



## Winifred "Winnie" (Mitchell) Plante

May 14, 1920 - January 24, 2011

Mrs. Winifred "Winnie" (Mitchell) Plante, age 90, a longtime Utican, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 24, 2011 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Clark Mills on May 14, 1920, Winifred was the daughter of the late Charles F. and Cecelia (Roullier) Mitchell. She was a 1938 graduate of St. Francis de Sales High School. On September 13, 1944 she married Royal F. "Scrub" Plante with whom she shared 33 years prior to his passing on November 23, 1977. Winnie was a truly devoted wife, and her family and home were her priority.

Winnie began her working career at the original St. Joseph's Infant Home where she worked with the children as a nurse and shared her motherly intuition. Later, her gracious personality yielded her employment as a waitress at Trinkaus Manor.

She was proud to have operated the cafeteria at her alma mater, St. Francis de Sales School prior to her retirement in 1974. A gifted seamstress in earlier years, she could sew the latest fashions, clothing, and decorative touches. Winnie was a fair, non-judgmental, hardworking woman with a great sense of standards and morals. A woman of great determination and strength, she dealt with life's adversities with courage and sensitivity. She had a wonderful sense of humor and it has been said that "she didn't have that red hair for nothing!" She was a born caretaker who loved her children and grandchildren, and her goodwill often extended to friends and those in need. She expressed

adoration for her “Blessed Mother Garden”, tending to it from morning to evening, an activity that served as a great relief from the day’s tension. She was one of the founders of the Meals on Wheels program in the 1970’s and an original board member of the Right to Life Committee. Winnie upheld a great sense of spirituality and faith in God. She was a member of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Francis de Sales for 34 years and a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) teacher during the 1960’s. She was a communicant of Historic Old St. John’s Church.

Winnie is survived by her children and their families, Mary C. Plante and Jerry Godkin, Ben and Raina Plante, Anne M. Plante, Denise M. Plante; Gerald F. Plante and Stan Christi, and Gerald’s twin Girard A. Plante, and Therese B. Plante and her friend Carl Forlano; her grandchildren, Robert G. and Sharon Thrasher, Sheryl A. Thrasher and Laurence Sardina; Andre M. Fici, Joseph Plante, Vincent Hoover; and Daniel C. Plante; and her great-grandchildren, Bobby, Abigail; Ariana, Billy Dean, Isabelle, and Eliza. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Jim Phister. Winnie was also blessed with the longtime friendship and sisterly love of Jane Bauer, and her protective companion, Spirit. She was predeceased by her 11 siblings and their spouses.

The gifts of faith, caregiving, and acceptance of the life cycle were teachings of Winnie’s; which her children courageously and respectfully displayed to her during her illness. The tender watch of Winnie by her home health aide’s Margo, Emo, Heidi, and Leea were offered with such love and kindness. A genuine thank you to the staff of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. especially Kathy, Jan and Janice.

At the time of Winnie’s passing, her family honored and prayed for her journey privately. Acts of kindness in the form of donations may be made to The Utica Center for Development of CNY (Veterans Outreach Center), 726 Washington Street, Utica, NY 13501, as well as envelopes will be available at the service. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at

Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Dwyer. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Cemetery Details

## **St. Agnes Cemetery**

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Winifred "Winnie" (Mitchell) Plante



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Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ May 14, 2011 Well, Mom, Happy Birthday to you. I miss you today and every day. The tears still fall. My heart is heavy. I pray for us, your family that you raised. We all miss you. I do not walk around with a tear-stained face, but my heart aches to see you, touch you, kiss you. I'm blessed with so many beautiful memories of your times together. I forgot to ask you where you heard what you used to say to us as we sat on the porch on summer nights with stars in the sky: Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight, I wish I may, I wish I might have the wish I wish tonight. I'm in CA, first time I've been here, right near Mather AFB where J was in 70s. My wish tonight is that all elderly are loved and protected as you were. God bless the babies, animals and elderly, the infirm. God Bless all of us. Those in despair, lonely, alone, weak, frightened. Thank you, Mom. Love tess. I'll talk to you in a little while. xoxoxoxoxo I have the Novena book you gave me for my birthday one year. I love your writing. I touch the words where your hand was once strong and you wished me a Happy Birthday. I love you. I miss you. xoxoxox

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Therese Plante - May 14, 2011 at 09:16 PM

LM

“ *To the family of Winifred Plante  
My sincere condolences. You are all in my prayers. You will  
remember me from the east Utica & Proctor Library.  
Loretta (Spina) Moccaldi*

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**Loretta Moccaldi** - January 27, 2011 at 08:40 AM

SD

“ *To Denise, Therese and the rest of the Plante Family we are so  
sorry for your loss...your are in our prayers. Sincerely, Terry and  
Sue (Zwir) Daniels*

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**Sue Daniels** - January 26, 2011 at 05:08 PM

VC

“ *To the Plante Family,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of Mrs. Plante.I have very fond  
memories of her and the entire family during my Hilton Ave.  
days.Again my deepest condolences from myself and the entire  
Cardillo Family.*

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**Victor Cardillo** - January 26, 2011 at 07:35 AM

JS

“ To the Plante Family,  
it is with great sorrow and our deepest condolences on the passing of your mother Winnie. Our families have known one another for many years. Winnie was very kind and generous to my family for many years. She will be dearly missed. To all her family members especially Gerard, Therese and her grandson Dan, may the Holy Spirit give you and your entire family the strength to get through this difficult time. Jesus said there are many mansions in my father's house. I am sure that she is in one of those mansions with the Lord by her side. She was certainly deserving of one of God's mansions in heaven. God bless you all.

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**JOE SARDINA** - January 25, 2011 at 01:16 PM

BF

“ Bob Nancy Farr lit a candle in memory of  
Winifred "Winnie" (Mitchell) Plante



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**Bob Nancy Farr** - January 25, 2011 at 10:19 AM

BF

Mary, Shari, Bob (& families), Our very sincere thoughts of sympathy go to you all. May your wonderful memories & the loving support of friends & family help you through this sad time. You are in our hearts & prayers. Bob & Nancy Farr.

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**Bob Nancy Farr** - January 25, 2011 at 10:23 AM



“ *Winnie will be missed by all who knew her. She was a beautiful woman with so much wisdom and spunk. It was an honor for my family and I to have known her. She will be missed so much, especially all of the uplifting stories we heard on a daily basis. She is forever in our hearts. Dave, Gina, Gabrielle and Katie Dewhurst*

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**Gina Dewhurst** - January 25, 2011 at 09:19 AM



“ *To my cousins, i am truly sorry for your loss. Aunt wins was a wonderful lady and i have many great memories. AUNT Win thank you for always being there for me. I will always love and miss you. Say hi to mom and dad for me. Enjoy your reunion with your your sisters, uncle Roy and the rest of your family. You were a great women. CARRIE N PETER*

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**carrie podagrosi** - January 24, 2011 at 08:53 PM