



Mrs. Virginia C. (Chgles) Voce

January 27, 1935 - October 15, 2023

UTICA- Mrs. Virginia C. (Chgles) Voce, entered eternal rest on Sunday, October 15, 2023. She was in the hearts of her children and family as her life came to a tranquil closing.

Born in Utica on January 27, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Ida (Mlynarczyk) Sadowski and John Sadowski. Virginia attended Brandegee Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1953.

On June 12, 1954, she united in marriage with John A. Voce. Their union was marked by deep love and understanding. John loved her to the end and did so with great pride, they knew each other's souls and took care of one another during times of need. She maintained herself for exactly 3 years, and now they are reunited. They shared a union of over 66 years prior to his passing on October 15, 2020.

As a mother, Virginia prioritized her household above all else. Once her youngest reached school age, she began working at the General Electric Co. at their Broad Street location as an assembler. She always had dinner prepared for her family before her work shift, which was quite a daily feat to accomplish. She then furthered her career at Chicago Pneumatic Corp. as a keypunch operator. Virginia's own experiences with illness led her to recognize the value of nursing. This realization spurred her towards pursuing education to become an LPN. The majority of her professional years were dedicated to the Charles T. Sitrin Nursing Home, where she retired after a

fulfilling career. Her work ethic was exceptionally noble and strong. She was an incredible mom who adored and sacrificed whatever was necessary to be sure that her children did not go without. In addition to all her responsibilities, Virg kept a stellar home. She ensured her boys were involved in sports and enrolled her daughter in Girl Scouts, taking on the role of a scout leader herself. As her children became older, they realized how generous a woman she was and how they were blessed with such wonderful parents. Because of who she was, and in combination with the love of her beloved John, they made a beautiful couple and fantastic parents. Each of her children holds close favorite memories which will help them go on. Virg took pride in her appearance, and she showed an expression of God's goodness. One of her beloved hobbies was crocheting, a skill she generously shared, bestowing baptism outfits for her grandchildren. Everyone has an afghan, and she was always benevolent with her treasures. Additionally, she was the heart of family functions. She was the main preparer and "the hostess with the mostest". Christmas Eve was a cherished occasion, where all her children and grandchildren were present, enjoying a spread of Polish and Italian cuisines. Her hospitality and grace made these gatherings unforgettable. A devout Catholic, she read her bible and devotions each morning. She prayed daily for each one of her children's needs. They practiced their faith at St. Mary's Church on South St., the catholic church at St. John the Baptist in Rome, and lastly at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church. John was reverent to serving Fr. LaFache and his family and Virginia tended to Mrs. LaFache, and they loved each other like sisters. The bond between the two families was evident in their mutual respect and shared faith.

Virginia is survived by her children and their loves, Johanna and LeRoy Guyer, Michael J. Voce and Joanne Di Pietro, Brian F., Sr. and Robin Voce, and Peter D. and Elaine Voce; her cherished grandchildren, Andrew J. and Katie Voce; Kayla Voce and Scott Wilson; Brian F. Voce, Jr., Jamie and Antonio Zenzillo, Santina and Jon Peters, Fallon Voce, Matthew Voce; and Emily Megonnell; the pride of her life, her great-grandchildren, John Anthony, Allison Marie, and

Joseph Gabriel, Myles, and Mason, Makayla, Leonardo, Lillian, and Elliott; her sister, Michaelene "Micky" Trombetta (the late Richard "Dick" Trombetta); and her brother and sister-in-law, John and Florence Sadowski. She is also survived by a niece and her beloved family; and her in-laws, Joan Voce, Jane and Jack Townsend, Maureen and John Prumo, and Samantha Voce. Dr. Falcone and Sharon Higgins were both treasured friends who kept her heart full. Virginia was predeceased by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Elizabeth (Ransom) Voce; and her in-laws, Joseph and Frances Voce, William and Jean Voce, Eugene Voce, Robert A. Voce, Donald and Lana Voce, Frances and Harry Kates, Gertrude and Bill True, and Regina and Howard Jessmore.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Dr. Hugh MacIssac and Dr. Yekaterina Kashianova. Both physicians knew her to a tee and were pivotal during her times of need. Furthermore, the family wishes to convey a special thanks to the entire team at the Katherine Luther Residential Health Care and Rehabilitation Center. Their unwavering kindness, compassion, and professionalism was a great source of comfort during Virginia's stay.

The family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Virginia's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, October 30, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. The Mohawk Valley Nurse Honor Guard will present their honors and there will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. Virginia was passionate about the good works of the Abraham House and her family would appreciate that in lieu of floral offerings donations be made to this organization in her honor online at www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the service. Interment will take place in Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Cemetery

Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *John and family. Sorry to hear about your mom. We had some good laughs many years I knew her. Deepest condolences. Joe and Eileen LaBarbera*

Joseph LaBarbera - November 18, 2023 at 02:58 PM

DK

“ *Dear Aunt Mickey. So sorry about your sister, her and I had nice conversations when we were roommates at St E's, again , my condolences, Love niece Darlene*

Darlene Trombetta King - October 31, 2023 at 02:30 PM

AT

“ *Our sincere condolences at this time. She was a true kind spirit and a most loving lady in every way. We will always remember her and the time we spent sitting at the kitchen table chatting and sharing stories. So glad she was with us at a family celebration not too long ago. Our prayers are with you all may her memory bring you great joy and peace. Love. Al and Theresa*

Al ans Theresa Tahan - October 29, 2023 at 08:11 PM

RB

“ *Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia C. (Chgles) Voce*



Rosemary Brown - October 19, 2023 at 08:05 AM

RB

A beautiful lady I remember from the Sitrin Home many years ago.

Rosemary Brown - October 19, 2023 at 08:06 AM

CG

My Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences to Mrs. Voce's Family, Friends, and other Loved Ones.

Craig Grant (Next door neighbor for over 20 years Brinckerhoff Ave.)

C.A. Grant - October 24, 2023 at 04:03 PM