



## Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana

January 22, 1917 - January 19, 2012

Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana, age 94, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, January 19, 2012, in the comfort of her daughter and son-in-law's home surrounded by the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on January 22, 1917, Thelma was the daughter of the late Anthony D. and Josephine "Jo" (Galotti) Pape. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. On February 12, 1947 she married Alfred "Fritz" Capuana with whom she shared 36 years until his passing on March 18, 1983; they were devoted in their commitment to each other and to family life.

Thelma's working days were diverse. She was a member of the office staff at Wonder Bakery, served in a secretarial position at the Oneida County Probation Department, and subsequently at the Oneida County Budget Department, the position from which she retired; she held a great admiration for the late Admiral William R. Cox who was her Supervisor. But Thelma's greatest vocation in life was being a mother to her daughters who were so devoted to her. She possessed an inner beauty and genuine concern for others which made her so available to be present to those she loved. She was a good listener, a wonderful caretaker, and was always dependable. She graciously accepted the changes that life and society presented her, and refrained from being judgmental.

Thelma is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara Jo and Richard Wehrle, Sr. who opened their home to Thelma these past few years,

Roseanne and Charles Bateman, Jr. of Kayuta Lake, and William "Bill" Battle, Sr. of Utica. Always close to her heart was the memory of her daughter, Carol M. Battle, who passed away on September 10, 2009. She also leaves her grandchildren, Retired UPD Richard A., Jr. and Gina (Ferris) Wehrle, Alfred Wehrle; Wendy Miga, Heather and Michael Delia, Charles G. Bateman III; William "Billy" Battle, Jr. and fiancée Melissa Furgol, Michael J. Battle, and Rochelle R. Battle; and her great-grandchildren, Andrew Alfred Wehrle, twins Angelina Rose and Nicholas Anthony Wehrle, Lilyana Marie Wehrle; Jeffrey Paul Miga, Joseph Francis Miga, Charlie Bateman; and twins Ellasandra and Michael Delia. Also surviving are her sister-in-law, Helen Jiampetro with whom she shared a close sisterhood; her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, notably Arlene and James Calabrese. During Thelma's life she knew the friendship of many wonderful people. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Orazio and Bernadette Capuana, Joseph and Alvera Capuana, Rose and Joseph Maurizio, and Dominick Jiampietro; cousins, Elizabeth "Betty" Centolella, and Antoinette Agosto; and most recently her dear friend and neighbor, Lillian Maugeri.

In addition to the devotion shared by her family, she was cared for by the outstanding staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., the Visiting Nurse Assn., and Dr. Christopher Clark whose tenderness brought much comfort. A special thank you is extended to her nephew, Sal Capuana who tended to Thelma's needs for many years.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. Thelma's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Rose Ann Clabrese lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



Rose Ann Clabrese - January 24, 2012 at 01:39 PM

NO

“ Nicole Orlowski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



nicole orlowski - January 24, 2012 at 10:00 AM

SC

“ Stephen Calabrese lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



Stephen Calabrese - January 23, 2012 at 07:22 PM



“ Cathy Drew-Egan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



Cathy Drew-Egan - January 23, 2012 at 07:08 PM

LE

“ We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Thelma was a beautiful woman with a kind heart. I have many fond memories of her and she will forever remain in my thoughts and prayers.



*With Love, Lena Nistico*

Lena - January 23, 2012 at 11:56 AM

JM

“ Thelma was such a beautiful woman. She will be sadly missed by many. I was lucky to be a part of her family for many years.

Jessica Meeker - January 23, 2012 at 08:24 AM

BM

“ *my gramma shared many memories with you missing her as you will be missed by your family and friends condolences to your family love bridget mathews sam montanaro*

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**bridget mathews** - January 22, 2012 at 12:32 PM

TC

“ *Barbara Jo, Roseanne & Family, Aunt Thelma will be missed. I will always remember her with a smile on her face...always smiling. Thinking of you all. May your memories stay close to your hearts. Love & Sympathy, Tom & Jackie Capuana*

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**Tom & Jackie Capuana** - January 21, 2012 at 08:06 PM



“ *Fred Artessa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana*



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**Fred Artessa** - January 21, 2012 at 11:31 AM



*Rochelle I am sorry to hear of your Grandmothers passing, my thoughts and prayers go out to You and your family. Love Fredward*

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**Fred Artessa** - January 21, 2012 at 11:34 AM

AL

“ Andy & Linda lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Thelma F. (Pape) Capuana



Andy & Linda - January 21, 2012 at 10:07 AM

AC

Barbara Jo and Family: So sorry to hear about the loss of your mom.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Linda and Andy  
Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - January 21, 2012 at 10:10 AM

KC

A beautiful tribute for a beautiful, gentle woman who will be greatly  
missed. With all our love and blessings,  
Sal & Karin Capuana

Karin Capuana - January 21, 2012 at 11:10 AM

BD

Barbara Jo, Bill, Rochelle, Billy, Michael and Family.  
I am so very sorry for your loss, actually Thelma's passing is a great  
loss to us all. I will miss her. Im so sorry I cannot make it to the  
services as I have been sick since last Monday. Be Joyful for Thelma  
truly believed in our Lord and Savior, we had many talks about Jesus  
Christ and therefore she is with Carol and our Lord right now. I cant  
think of a better place than that. I love you all. BettyAnn (Battle) Day

Bettyann (Battle) Day - January 21, 2012 at 12:50 PM