



Mrs. Teresa M. (Cicccone) Pecorello

August 6, 1929 - September 26, 2017

Utica/Pineville, NC - Mrs. Teresa M. (Cicccone) Pecorello, age 88, went home to those who preceded her when she passed away while residing in close proximity to her daughter Joanne and her husband Dave of South Carolina. Born in Utica on August 6, 1929, Teresa was the daughter of the late Alexander and Josephine (Ioia) Cicccone. On April 7, 1951 she married Anthony S. "Tony" Pecorello with whom she shared 58 years in a marriage. They took pride in each other's talents. Tony passed away on October 15, 2009.

Teresa was an exemplary mom and a wonderful wife. She took an intense interest in her children's activities and was meticulous in the manner of her appearance and the maintenance of her home. She was blessed with a generous spirit and a compassionate heart and her door was always open. She wrote poetry that often became lyrics to songs that Tony played on the piano. Her pride also extended to both of her daughters who became accomplished pianists, teachers and writers. Teresa nurtured their talents from when they were young and they were grateful to her throughout their lives. Holidays at Teresa's home were memorable and all were welcome. They were filled with laughter, music, playing games and spending time with family and friends.

Teresa had an artistic ability in crocheting and knitting with a specialty in afghans — and everyone had one! She wanted to stay young at heart and mind, so she embraced technology by learning to use an iPad, a way to keep

in touch with loved ones and play a game or two.

Teresa was a longtime parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. She believed in guardian angels and gave friends and family 'angel pins' as a spiritual inspiration of kindness.

Teresa is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Joanne and David Barnaba of South Carolina, and Jeanette and Michael Swiderski of Sauquoit; her grandchildren, David and Tara Barnaba, Daniel Barnaba, and Alexandra Barnaba; Pamela Knopka, John Swiderski/Ret. US Air Force and his wife Cassandra, Christopher Swiderski, and Thomas "TJ" Swiderski; her great-grandchildren, Kierra and Jacob; Tyler; Gabe, and Parker; and Clara; and her sister, Ferdy Demarais. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Marguerite Scotellaro, Joan Pecorello, and Kelly Pecorello; and her dear friend, Anne Brown with whom she had the pleasure of sharing phone conversations. She was predeceased by her sisters and brother-in-law, Eleanor Ciccone, and Gloria and Rocco Ambruso and Ernest Demarais; her brothers, John Ciccone, Louis Ciccone; and her in-laws, Gerard Sr. and Bernice Pecorello, Arthur Pecorello, Edward Pecorello, Jeanette Talley-Schmidt and husband Eugene, and Michael Scotellaro.

The family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Teresa's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee St., Utica, where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Cathy Manfredo-Smolinsky lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Teresa M. (Ciccone) Pecorello*



Cathy Manfredo-Smolinsky - October 05, 2017 at 07:22 PM

CM

Joanne, Jeanette and family: I am so sorry for the loss of your mother, she was truly a blessing to know !! Thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time !!

Cathy Manfredo-Smolinsky - October 05, 2017 at 07:27 PM

DC

“ *David and Sharron Ciccone purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Teresa M. (Ciccone) Pecorello.*



David and Sharron Ciccone - October 04, 2017 at 04:08 PM

BE

“ *Jeannette and Joanne, my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May your lovely mother rest in eternal peace. May God comfort and bless you at this sad time.*
Beth Evans

Beth Evans - October 03, 2017 at 10:58 AM

MH

“*Joanne, Jeanette and Pam (and your families),
Very sorry to hear that Aunt Teresa has passed. I have many nice
childhood memories walking to your house with my Mother from
Dudley to Neilson to visit. I can picture your house perfectly,
especially the playhouse in the backyard where we'd go to play.
Aunt Teresa was always sweet and nice to us kids. And, she
dressed to impress.
Sorry to see her leave her girls...
Love,
MaryRose*

maryrose hartnett - September 30, 2017 at 12:49 PM

DA

“*1 file added to the album Our Aunt Tessie*



Dawn - September 30, 2017 at 12:04 PM

 Cathy
Bilal

“ *Mrs. Teresa Pecorello was one of my favorite mothers of one of my best friends for 54 years! Although we hadn't seen each other much in recent years we were connected on Facebook and occasionally would write to each other. My Fondest Memories are of her inviting me over every Sunday for macaroni to sit with her beautiful family. It made me feel so special. As time went on Jeanette and I remained friends and had our little puppy loves . One boy in particular stood out in my mind and still makes me laugh. He was the one that Teresa said had "little hands".. so one day I walk into their formal living room to play the piano and I discovered a pair of cutout little hands that she had made and placed over the keyboard to make us laugh! We still laugh about it to this day Jeanette and I. It was one of the funniest things that ever happened at her house on Neilson Street. The laughs went on for days about that, even weeks! Then there was the time that she thought we got struck by lightning and disappeared when Jeanette and I were in the driveway on Irving Place and we moved the car.. She thought we disintegrated! And we laughed and laughed and laughed about that for years to come. She always called me (Catherine) by my full name. She always told me I was beautiful and she made me feel special. She had very strong family values and was the matriarch of her family. She will be dearly missed. To her family and to her extended family, I am very sorry for your loss. .*

Cathy Bilal - September 29, 2017 at 08:57 PM