



Mrs. Sara M. (Scalzo) Pezzulo

October 21, 1927 - January 12, 2021

UTICA - Mrs. Sara M. (Scalzo) Pezzulo, age 93, was reunited with her Lord and her family when she passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

Born in Utica on October 21, 1927, Sara was the daughter of the late Anthony and Maria Fortunata (Pingitore) Scalzo. She was raised and educated locally.

On August 17, 1948 she married Michael N. Pezzulo with whom she shared 48 years prior to his passing on November 9, 1996.

She was very devoted to her family, especially her grandson Robert Michael. He was grandma's "little bambino", and her world revolved around him. She doted upon him, shared her wisdom with him, and bestowed to him meaningful gifts of love that endeared his heart and enhanced his life.

Sara made the best lemon pepper chicken and potatoes, she roasted her green peppers which created the most awesome smell in the house, then added crusty Italian bread to make the best sandwich anyone could want. She was the quintessential Italian grandma who intuitively knew that food was a "way to the soul". She embraced the simple rituals that were set in stone, and she led a simple, predictable life that spanned an unpredictable nine decades! A fastidious housekeeper, Sara was 'tidy as can be' because her mission was "clean, clean, clean!" Her personal presentation and apparel also reflected her pristine image to the very end. She was of the Catholic faith.

Sara was preceded in death by her daughter, Maureen Pezzulo on April 30, 2018. She is survived by her beloved grandson, Robert Michael Meacham; and son-in-law, George Schlotterer. She also leaves many nieces and

nephews, especially acknowledging Melloney Hathaway, Charlain Greene, Michael Nasto, and Carol Zegarelli; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Augustine "Augie" Zegarelli, Theresa and Bill Ransom, Antoinette and Austin Giordano, and Carmella "Cora" and Michael Nasto; brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Sarah Scalzo, Sam Scalzo, and Peter Scalzo; and her in-laws, Anthony and Lena Pezzulo, Vincent Pezzulo, Nicholas and Mary Pezzulo, Stephen and Lillian Pezzulo, Ursula and Michael Nasto, Caroline "Lillian" Pezzulo, Mary DeMarco, and Carmella "Pudgy" and Matteo DeCola.

The family extends their appreciation to the Katherine Luther Residential Health Care & Rehabilitation Center for the kind care rendered to Sara during her stay.

Memories of Sara will live in the hearts of her loved ones. Relatives and friends are respectively invited to attend Sara's Celebratory Committal prayers which will commence on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10:00 at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum Chapel in Calvary Cemetery. Face masks are required and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Sara's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Committal Prayers

JAN 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PD

“ To the Pezzulo family,
Our deepest condolences to the loss of a loving family member.
With sympathy,
Peter & Anna Marie Decker

Peter Decker - January 21, 2021 at 08:32 AM

JC

“ To the family of Sarah, we'd like to express our condolences. I'm am one of her nieces Joanne Pezzulo Cannistra. I have very fond memories of her and Uncle Mike. I also miss my cousin Maureen. I only heard wonderful things about you Rob and George. Because of COVID, my husband Babe and I are unable to attend her services because we are elderly, we think it wise not to attend. Our love and prayers are with all of you. God Bless , cousin Joanne & Babe Cannistra. 🙏💜

James (Babe & Joanne) Cannistra - January 20, 2021 at 11:33 PM

MN

“ We are all so sorry to hear of Aunt Sara's passing. She had a great laugh and a beautiful smile. I have no doubt she is in Heaven with Mike and Maureen and all her heavenly family.
The Michael Nasto Jr family (Margaret, Laura (Weaver) and Kathryn.

Margaret Nasto - January 20, 2021 at 10:33 PM

DC

“ I knew Sara when I worked @ the Lutheran Home. She was a sweet woman & always made sure she looked 'just right' before she came out for breakfast. She put a smile on my face every morning I was there. I'm glad her family had so many years with her. God Bless you all. Donna Cieslak

Donna Cieslak - January 20, 2021 at 10:02 PM

MS

“ So sorry to learn of Aunt Sara's passing. She was a kind and classy lady. My heartfelt sympathies to her family.

Maria Salamida - January 20, 2021 at 07:19 PM

NI

“ Robert, you were blessed with a wonderful grandmother. At various family functions, we were always assured of a good time with Aunt Sara especially at Mark Scalzo's house when we all got together as a family. We had a blast. May she meet up with uncle Mike and have great meatball sandwiches together
God Bless Nick and Rosemary Pezzulo

NICK - January 19, 2021 at 06:38 PM

BP

Rob, so sorry for your lost. Just like you my grandson is my world too. When I lived in Utica going to Saint Anthony's church, Aunt Sara was always dressed so stylish. Unfortunate i am unable to attend her services but will be praying for you all. God Bless. Cousin Beverly Poccia.

Beverly Pezzulo Poccia - January 19, 2021 at 09:45 PM