



## Mrs. Theresa Marie "Terry" (Dolce) Mazzara

March 30, 1932 - November 29, 2020

UTICA - Mrs. Theresa Marie "Terry" (Dolce) Mazzara, age 88, graciously went home to the Lord when she passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, November 29, 2020 with her family by her side.

Born in Utica on March 30, 1932, Theresa was the daughter of the late Gerald and Jane (Carnavale) Dolce. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1950 where she was affectionately known as "Dimples". On July 12, 1950 she married Salvatore F. Mazzara, Jr.

It all began on a Ferris wheel and a 'first kiss'! It was the start of a lifetime filled with a great deal of love and devotion, and their family was everything to them. Sal passed away on February 20, 2000, and Terry missed him dearly. She is now reunited with "Miz", her Sal, and her children know she is now complete.

Terry worked as a Math and Reading Teacher's Assistant at Albany Street School for over 30 years. She loved children so it was a perfect profession for her. She was also an active board member of the Utica Teaching Assistants and Aides Organization and a protective advocate of her fellow workers. When her husband Sal became ill, she retired to care for him. Terry was a loving, nurturing woman who displayed unconditional love, every time, everywhere. If her children had a problem, nothing was more important to her than being by their side. She was a guardian angel to her children. She actively enjoyed life, like a well planned meal—a lively main course with a side of adventure, to go! She was a woman for all seasons and sports. She

enjoyed skiing and was a member of the Snow Ridge Ski Club, and it was a family affair. She was a die-hard Yankees fan attending games at the stadium, and managing to get autographs! When football season began, it was the Buffalo Bills that she followed with a passion. She loved playing bocce, swimming, taking long walks in the park, ice skating with precision at the Parkway. The adventure and solitude of their time at Raquette Lake spent boating, hiking, and snow shoeing, bonded the Mazzaras; it seems just like yesterday and all were together participating. Sunday dinners were a must... and she hosted Christmas Eve and birthday gatherings. Her Italian specialties, including her sauce, were delectable, and her baked goods and homemade grape jelly were delicious. And believe it or not, she was also an excellent seamstress, and every stitch was sewn with love and the craftsmanship she put into her work. She also found pleasure as an avid reader and rarely ever missed a Broadway Musical in New York City! Although her children gave her great joy and respect, her grandchildren gave her a renewed high level of love in her heart. She adored them, and "Nonnie" was blessed to be adored by them. She was the pied piper of her grandchildren and their friends, and nothing but love and respect came from those children as they followed her everywhere. They were best friends with her and offered her companionship. She supported all of their events, traveled to away games, and was their best champion and cheerleader. And the third generation, her great-grandchildren, ignited a sparkle within her!

A woman of great faith, Terry was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. She attended Saturday Mass at 4:00 pm, participated in the annual festival, counted the weekly contributions from the congregation, and honored the traditions of the church which were so important to her. She prayed the Rosary, lighted candles for other's intentions, remained vigilant of St. Theresa's wisdom to "have courage for whatever comes in life." She was devoted to her tradition of setting up her large-as-life Nativity Manger scene outside her home during the Holy Christmas season. Theresa is survived by her children and their loves, Frank S. Mazzara, Lynda

A. Mazzara and Mark Szczygiel, Maria L. and Charles Moriarty, and Terri A. Mazzara and Lucille Puleo; her grandchildren, Salvatore and Anna Mazzara, Joseph and Deidre Mazzara, Jennifer and Brian Schillaci; Mamie and Louis Faga, Heidi and Andrew Fowler; Briana Moriarty, and Theresa Moriarty-Higgins and her husband Martin. She was also great-Nonnie to Elley Lu Fowler, Andrew Salvatore "Drew" Fowler, Saoirse Jane Faga, and Sullivan Joseph "Sully" Faga. She also leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine "Gerri" and Richard Ziezio; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; sister-in-law, Kay Mazzara; best friends, Patricia Tedesco and her family, and Joanna Papagno with whom she shared common interests, family ties, and great times. Terry loved animals and fell in love with her son's Alaskan Malamute "Sierra" who was her protector, and when she passed, Terry was heartbroken. She was predeceased by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Carmella and Frank Manella, and Delores and Philip Turchetti; and in-laws, Theresa and Edward Boor, Leonida and Robert Oliver, Emma and Charles Wooline, Anthony Mazzara, Frank and Diane Mazzara, and Maria and Edward Wallace.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Anthony Malvasi, Terry's General Practitioner who was so comprehensive in his care; Cheryl Taylor, her Direct Care Aide who has been by Terry's side with great devotion; and the staff at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center who were outstanding in tending to Terry as well as her family.

The family will honor and commemorate Terry's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Terry's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required, and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented. Memorial contributions in Terry's memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate> or Upstate Cerebral

Palsy Tradewinds Education Program online at <https://www.upstatecp.org/ways-to-give/donate>; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in the family's private mausoleum in St. Agnes Cemetery. During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Terry's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

LW

“ Dear Maria and family.....I started my teaching career at Albany School many years ago..Your mom was our right hand many times, hard working and great with the students. I still remember her smile after all these years...I know how you feel as I lost my mom last December at 96.. Your family is in my prayers...Fondly, Linda Washburn

Linda Washburn - December 05, 2020 at 03:46 AM

LM

Thank you Linda !

Lynda Mazzara - December 06, 2020 at 01:06 PM

MM

Thank you so very much

Maria Moriarty - December 06, 2020 at 06:29 PM

JD

“ Lynda and family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your mom. She was a sweet and beautiful lady. May she rest at peace with your dad and her memories remain in your heart. Janice DeGiglio (Vidoni)

Janice DeGiglio - December 04, 2020 at 09:12 AM

MM

Thank you

Maria Moriarty - December 04, 2020 at 08:31 PM

LM

Thank you Janice ! ❤️

Lynda Mazzara - December 06, 2020 at 08:53 AM

MM

“ I know this a difficult time for you and your family. I hope that the memories of your mother get you through this difficult period. Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Marcella Majka

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**Marcella Majka** - December 02, 2020 at 12:38 PM

MM

Thank you

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**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 12:15 AM

LM

Thanks Marcella it was so nice to see you at the service!!

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**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 08:52 AM

PT

“ *The Tedesco and Mazzara families are not related by bloodline, however we have more than a half century of bonding as in any close-knit family. All of our children attended Albany, Columbus, and Proctor schools, were mentored and guided under the tutelage of Ski Patroller Sal, enjoyed numerous meals and treats from Terry's busy kitchen, picked strawberries in June, apples in September, attended Christmas shows at Albany Street School where we were entertained by Santa Sal, cooked, baked, canned, preserved, built, painted, mended and created for any and all special and not-so-special events and occasions, faced and solved emergencies, repaired and renovated numerous projects in the century old Albany Street Tedesco Homestead, shared happy times as in births, birthdays, showers, weddings, recitals, and sad times as in illnesses and death. Terry was my youngest daughters God Mother. Our family shares in the sadness of the death of Terry, as we did with Sal, however we are confident that she and Sal left their children extremely well equipped to carry on the Mazzara family strengths, values and traditions. Terry will be sorely missed, however she left us with an overflowing memory bank of her positive approach's to dealing with life.*

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**Patricia I Tedesco** - December 02, 2020 at 11:24 AM

MM

*Pat you are a beautiful gem my mother loved you all ❤️*

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**Maria Moriarty** - December 02, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TM

*This is so beautifully written Pat! Thank you!*

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**Theresa Moriarty** - December 02, 2020 at 03:40 PM

LM

*This is beautiful Pat my mom loved you as all of us do thank you for your love and memories !❤️*

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**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 08:56 AM

SE

“ *Szczygiel Family ~ Ed, Rose, Mike, Gina, and Erica purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mrs. Theresa Marie "Terry" (Dolce) Mazzara.*



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**Szczygiel Family ~ Ed, Rose, Mike, Gina, and Erica -**  
December 02, 2020 at 11:11 AM

CD

“ *My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to my Dear friend Maria and entire family. My heart goes out to you all. Love Cathy Drew-Egan*

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**Cathy Drew-Egan -** December 02, 2020 at 10:06 AM

MM

*Thank you my dear friend love you*

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**Maria Moriarty -** December 03, 2020 at 09:20 PM

LM

*Thank you Kathy !*

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**Lynda Mazzara -** December 06, 2020 at 08:57 AM

LS

“ *Lynda, Terri, Maria and family,*

*I was so very sorry to hear of your beautiful moms passing. I have fond memories of her from my childhood at Albany School and beyond! She was always such a sweetheart. I know what a close knit family you were and my heart truly hurts for all of you. Cherish the wonderful memories.*

*Love, Leslie Spina xoxo*

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**Leslie Spina -** December 02, 2020 at 09:43 AM

MM

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts*

**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 09:21 PM

LM

*Thank you Leslie mom always spoke highly of your family as well !*

**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 08:59 AM

JF

“*Maria, Chuck, and family. Was so saddened to hear of your dear Mom’s passing. She was an elegant lady, wonderful mom, and the Matriarch, of the greatest example of Family. Don’t you wish you could be a fly on the wall when she is reunited with your Dad? Glorious is all that it could be.  
You are all, the finest being of all that a mother would want her children to be. Find comfort in that, and live your days as she did. We will see them again one day.  
In my thoughts and prayers, Jeff*

**Jeff Franz** - December 01, 2020 at 03:40 PM

MM

*Jeff this means the world to me thank you so very much*

**Maria Moriarty** - December 01, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“*Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Marie "Terry" (Dolce) Mazzara.*



December 01, 2020 at 02:57 PM



“ *Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Mrs. Theresa Marie "Terry" (Dolce) Mazzara.*



December 01, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I have so many wonderful memories of your beautiful mom who always welcomed me in her home with a smile. I hope you find peace knowing your father is now with her again. Love you all. Claudette*

**claudette george** - December 01, 2020 at 11:02 AM



*Thank you my dear friend love you*

**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 09:21 PM



*Thank you Claudette ❤️*

**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 09:00 AM



“ *Such a beautiful lady. With a beautiful family. I remember our childhood days in the neighborhood. Now an Angel in Heaven. So sorry for your loss. No one can replace a Mom.*

**Joanne Donaruma** - December 01, 2020 at 08:17 AM



*Thank you so very much your kind words mean the world*

**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LM

*Thank you Joanne !*

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**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 09:01 AM

GP

“ *To the Family Mazzara -*

*My genuine sympathy to each of you during this sad event. Mrs. Mazzara is one of the 'grand women' of my friends' families in the Old Neighborhood. Always pleasant, kind, gentle and truly interested in everything you're doing came across during brief conversations passing her home or in a local store or restaurant. While your loss is enormous, you are eternally blessed she came your way. Know that your wonderful Mom and Grandmother's earthly 'physical presence' is absent, yet her spirit shall be with you forevermore.*

*Blessings/Peace/Love,  
Girard A. Plante  
Newton, Mass.*

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**Girard A. Plante** - December 01, 2020 at 07:37 AM

MM

*Thank you so much*

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**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LM

*Thank you Girard !*

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**Lynda Mazzara** - December 06, 2020 at 09:02 AM

DR

“ *Such a wonderful Lady !!!! Our thoughts and prayers to your whole family at this time. Love to you Maria ,Charlie , Briana and Theresa.  
Love Bill and Diane*

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**Diane Rice** - November 30, 2020 at 11:26 PM

EA

*Maria, Terry and family,*

*I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. It didn't matter if you hadn't seen her in a week or a year she always had a huge hug and smile for you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Elena Rocco-Artessa*

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**Elena M. Artessa** - December 01, 2020 at 12:58 PM

VL

*Terry and Lulu, So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I didn't know her personally but after reading her obituary, she seemed like a very accomplished woman who enjoyed her life and her family. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Virginia (Reesh) Lynch** - December 01, 2020 at 02:28 PM

BM

*Maria and family*

*Sorry to hear of your loss. She was an amazing lady. Hold onto the many memories you have.*

*Brian*

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**Brian Moriarty** - December 02, 2020 at 09:41 AM

MM

*Thank you*

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**Maria Moriarty** - December 03, 2020 at 09:23 PM

NC

*Maria, Terri and family,  
Beautiful Mom, beautiful obituary. I have fond memories of how warm  
and caring she was to the children (especially to my 3 boys) at Albany  
School and I'm sure many of the children will remember how they were  
always greeted with a beautiful smile.*

*Nancy Corelli*

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**nancy corelli** - December 08, 2020 at 11:58 AM