



Theresa M. (Cardinale) Moccaldi

July 10, 1916 - October 20, 2009

Mrs. Theresa M. (Cardinale) Moccaldi, age 93, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at The Pines at Utica with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on July 10, 1916, Theresa was the daughter of the late Pasquale and Maria (Camardo) Cardinale. She was raised and educated locally. On November 19, 1938 Theresa married Michael M. Moccaldi with whom she shared 33 years in a blessed union prior to his passing on August 5, 1972. At one time, Theresa worked as a machine operator holding positions at Utica Knit #8, the Kenwell, and the Oneita Knitting Mills. A generous, thoughtful, and kind woman, Theresa loved people and gave so much of herself to others. Though she lacked the wealth of worldly possessions, Theresa was rich with the love of her family and friends. She was proud of her Italian heritage, and honored her ethnic traditions with much elegance and kindness, especially by baking during the holidays. She was affectionately known as the "Macaroni Lady", renowned for her talents of making pasta which she so graciously shared. During her spare time, she loved to crochet. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Theresa is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mary J. and Rodger Pape, Sr. of Whitesboro. Always close to her heart was the memory of her daughter, Shirley R. Sheibley, who passed away on September 21, 1990. She also leaves her son, Joseph P. Moccaldi of Utica and his fiancée, Debra Larkin. Theresa also mourned the passing of her four sons, Michael Moccaldi,

who passed away on September 25, 1991, Robert Moccaldi, September 9, 1998, Patrick J. Moccaldi, August 21, 2001, and James F. Moccaldi, December 23, 2003. In addition, she leaves her 21 grandchildren, especially acknowledging her granddaughter, Cheryl King, for her loving visits; and her special grandchildren, Rodger Jr. and Amy Pape of West Winfield, Marianne Pape of Myrtle Beach, SC, Caitlyn, Rachel, and Brady Moccaldi of Clinton, Stacy of Utica, Patrick, Bonnie, and Collene all of FL, and David, Teddy, Michael, Michelle, and Bobby all of Harrisburg, PA. Survivors also include her 26 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great-grandchildren; her sisters, Rose M. Jalowiec, and Carmella "Cookie" Biasi, both of New Hartford; her brother, Raymond F. Cardinale of New Hartford; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Louise Moccaldi, and daughter-in-law, Mona Moccaldi of Florida. She also leaves her special friends, Roseanne Convertino, Lisa Blindenhofer, who was like a granddaughter, George Convertino, who was like a son, Peter Cardone who often visited, and Mary Gately, a lifelong friend. She was predeceased by her in-laws, Theresa M. "Tessa" Cardinale, Joseph and Mary "Minnie" Moccaldi, James Moccaldi, Theresa and Joseph Cittadino, Eileen and Martin Moccaldi, Anthony and Carminella "Minnie" DeMatteo, Charles Biasi, and John Jalowiec.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the 3rd floor at the Pines at Utica, especially acknowledging Valerie, Laurie, Mary, Vanessa, Sylvia, Elisha, Nancy, and Polly, P.T., for their kindness and dedication to Theresa.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5:30-7:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Theresa's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday evening at 7:30 at the funeral home immediately upon the conclusion of visitation with Rev. Joseph Salerno officiating. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Theresa M. (Cardinale) Moccaldi



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Theresa and I shared many recipes, of which she gave me many of hers. I will treasure them always. She was a very special person and one would fall in love with her instantly. She was in a daycare program where I was a cook. I feel blessed to have known her.##imported-begin##olga cornacchia##imported-end##

October 28, 2009 at 11:09 PM



“ I am thankful to have had you in my life for 38 years. You were more than my grandmother--you became my mother when mine passed on. You taught me how to love, and by loving you, you will live on in my heart. You understood me and never gave up on me, even when I couldn't understand why. I now know Gram, what you meant. I love you forever.##imported-begin##Cheryl King##imported-end##

October 25, 2009 at 01:45 AM



“ Theresa was one of the first people I ever saw when I started with Office for the Aging. I loved her instantly, she was good natured, had me laughing, and was generous beyond words. She headed to the Pines not long after I started with her, but even there her spirit was intact, my sympathies to the family, I'm certain that the lifetime you spent with her has been a blessing beyond words.##imported-begin##Jason Gerling##imported-end##

October 24, 2009 at 05:04 PM



“ WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU Italian GREEN SOUP. WE WERE SO PRIVILEGED TO HAVE KNOWN YOU AND ARE TRULELY BLESSED BY BY THE LOVING WAY OF YOUR GRANDAUGHTER WHO CARRIES ON YOUR LOVE.##imported-begin##Tom and Joyce Blindenhofer##imported-end##

October 24, 2009 at 11:30 AM



“ Joe and family,
It is very difficult to lose your mother, no matter what age you are. I did not know Theresa but she must have been a very special lady because she raised you and loved you.
Much love and many Blessings to you, Deb and your children.##imported-begin##Marie Dodge##imported-end##

October 23, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ Please accept out sympathy at the time of Theresa's passing. She held dear the priorities of being a good wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother and good neighbor. Above all was her ability and desire to always put others ahead of herself. She has lived through more lifetime experiences than any of us may expect to encounter. She prepared herself to be with her God and He should be most proud to have her with Him. Whenever you come to experience trouble, pain or distress in your own life just ask, "What would 'Gram' do?". You will find that she is still there with you. God bless.##imported-begin##Russell and Jo Anne Deller##imported-end##

October 23, 2009 at 01:02 PM



“ I now wish I would have made it up to see you more often than what I did. You will always live on & be cherished in my thoughts. your grandson, Teddy##imported-begin##teddy sheibley##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 08:38 PM



“ I know we all knew the day would come that would bring such grief, heartache and sadness. Yet, my only hope is that we all remember the wonderful woman she was for all the caring, giving and love she offered. This day of loss is a celebration of her life, and I know for myself that I will always be grateful to have had special moments with her as she offered me the opportunity to come stay with her at the hardest days of my life in my young teenage days. I will never forget her and all the prayers and thoughts she shared with me before bed. She always offered encouragement, understanding and love as she guided me when I needed it the most. I will always love her and hold a special place in my heart not only for being my grandmother...but for being my mother when mine was lost.##imported-begin##Michelle Fisher##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 07:15 PM



“ Joe: Our hearts go out to you and your family at this time. Your mom's kindness and loving touch shines through you and your special memories of her will last a lifetime. May Theresa rest in peace and God grant unto her eternal life in heaven.##imported-begin##Frank & Melissa Acquaviva##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 11:39 AM



“ Our hearts and prayers are with you and your family, I wish I'd known her, but she created a wonderful family and raised love##imported-begin##Kathy and Peter Armstrong##imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 08:59 AM



“ From the time I met my wife's grandmother, Theresa, she welcomed me into her home and her heart. I will never forget all the wonderful things she's done. May you rest in peace, Gram. And may God Bless the family. My sympathy goes out to Mary, Joe and the rest of the family. We love Gram!!###imported-begin##Charlie King###imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 01:18 AM



“ Gram, I miss you so much. You were the light at the end of my dark tunnel. You taught me so many things and I will never forget them. You taught me how to be the person I am today, and I love you more than you will ever know. Thanks also to the best aunt and uncle in the world! My Aunt Mary and Uncle Joe. I love you both!###imported-begin##Cheryl Marie King###imported-end##

October 22, 2009 at 01:12 AM



“ The world has lost a loving woman that touched the lives of many with her kindness and generosity. We love Nonny!###imported-begin##Marianne Pape###imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ Joe, Deb and Family - My thoughts and prayers are with you. Diane###imported-begin##Diane Wright###imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 09:54 PM



“ From the first time that I met Theresa, she welcomed me into her home and her heart. She was the sweetest woman - giving, caring, and generous. I will miss her very much.

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal." ~From a headstone in Ireland##imported-begin##Deb Larkin##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 07:46 PM



“ Gram you will always have a special place in my heart. May you rest in peace. I love you forever.##imported-begin##Lisa Blindenhofer##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 05:48 PM



“ Our thoughts are with you and your family. Love to you all.##imported-begin##Dave and Jean Singular##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 11:42 AM



“ Some of my fondest memories of High School are of when Joe and I would go to his house after riding the bus home to hang with his Mom...who would never let you leave until you sampled what she was cooking...I remember a loving mother and friend today in the time of your loss Joe...have courage ...God Bless you and the Family ...Rudy##imported-begin##Rudy Marchitelli##imported-end##

October 21, 2009 at 08:26 AM