



Sandra A. (Creo) Cupolo

August 15, 1937 - July 17, 2016

Sandra A. (Creo) Cupolo, age 78, went home to the Lord as she passed away on Sunday, July 17, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center embraced by her loved ones who were at her side.

Born in Minturino, Italy on August 15, 1937, Sandra was the daughter of the late Giovanni and Estherina (Traglia) Creo. She was raised and educated in Italy, and in May of 1955 at the age of 18 she immigrated to America and settled in Utica with a vision of a better life. On July 6, 1957 she married Frank J. Cupolo and to that relationship came the blessing of 6 children. He passed away in 1996.

Sandra was a highly skilled, self-taught seamstress. She perfected her trade through positions with various companies which led her to establish her own business, Sandra's Alterations located on Mohawk Street. She was adored by her patrons, not only for her impeccable work, but also for her perky personality. Even after her retirement, she accommodated her customers' needs from her home. She was a hard worker, a selfless woman, and a generous soul. She was honest and ready to advise with words of wisdom. She displayed hospitality and was a very sociable woman. Sandra boasted a great sense of humor and a sensitivity as hard as nails. She would not be unruffled, even when the intention was directed towards her! Sandra was a private person regarding her own persona, but was a proud and boastful person when it came to her loved ones who were the heart of her life. She willingly put their needs before her own, always. Holidays were always at

Mom's, a place where traditions were important and lasagna was the best! She had a passion for preparing plentiful, tasty meals with farm-fresh ingredients. As a relaxing pastime, she enjoyed visits to Turning Stone. As a mother, Sandra was protective and supportive, but realistic. She respected her children as well as those who married into the family, and the generations that followed. She loved them all as her own and wanted them to be moral, respectable adults. She lived to witness this wish come true. She cherished a gift of love from her children, a gift that touched her soul — a trip to her homeland — Italy. Sandra prayed daily, and her faith and moral compass guided her life. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Sandra is survived by her children and their loves, Joseph F. Cupolo, Adeline "Adele" Altieri, Giovanni "John" and Sandra L. Cupolo, Roger T. Cupolo, Esther Gregory, and Michele Philipson; her 10 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; her sisters and brother-in-law, Lena Creo, Gianina "Jenny" Creo, and Antoinette and Thomas Morosco; and her brother and sister-in-law, Gabriel and Elizabeth Creo. She will also be remembered by her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brother-in-law, Roger Goff; and her closest and dearest friend and neighbor, Jackie King. She was predeceased by her brother and sisters-in-law Frank "Ciccio" and Aclidia Creo, John "Patsy" and Anna Creo, and sister and brother-in-law Pina and Reno DeRosa.

The family is grateful to the physicians, surgeons, and the entire staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially the Intensive Care Unit for the outstanding care rendered to Sandy and her family.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Sandra's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Please refrain from floral offerings and honor Sandra's memory with a donation to the St. Jude Children's Research

Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place graveside in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Adele and family. We were saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful person. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Judy and Louie Franz

Judy Franz - July 26, 2016 at 10:44 PM

DD

“ My deepest sympathy Goes out to the entire family Sandra was a wonderful person. You are in my prayers and thoughts.
Donna Magaro

donna magaro dye - July 22, 2016 at 07:21 AM

VM

“ Adele, Anthony and family,

Our deepest sympathy goes out to you all.
A mother's bond is eternal and nothing can alter it.
She remains in your heart and lives on through her loved ones.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

John, Vickie and Family

Vickie Maio - July 21, 2016 at 08:34 PM

JC

“ I am so sorry to open the paper and see that Sandra passed away. I was a customer of hers for a long time. She always came through for me in my many "fashion emergencies". I always enjoyed our talks while she was doing my alterations. I am so sorry for your loss. May time heal your hearts.

*Deepest Sympathies,
Jackie (Castronovo) Capuana*

Jackie Capuana - July 20, 2016 at 05:50 PM

BO

“ To the entire Cupulo Family, your mother Sandy was a special woman and will be missed dearly. She was a good friend of my mother and aunts and I have very fond memories of her. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers, may she RIP.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - July 20, 2016 at 12:59 PM

MD

“ Sandra was a wonderful, talented woman who would light a room up with her smile. I loved the way she would say my name with her accent, like the "r" in Marlo wasn't even there 🙄 God bless you and rest in peace. Marlo Parrotta Dimeo

marlo dimeo - July 20, 2016 at 12:27 PM

JP

“ Jacqueline Passalacqua lit a candle in memory of Sandra A. (Creo) Cupolo



Jacqueline Passalacqua - July 20, 2016 at 05:27 AM

JP

Very sorry to hear of your mothers (grandmothers) passing. Please accept my condolences in this time of sorrow.

Jacqueline Passalacqua - July 20, 2016 at 05:34 AM

TF

*Michelle, John, Adele, Zoe, and Andrew, and family
Our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Sandra. She was a lovely person and always made us laugh when we were around her. It is never easy losing a parent especially a mother. God Bless.*

*The Klimacek Family
Bill, Patty, John, and Katie*

The Klimacek Family - July 20, 2016 at 07:22 AM

GO

To the Cupolo and Creo Family, So sorry to hear about the loss of Sandy she was a great woman and we had some great times together. Sandy may you rest in peace. Gary Ollerenshaw

Gary Ollerenshaw - July 24, 2016 at 06:07 PM

CO

“ Sandra was a beautiful woman with a huge heart and beautiful smile. I have know her many years and will miss stopping by to say hi when passing by the house or a quick wave. She was a very hardworking woman and loved by her family so much. God bless sweet angel. Cindy Outtrim

Cindy Outtrim - July 19, 2016 at 05:09 PM

RK

“ To the Cupolo Family, I'm so very sorry for the loss of Sandra. She was a very special and beautiful woman and will be greatly missed. Love you All, Robin M Kennedy



Robin M Kennedy - July 19, 2016 at 02:52 PM

BM

“ *Im gonna miss you and your laugh, your homemade cavatelli's and those Christmas dinners. Your now in heaven with your family and my sister and our Lord Jesus..... wait for me.*



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!
I follow the plan God laid for me.
I saw His face, I heard His call,
I took His hand and left it all...
I could not stay another day,
To love, to laugh, to work or play;
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
And if my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...
Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.
My life's been full, I've savoured much:
Good times, good friends, a loved-one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—
Don't shorten yours with undue grief.
Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,
Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow.*

Bernard Morosco - July 19, 2016 at 10:31 AM

CG

“ *Cindy Goff lit a candle in memory of Sandra A. (Creo) Cupolo*



Cindy Goff - July 19, 2016 at 09:26 AM

MT

“ Roger, Esther, Michele and Family,
I am so heartbroken to see this. Your mother was one of the
greatest women I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Nothing I can
say can come close to telling you how sorry I am for your loss.
Please know that I am here if you need anything at all. RIP Sandra,
you were truly one of a kind.

Maryrose (Percola) Tucker

Maryrose Tucker - July 19, 2016 at 09:09 AM

LS

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said what she believed and loved her family
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Adele went to her apartment and the freezer broke and to her
surprise the apartment wasn't in a good condition. Poor Adele.
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home. I know how close your where to your mom and my heart
goes out to you. Love you. May she rest in peace and guide you
and your family always. Linda Sciortino and family.



linda sciortino - July 19, 2016 at 08:41 AM

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linda sciortino - July 19, 2016 at 08:38 AM

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linda sciortino - July 19, 2016 at 07:53 AM

LR

“ Your Mom was so welcoming to me when I first met Bernie. She told me so many great stories many of which made me laugh! God rest her soul, I will miss her larger than life presence.

Lisa Roach - July 18, 2016 at 10:11 PM