



Mrs. Theresa (Graziano) Misterka

November 9, 1920 - February 3, 2016

Mrs. Theresa (Graziano) (Forte) Misterka, age 95, a native Utican, fell asleep in death on Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Theresa was born on November 9, 1920, a daughter of the late Vincenzo and Theresa (Arcuri) Graziano. She was raised and educated locally and was a 1938 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. She went on to study at the Utica Conservatory of Music where she flourished as a naturally gifted pianist. She carried this skill with her for the remainder of her life, spending a small time instructing piano at Albany Street School as well as many years thereafter teaching private piano lessons to countless students.

On February 10, 1945, Theresa was wed to Frank J. Forte, Jr. From that union came the blessing of a son, Francis J. "Frank" III. In 1955, Theresa shared in a second marriage to Anthony Misterka. They spent over 30 years together, raising a family and sticking together through both good and trying times. Tony passed away on November 10, 1985.

In her early working years, Theresa was employed with the Oneida County Courthouse as well as with the Calli & Calli Law Firm where she served as a paralegal. She also held a position with Toussaint Motor Company where she worked as a bookkeeper. The majority of her career was spent alongside her husband Tony, as they owned and operated Yorkville Food Specialties, a wholesale snack food company.

The focus and center of Theresa's life was not only her family, but her faith. She dedicated her life to Jehovah God, and was baptized as one of Jehovah's

Witnesses in 1961. She was steadfast in her support for her faith community and was heavily involved in public ministry and Bible instruction.

Theresa is survived by her children and their spouses, Frank J. III and Caren Forte of Middleville, NY, Kathleen and Dale DeWolfe of Lake Luzerne, NY, Kenneth and Patti Misterka of Ames, NY , and Mark and Jill Misterka of Ontario, NY; her grandchildren, Andrea and Ernest Dunkley of Lake George, NY, Christopher and Ayla Forte of Utica, Jonathan and Samantha Forte of Oppenheim, NY, Julie Forte of Middleville, NY, Valerie Misterka of Ames, NY, Kristi and Justin Zeidner of Canajoharie, NY, and Andrew and Marie Misterka of Sharon Springs, NY; great grandchildren, Aliya, Leilani, and Dustin; and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 585 Trenton Road, Utica, NY.

Theresa's earthly remains will be laid to rest beside her husband, Tony, at Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2701

Tribute Wall



“ *Tessie and my father were good friends from their days at Toussaint Motor Sales. She would always lift one's spirits! My wife and I send our deepest condolences to her family.*

Frank Montecalvo

Frank Montecalvo - February 11, 2016 at 04:08 PM

JP

“ *Fran, Kathleen, Kenny and Mark,*

Please accept our condolences on the passing of your mother. Aunt Tess was my grandmother's (Josephine) youngest sister. I hold fond memories of her visits to our house where she played the piano for us children. She also enjoyed the many summertime family gatherings that my parents hosted. I'll always remember Aunt Tess as a warm and loving person. We will surely miss her.

With love to you and your families-

Joan Passiatore Popolo



Joan Passiatore Popolo - February 10, 2016 at 10:16 AM

KD

What a lovely memory. I share those of your family as well. Thank you for your kind thoughts and words. Kathleen (Misterka) DeWolfe

Kathleen DeWolfe - February 10, 2016 at 12:41 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. The Bible makes this comforting promise: "Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted, he saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) It also assures us: "Throw your burden on Jehovah, and he will sustain you." (Psalm 55:22) May these thoughts bring you a measure of comfort during this difficult time.

K - February 09, 2016 at 07:45 PM



“ *Fran and Family*

I am very sorrow for your loss, as I remember all the good times with your Mother and the rest of the Family.

Richard Cattadoris and Family

Richard Cattadoris - February 09, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ *Tessie and my mom Therese were close friends and I always liked walking over and visiting the Misterka's. We would hang out with Kenny, Cathy and Mark. In later years I went to visit Tessie with my mom when she was living in North Utica. What I remember most about Tess was her wisdom. She had a deep understanding of people and a warm heart. To Frank, Ken, Cathy, Mark and your families...I wish you all peace and healing.*

Blessings...Angela Cattadoris Dowd

Angela Dowd - February 08, 2016 at 11:03 AM

AD

“ *She was my Grandma and I was blessed to have had her in my life for 36 years. She was an amazing woman with so much love and joy. She always looked at me with such pride and love. Her smile could light up the entire room. I will forever be grateful for her love, spiritual guidance, generosity and excellent piano playing. She truly was a precious gift from God. I was so blessed to be her granddaughter.*

Andrea Dunkley - February 07, 2016 at 06:58 PM

EC

“ *Tessie was a wonderful friend of my family and we'll always remember the wonderful times that we shared with her, her children, and especially Fran. Please accept our condolences. We will sincerely miss visiting with her each summer.*

Love, Ed and Mary Cattadoris

Ed Cattadoris - February 07, 2016 at 01:53 PM