



## Victoria "Vicky" (Salem) Tehan

January 8, 1917 - August 19, 2009

Mrs. Victoria "Vicky" (Salem) Tehan, age 92, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on January 8, 1917, Victoria was the daughter of the late Elias and Bahia (Secard) Salem. Raised and educated in Utica, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. In 1941 she married Louis B. Tehan with whom she shared 33 years prior to his passing on April 17, 1974; they were well-suited for each other and they shared in a business life as well as an equally important family life.

Vicky and her late husband co-owned and operated Tehan's Wholesale, a legendary novelty wholesale company which originated a new concept that flourished and was successful through their hard work. Originally based on James Street, the company then relocated to Mohawk Street, and lastly to Commercial Drive. Vicky was a humble, unassuming, hard-working woman blessed with the "kindest soul and bluest eyes". She enjoyed her pastimes of crocheting blankets and preparing her delicious 's-shaped' cookies, which were both made with love and given with generosity. Her hospitality was also seen as she volunteered nearly 20 years at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center as a receptionist in the surgical waiting room. A woman of deep faith, Vicky's spirituality was the basis of the way she lived her life. She participated in novenas at St. Anthony of Padua Church and was a member of the Christ Child Society. She was a faithful communicant of her home parish, St. Basil's

Melkite Church.

Over the years, Vicky earned a great deal of success in many phases of her life, but Vicky remained humble despite those many achievements. She chose the path of hard work and integrity. She devoted herself to accomplishing the goals she believed in and was rewarded with the love and respect of her family and many friends. May her heart always be at peace.

The Tehan family at this time mourns the loss of Vicky's eldest son, Basil, who joined his mother in heaven as he passed away this Wednesday, the day that she departed. Vicky is survived by her children, Robert J. and Kamleh Tehan of New Hartford, Frederick J. and Kathleen Tehan of Marcy, Richard J. and Joanne Tehan, Steven A. and Kathleen Tehan, all of New Hartford, and Marianne and Seth Gordon of Clifton Park. Always close to her heart was the memory of her daughter-in-law, Basil's wife, Bertha, who preceded her in death. She also leaves her grandchildren, Victoria and Timothy Keil, Louis and Wendy Tehan, Elizabeth and Daniel Cornell, Joseph Tehan; Louis and Lisa Tehan, David and Norma Tehan; Patricia Tehan, Michael Tehan, Richard M. Tehan; Kara Tehan, Jessica Tehan, Richard W. Tehan; Christine and Jesi Personett, Laura Tehan; Sean Gordon, Jacob Gordon; and her great-grandchildren, Andrew, Ryan, and Brandon, Olivia, and Lillian, Alissa, Andrea, and Arica, Mary Magdalene and Robert. Survivors also include her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Elizabeth Salem. Vicky was also blessed with many wonderful friends throughout her life from childhood to the last moments of her life journey. A truly grateful thank you is extended to those special people who touched her life with companionship, coffee time, crafting, friendship, and support. She was predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Albert Adjan; and her brother, Anthony Salem.

The family expresses heartfelt appreciation to the staff of the Albany and Saratoga Wings at the Masonic Care Community of NY who were so kind and compassionate while caring for Vicky.

Visitation for Victoria and her son, Basil will be shared Friday (today) from

4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Funeral services will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Basil's Melkite Church where the Divine Liturgy for both will be celebrated by Msgr. Julien Eliane assisted by Deacon Dan Klockowski. Entombment will follow in Calvary Mausoleum.

# Previous Events

## Service

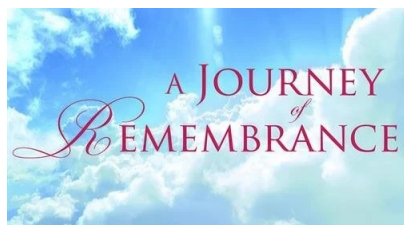
AUG **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil's Melkite Church  
901 Sherman Drive  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Victoria "Vicky" (Salem) Tehan



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

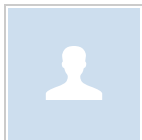


“ To All of the Tehan's,

*Our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our prayers and love are with you.##imported-begin##Tony & Lee Massoud##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2009 at 07:40 PM



“ To: Richard,  
Rich,

*We are sorry for the loss of your mother and brother.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Joanne & Chris Midlam##imported-begin##Joanne & Chris  
Midlam##imported-end##*

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August 22, 2009 at 11:54 AM



“ To the Tehan family,  
Our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with all of you to learn of your Mom and Basil's passing. May our Lord console and bless you abundantly.##imported-begin##Fred & Martha Ajaeb and Family##imported-end##

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August 22, 2009 at 07:52 AM



“ Kathy and Steve, I was so sorry to learn about the loss of your mother and your brother, all in the same day. My most sincere expression of sympathy goes to both of you and your family. Maggie Cheron##imported-begin##Margarita Perez-Cheron##imported-end##

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August 21, 2009 at 01:10 PM



“ Dear Tehan family,  
  
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of you mother and brother. I am so happy that I had been able to see your mother while she was at the Masonic Home. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.  
  
Jody Guarnieri##imported-begin##Jody Guarnieri##imported-end##

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August 21, 2009 at 11:32 AM



“ Louie and Family  
  
Very sorry for the loss of your grandmother. My heart goes out to all of you.##imported-begin##Bethany Schmidt##imported-end##

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August 21, 2009 at 09:07 AM



“ All of us ahve been very fortunate to have included as our neighbors the members of the Louis Tehan family. Tehans because of our leadng business enterprises because their aim was to provide excellent cusomer service. Their success, duly earned, was due to hard work and dedication. Our sympathy to the members of the family.##imported-begin##Louis Barile##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ To the Tehan Family,your mother was one of a kind.I will always remember of the times when they had the first store on James St.She never forgot my name and always went out of her way to say hello.I will always keep her in my memories when ever I wear my first piece of jewelry I bought from James St. more than 50 years ago.May God Bless you all and keep the faith.  
Sally Gigliotti Pugliese##imported-begin##Sally Gigliotti Pugliese##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 05:09 PM



“ Richard,Bob,Steve,Fred,  
  
We all lost a great friend in Vicky..My condolences.  
  
Butch waszkiewicz##imported-begin##butch waszkiewicz##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Joey,  
*I am so sorry to hear about your dad and grandma's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family at this difficult time.*##imported-begin##Dana Plado##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 09:20 AM



“ To the Tehan family,  
  
*We are so sorry to learn of your Mom and Basil's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*  
  
*Tom and Flo DeSimone##imported-begin##Flo and Tom DeSimone##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2009 at 08:44 AM



“ Vicky, Louie, and Joey-

*What a sad day in our city! Your grandma and dad were two of the most wonderful people I have ever had the privilege of meeting and knowing.*

*They leave a legacy of unmatched love, devotion, and compassion through each of you, similar to the love, devotion and compassion mom left when she left our world way too early.*

*I will never forget the wonderful times from our Blessed Sacrament days up through our years at Notre Dame. Your family was always so kind, gentle, and a true pleasure to talk with. The memories they leave are ones all who knew them will cherish for years to come.*

*Please know that I share your pain and suffering through this tremendously difficult time, and you all have my deepest sympathies and sincerest prayers. May God bless and watch over all of you through the difficult days and weeks ahead. May He hold each of you close to his heart.*

*One last thing ... when my own dad passed I was given a saying to get me through and I share it with you here --- "Do not count the days they are gone; count the days they were here."*

*I love you guys,*

*Lou##imported-begin##Lou Parrotta##imported-end##*

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August 20, 2009 at 08:43 AM