



Rosemary E. "Ro" (Curri) Velardi

June 23, 1928 - November 22, 2006

Rosemary "Ro" (Curri) Velardi, age 78, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2006, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center surrounded by her loving family. Born in Utica on June 23, 1928, Rosemary was the daughter of the late Antonio Curri and Vita Marie (Turi) Curri; and the sister of the late Nicholas R. Curri. The family is comforted that she is now reunited with them. She was raised and educated locally. Rosemary worked outside of the home at Proctor High School and later at Donovan Jr. High School, from where she retired almost two years ago. She had a strong work ethic which was instilled in her by her parents who, as young teens, immigrated to America from Alberobello, a Province of Bari, Italy. Rosemary's primary focus was her five children, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a warm-hearted woman who truly was a devoted mother and grandmother. A generous and decent woman, her attention to other's needs was unsurpassed. Her finest qualities were her unconditional love and humor. During her leisure time, she enjoyed being with her life-long friend, Julia Mastrovito, her friend, Gloria Pannofino, her cousin, Pauline Stemmer, and other dear friends too numerous to mention. She was a member of the local Sons of Italy and American Legion and enjoyed attending dances and social gatherings at both societies. But her greatest recreational happiness was derived from donating her time to the Saints Cosmo and Damiano Chapel Shrine on Kossuth Ave. She had a devout belief in her Lord and the Saints. Rosemary is survived by her five children: Salvatore Velardi of Connecticut,

Jacqueline (Velardi) Pepperine, Anthony "Tony" Velardi, and Dominick Velardi, all of Utica, and Jamelyn "Jamie" (Velardi) Hopsicker of Whitesboro. She is also survived by her loving daughter-in-law, Kelly (O'Toole) Velardi; and a son-in-law, Glenn Hopsicker, who she loved and appreciated. In addition, she leaves her much adored grandchildren, Jeffrey Velardi, Tracy Velardi, Michael Pepperine, Jason Velardi, Rebecca Pepperine, Daniel Velardi, Nicholas Velardi, Aaron Velardi, Bradley Velardi, Tony Velardi, Jr., and Christopher Velardi; and her great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and a cherished family pet, Spencer. While living in Utica, Rosemary was blessed with many friends and neighbors. The entire family is grateful for all the support, well-wishes, and prayers offered by friends and relatives during their time of need. The family also thanks the compassionate staff and physicians at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for the excellent care and concern they offered Rosemary and her family. Visitation will be held today (Friday) from 5-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Rosemary's funeral will commence on Saturday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Agnes Church, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

NOV 25. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
700 Kossuth Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Jackie and family,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. It has been so many years but there are certain people who you don't forget and your family is one of them.##imported-begin##debbie indolfi##imported-end##

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“ Jacqueline, I am so very sorry about Nanski. There are no words that can give you comfort and the family comfort. We all had a lot of fun times together. All of these fond memories will be greatly missed. I will miss her.##imported-begin##Satyapriya (Satch) Vidyarthi##imported-end##

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“ Jackie and Family,

I am so sorry about your mother - she was such a special person to me when I worked with her at Donovan. What a great woman she was and will always be remembered for her generosity, patience, and kindness.

*My thoughts are with you all,
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“ Dear Ms. Jackie

We are very sorry about the untimely death of your mom. We miss you.

Shaquelle, Cheryl, Emira, Jessica, Raheem, Russell, Cliff, Chris, and Frank###imported-begin##STEP CLASS##imported-end##

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“ Jackie & Family

There are no words that one can find at this time to comfort you and yours. Your mom will always hold a special place in my heart for all the kindnesses she showed my son during his stay at Donovan. She always found the positive in a negative situation.

I'll always remember her loving words and kindness as well as her wonderful sense of humor. In her loving way she always told me I was fresh and then we'd laugh. Of late she told Jackie she'd better be nice to me. That was your mom, always looking out for everyone else. For me, she was always the security guard of choice, because she'd always approach the kids with some words of wisdom and kindness. I always told her that she reminded me of her mom because she too was short like my mom and good things always come in small packages.

Rosemary Velardi was small in stature but big in heart and kindness.

Always remember your mom for the good times and for the wonderful role model that she was not only for you and yours, but for all the people whose lives she touched.

May you and yours be comforted by the love and thoughts of others and by the love and legacy that your beloved mom left behind.

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