



Vincenza M. "Pinky" Beratta

September 22, 2011

Vincenza M. "Pinky" Beratta, of Vernon, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a brief illness. She was embraced by the love and support of her family at the time of her passing.

Born in Utica, Vincenza was the daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Bianco) Beratta. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and received her Bachelors Degree in Education from SUNY Oneonta. Vinnie began her teaching career at Utica Free Academy. She then taught for a short period of time in Pleasantville, NY and in 1966 she returned to the Utica City School District dedicating her life to teaching at Christopher Columbus and Albany Street schools until her retirement. In addition to her teaching career, her innate affection for animals drew her to being the owner and operator of Kandywycke Kennels. She was the source of hundreds of purebred miniature poodles, dozens of which were champions. She devoted over 30 years to her breeding skills and knowledge which were nationally renowned.

Vinnie was an inspirational teacher, a devoted mentor, a wonderful daughter, sister, aunt, and a special friend to many. She reached out to others around her with warmth and sincerity, whether you were a loved one, fellow professional, or simply a person in need she had the ability to connect. When it came to hospitality, she was masterful; there was always an abundance of food, and she had an obvious desire to entertain with a flair. Vinnie was a

member of the Poodle Club of America and the Retired Teacher's Association. She was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Vinnie was predeceased by her parents who resided with her and whom she cared for with great devotion in their final years. She is survived by three siblings and their spouses, Connie Inserra of Fayetteville, Joseph and Michele Beratta of Stuart, FL, and Maria and Robert Sfeir of New Hartford; nieces and nephews, Frank Inserra, Patricia Inserra, Peter and Dena Beratta, Marlaine and Matthew Mc Mechen, Joseph Beratta, Jr., Fred and Kate Sfeir, and Lenora and Joseph D'Apice; several great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, her seven beloved poodles; as well as many close and devoted friends too numerous to mention. Vinnie was preceded in death by her brother-in-law, Dominick "Dick" Inserra.

Vinnie's family would like to extend special gratitude to all of the people who have lovingly accepted her seven beloved poodles into their homes. An additional special thank you goes out to Brian Matt and Doris Piper, and the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical center for their care and compassion. Visitation will be held on Sunday from 3-6 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in Vinnie's honor may be considered to the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish Memorial Fund or to the Rome Humane Society in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Pinky's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 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>

Service

SEP **26.** 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vincenza M. "Pinky" Beratta



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ MISS BERATTA WAS MY 5TH GRADE TEACHER AT COLUMBUS SCHOOL. I MUST SAY SHE MADE A LIFE LONG IMPRESSION UPON ME WITH ALL HER KINDNESS, CARING AND LOVE SHE SHOWED HER STUDENTS. SHE WAS ALWAYS MY FAVORITE TEACHER . MY GOD BLESS YOU MISS B, AND HE HOLD YOU CLOSE TO HIS HEART YOU WILL BE IN MY PRAYERS ALWAYS MICHAEL BRIGANO



MICHAEL BRIGANO - September 27, 2011 at 12:15 PM

CI

Thank you for your wonderful tribute. She was very special to many people. From the family of Vinnie Beratta

connie inserra - October 08, 2011 at 03:57 PM

FL

“ Dear Family of Miss Beratta,

Miss Beratta was my math teacher at UFA in 1962. She touched me deeply then as I recognized she was a gifted teacher. Although over the years since that math class I have not seen her again, I frequently think of her and remember her fondly. I realize now after seeing her obituary why I didn't see her anymore at UFA but am glad that she completed a beautiful career teaching in the Utica School District. She gave much to her students, and to her family and friends as indicated in her obituary. I am sorry that she passed away and extend to you my sympathies as you endure this great sadness. Please find comfort in the wonderful memories of love you shared and be encouraged by the Bible's promise of everlasting life on paradise earth. Revelation 21:4 "And He will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

Frederick Kerns Laurie - September 25, 2011 at 10:34 PM

CI

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connie inserra - October 08, 2011 at 03:57 PM

AC

“ Dear Connie, Patti, and Frankie

I was deeply saddened when I learned of Pinky's passing. Although this time is difficult your journey will be lined with many thoughts and memories.

Your days may have tears but there will be many times filled with laughter as you remember your sister and aunt.

*Know of my love and prayers, you are such loving and dear friends
Annie Caratelli*

Anne Caratelli - September 24, 2011 at 05:39 PM

CI

Ann, we appreciate your love and prayers. We miss her dearly. Frank, Patty, Connie and the whole Beratta family

connie inserra - October 08, 2011 at 03:59 PM

RA

“ *During high school, I was best friends with Pinky's sister, Connie. I came to know the family , and especially Pinky very well. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. I have many wonderful memories of the times we spent together. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Connie and the rest of the family. May God give you comfort and strength.*

Rosemary Arcuri-Bumbalo

Rosemary Arcuri-Bumbalo - September 24, 2011 at 04:00 PM

CI

Roe, you have our appreciation for your thoughts of us during this difficult time. Connie and family

connie inserra - October 08, 2011 at 03:55 PM

DB

“ Donna and I would like to send our deepest sympathies to Vinnie's family. She will be missed by everyone who came in contact with her. We were steered to Vinnie when we were looking for a poodle for our home. She was so nice to our family when we visited and we ultimately came home with our poodle Lucy. We then would visit the "family" so that Vinnie could see Lucy, but we really wanted to be with Vinnie and her poodles! We then visited Vinnie one day with friends so that they could look at the new poodles. She called us the next day and noted "how much we seemed to like the puppy" that our friends were looking at. That's all it took. We then had Ricky in our home as well. She was so convincing! We always loved to visit "Grandma Vinnie" with our two poodles, Lucy and Ricky. Whenever we mentioned Grandma Vinny, their ears would perk up and they would turn their heads around! She was a wonderful person and we will miss her dearly. She was always ready with food and drink when we visited, even though we told her not to go to any trouble. We will miss Vinnie so much, but her spirit lives on within Ricky and Lucy and we will remember her every time we look at them.

Donna, David, Lucy and Ricky Bruch - September 24, 2011 at 06:03 AM

CI

You were dear friend to Vinnie. She loved the holiday pictures of Lucy and Ricky. They are displayed all over the house. She also appreciated your company. Thank you for your thoughts.

connie inserra - October 08, 2011 at 04:01 PM