



Mrs. Yolanda A. "Yo" (Viti) Benedetto

April 15, 1923 - October 17, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Mrs. Yolanda A. "Yo" (Viti) Benedetto, age 94, went home to the Lord as she passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 15, 1923, Yolanda was the daughter of the late Luigi "Louis" and Anna Marie (Pietromartire) Viti. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1941. On April 15, 1944 she married Leonard A. "Lenny" Benedetto with whom she shared 62 years as proud parents and perfect partners. Lenny was her eternal love.

In earlier years, Yolanda was employed by Oneida County Social Services for over 25 years. She was an admirable mom and homemaker. Yolanda was a sensitive soul and a blessing to her family. When she spoke, her words were kind and understanding. She spoke with sincerity and had a friendly, forgiving personality. Yolanda faced changes in the course of her life with fortitude, faith, and dignity; she will be remembered for the many prayers she offered as a sign of her commitment for other's well-being.

Yo and Lenny loved the holidays, and Christmas was their favorite. It was a festive time to celebrate with family, so every year they decorated to the hilt, and memories were made by one and all. The camp at Sylvan Beach was a place to enjoy their family, friends, and cherished time with their grandchildren. She was a member of the Christ Child Society and was at home at her parish of Blessed Sacrament Church. She continued her spiritual commitment when the churches merged and she always remained faithful to Rev. Joseph

Salerno.

Yolanda is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Lenora Ann and Thomas Trevisani; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Rose Benedetto; her grandchildren, Nicole and Steven Mauro, Joseph Trevisani, Anne Marie and Matthew LaBella; Michael and Kim Benedetto, Brigitt Lavigne, Marco and Nicole Benedetto; Catherine Gerace, and Paul Hafenecker; fourteen great grandchildren; her sister, Carmella P. Rosato; and her sister-in-law, Dorothy Viti. Yolanda held a special place in the hearts of all who knew her. She remained close to her longtime friends and their visits were uplifting and appreciated. She was predeceased by her brothers and sister-in-law, Victor A. Viti, and Guy L. Sr. and Rosalind Viti; her sister and brother-in-law, Antoinette and Daniel Ciaola; her in-laws, Anthony Rosato, Antoinette Benedetto, Angelo J. and Norma Benedetto, and George and Mary Benedetto; and her daughter-in-law, Stella Ann Benedetto.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Yolanda's longtime healthcare providers; and the entire Hickory House staff at Sitrin Health Care Center for the dignity and respect rendered to her.

Yolanda's family will honor and commemorate her life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Yolanda's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to the Abraham House online at www.theabrahamhouse.org or the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will also be available at the service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Dearest Yolanda,
Your smile and gentle heart always were a
welcome salve during a tough day at
O.C.D.S.S. You always made time to listen
and reassure me that it would all work out.
Later, after retirement, it seemed we ran into each other all the time,
especially at Chanatrys. 😊
Peace be with you, Yolanda and to all who knew you.*



Nancy Cox Marafioti - October 20, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Yolanda A. "Yo" (Viti) Benedetto.*



October 19, 2017 at 10:41 AM



“ *Never signed my post...
With loving memories of Yolanda,
Connie and Jack Foley*

Connie Foley - October 19, 2017 at 09:17 AM

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My husband, Jack, and I are heartbroken over the lose of Yolanda and only find comfort in the knowledge that she is at home, in heaven, looking down on all of us and, yes, praying for all of us.

She was a beautiful woman, a woman of God, a friend.

Yolanda was the only person in Hickory (Sitrin) that my husband tried to converse with. They prayed together every day for the 5-6 years she was there with us. I never left at night without Yolanda saying she'd pray for me to get home safe. Her prayers kept me going in this difficult journey I'm living.

When my grandchildren came to see us they'd run in to Yolanda's room and see her too. She'd give them each a couple pieces of candy and answer a million questions they'd throw at her. She always had a smile on.

There is a huge void in my heart without Yolanda.

God Bless Her

In loving memory,

Connie and Jack

Connie Foley - October 19, 2017 at 10:33 AM