, 2011 at 07:20 AM

JF

“ Roe was a great person, could tell a great joke and was a fantastic cook. She also was a huge animal lover. I will never forget her when I started working at City Court - she was a riot. We had a lot of laughs over the years and enjoyed our monthly dinner dates with the "club" She was a mother that I wish I had. Rest in peace my friend - I will miss you. Jodi & Bob Flo

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**Jodi Flo** - November 02, 2011 at 09:49 PM

LH

“*Rosemary was a great person and friend. She welcomed everyone into her life and into her home. There are so many good times that we spent together, just her and I, but also with the "girls". We all loved to go to her house. She always welcomed everyone with delicious food (she was a great cook). She always would tell us the funniest stories and jokes. Many times we would go out for dinner and in the earlier days for some drinks and a little dancing. I know that I will miss her very much, but I'm so glad and honored to be "one of her friends". RIP my dear, beautiful friend. You will never be forgotten. To her 3 children, always remember how much your Mother loved you and was so proud of each and every one of you.*

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**Lois Hoyle** - November 02, 2011 at 09:39 PM