



Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto

October 16, 1923 - July 12, 2011

Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto, age 87, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her family by her side. Born in Burlington, Vermont on October 16, 1923, Ruth was the daughter of the late Hubert and Illa (Whalley) Lewis. She was raised and educated in Charlotte, Vermont. She was married to Michael DiBenedetto with whom she shared a happy and loving marriage until his passing in 1962.

For a time, Ruth worked at area industries including Dunlop Tires, General Electric, and Joseph & Feiss Co. A supportive person, she protected the weaknesses of others to allow them to grow with self-assurance. Ruth was strong by nature, a matriarch who provided care and guidance for her family. She loved to cook, especially ethnic Irish and Italian dishes, and homemade tomato pie for the younger members of the family. She was of the Catholic faith.

Ruth is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Gerald Sr. and Marie Dion of Utica; her daughter, Ruth DiMasse and special friend Mike Ryan of Utica; her grandchildren, Gerald Dion, Jr., Maria Dion and fiancé Rob Almond, Geraldine, Bernadette, and Karen; Wendy and Pat Giruzzi; Michael DiMasse; and Sam I. DiMasse and Lisa Santiago; and her many great-grandchildren including Krista, Audriana, Daniella, Giana, Patrick, Parker, Joshua, Justin, and Tyler. She also leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Rocco Gigliotti of Utica; many nieces and nephews including Kathy, Susan, and Frank; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Arlene Lewis

of VT. She was pre-deceased by her brother, Hugh Lewis, and her sisters. Gerald would like to personally thank Eyvette Donohue who would care for Ruth when he was not able to.

The family will honor Ruth's life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a prayer service which will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:15 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Committal prayers and interment will follow graveside at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Service

JUL 15. 1:15 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Maria, Audriana, Daniella, Gianna lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto*



Maria, Audriana, Daniella, Gianna - September 24, 2014 at 06:40 AM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto*



Don Marino - July 16, 2011 at 10:42 AM

DM

Ruth & family...I'm very sorry to hear of Mom's passing...former Lansing Street neighbor.

Don Marino - July 16, 2011 at 10:43 AM

KA

“ *Sent a gift in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto*



Kathy - July 15, 2011 at 08:51 AM

FG

“ Frank Gigliotti lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto



Frank Gigliotti - July 15, 2011 at 06:17 AM

WG

“ Wendy Giruzzi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto



Wendy Giruzzi - July 14, 2011 at 07:23 PM

KA

“ Lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ruth E. (Lewis) DiBenedetto



Kathy - July 14, 2011 at 05:10 PM

KA

“ I remember her sparkling blue eyes.Her can do spirit.signing and playing the spoons.Her cooking.Nothing could compare to her pies.Her loyalty to family.I will miss her very much.She had a charisma that could not be denied.

Kathy - July 14, 2011 at 05:07 PM