



## Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino

October 23, 1933 - December 9, 2010

Mrs. Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino, age 77, of Utica, went home to be with the Lord and reunite with her beloved husband when she passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, December 9, 2010.

Yvonne was born a coal miner's daughter on October 23, 1933 to the late Augustinus and Elizabeth (Bernaers) Gelders in Beverlo, Belgium. Her given name was Alphonsina

Octavia Yvonne. In 1953, in her native country, she married Sante Rubino whom she adored throughout their 44 year marriage. Yvonne and Sante made the decision to come to this country for a better life where they worked hard as a couple. Settling in Utica, they were fortunate enough to be blessed with 8 children. Yvonne's life was devoted to raising and nurturing her large family. On August 15, 1997 she lost her beloved Rubino.

Yvonne had a very accepting nature. She was known to be a wonderful conversationalist and was often complimented on her accent and beautiful voice. Yvonne was sincere and honest in her interest in other's lives. As a mother, her heart was enormous. She worried and prayed for each of her children every day and was their source of strength. Her life's ambition was happily devoted to tending to her home and family, never wanting for more. She possessed a passion for cooking that began as a child when she learned to prepare meals for her father and brothers. Though she cooked like a true Italian, her family recipes from Belgium were her specialties. Many will remember the delicious meals she prepared, especially her cheese meatballs.

Along with her love for being in the kitchen, she equally enjoyed retelling the stories of her childhood and past, elaborating on every detail. She possessed a sense of humor that brought laughter to whoever was lucky enough to be in her company. Yvonne also enjoyed riding her bicycle, dancing, crocheting blankets for her children in her younger years and occasionally juggling for her grandchildren. Most of all, she enjoyed the simple things in life that included Sunday dinners with her family, which she treasured dearly, and holiday gatherings. As a devout Catholic and member of St. Anthony's Church, she strived for her children to have harmony in their lives and left a legacy of examples of what it takes to be a good mother. As many of us feel at a time like this, "We are never ready to let go of such a beautiful mother."

Mommy, we love you and will miss you for the rest of our lives.

Yvonne is survived by her 8 adored children; Leonarda (Lee) and Santo Tomaino of Sauquoit, Elizabeth and Anthony DeCarolus of Old Forge, Santina and Pat Gatto of Frankfort, Peter and Susan Rubino, Angela Rubino and Walt Becraft, Marcella Rubino and Marco and Rose Rubino, all of Utica, and David and Francine Rubino of Whitesboro; her 10 cherished grandchildren; Michael Tomaino, Mareesa Tomaino; Jeffrey Rubino, Jennifer Rubino; Marco Rubino Jr.; Joseph Gatto, John Gatto; and Janessa, Jordanna and Sofia Rubino.

Survivors also include her sisters and brothers-in-law, Jose Gelders and Michel, Gaby and Ulrich Kiesow, Simone and Claudio DeLuca, and Nora and Antonio Tricarico; her brother and sister-in-law Marcel and Albertine Gelders, all of Belgium; her many nieces and nephews especially acknowledging Daniel Kiesow of Belgium, family cousins who reside locally, and her beloved Rubino's many family members in Italy. She also leaves her most treasured best friend of 55 years, Dora DeFazio, who was truly like a sister. She was predeceased by her sisters and brother-in-law Jeanne and Paul Fries, Germaine Gelders; her brothers, Albert Gelders and Maurice Gelders.

Visitation hours will be held Monday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Yvonne's funeral service and Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral

home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Service

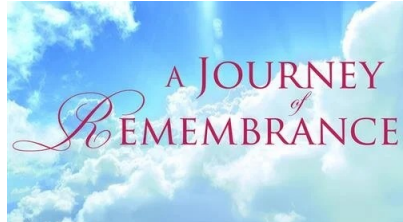
DEC **14**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Liz, Tony and Rubino Family: Please accept my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.

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**Bob Roth** - December 14, 2010 at 03:03 PM



“ Rubino Family,

*I am very sad to hear of the loss of your wonderful mother. I have many fond memories of the time spent at your home when I was young. The sleepovers, swimming , playing basketball, etc. She was a great woman, wife and mother. This is why her passing will be difficult but I know she is in a better place and with your father as well. I will keep her and all of you in my prayers. God Bless.*

*Love Rich, Michelle, Justin & Brady*

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**Richard Aboussleman** - December 13, 2010 at 09:49 PM

MT

“ To all the Rubino family -  
I first met your parents when I was Dr.Arthur Kaplan's nurse, so long ago. I remember them both as very concerned and dedicated parents. They were delightful to talk with. Your mom, with all her energy and humor, made your office visits something I looked forward to. As a couple your mom and dad seemed to work as a team, bringing up a fine family with strong values and great love. To lose one's mother is something we all intellectually know will happen some day, but we are never prepared for such a great separation. She loved you all so much.  
May the good Lord console you with His great mercy and love.  
Marie Testa

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**Marie Testa** - December 13, 2010 at 07:33 PM



“ Lisa Klein lit a candle in memory of Yvonne  
(Gelders) Rubino



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**Lisa Klein** - December 13, 2010 at 02:15 PM

CF

“ : Lee, Liz, Santina, Peter, Angela, Marcella, Marco and David, Our hearts ache for all of you. We know how much you loved your mom and how very much she loved all of you and her beautiful grandchildren. Your mom was very special to us. As neighbors and friends for over forty years we shared laughter and tears and through all those years we never had any unkind words. Her children and ours grew up together and were best friends. We would often talk about the good "old days" and Yvonne would always ask about my boys and how they were. I will miss our over the fence chats and hearing her sing as she often did when taking care of her beautiful flowers. She loved summer and would often sit out front talking with family and friends. Summers will never be the same without her. We will miss her as we miss your Dad, but we have many fond memories that we treasure. There is phrase "To live in hearts you leave behind is not to die." Your family has many beautiful memories and those memories will keep your loved ones near always.

We love you, Corelli Family

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Corelli Family - December 13, 2010 at 12:06 PM

SR

“ My family has been neighbors of the Rubinos for 39 years. Our children were friends, they grew up together. I have many fond memories of Yvonne but I think my favorite ones were those when she used to tell me what the hill was like when she first moved in. She would tell me how she used to sometimes go up and down the hill on a sled because the hill was so steep very few people would come up it in the winter. We talked a lot about the kids growing up our problems and joys. Every time I would walk around the block she would make it a point to come outside to chat for awhile.. You are truly loved and will be missed Yvonne.. RIP

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Sandra Reilly - December 13, 2010 at 06:05 AM

AS

“ Lee, The morning you called me was such a shock and still cannot believe it's true. We have been friends since childhood and still remember your homestead where we both began our long-standing friendship which has endured throughout the years. Your mother was such an incredibly sweet lady who always took the time to ask about everyone in my family whenever she greeted me. She has a wonderful family that will keep her memories and traditions the sign of a truly outstanding matriarch.

*Ann Scanlon & family*

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**Ann Scanlon** - December 12, 2010 at 08:02 PM

SC

“ To Lee, Liz, Santina, Pete, Angela, Marcella, Marco, and David, my heart goes out to all of you, I always remember when I saw your mom, she would ask me how my Mother was. Well as you know my mom went to heaven in June 2009, the saddest day of my life. I try to remember the love mom gave me, the laughter we shared, and all the memories of our family. This will help, but it never fills the hole in your heart. Your mom was your world, she was a loving and giving woman, who always was good to everyone. Please accept my family and my sympathy, I will say a prayer to my mom to welcome her to heaven. May she rest in peace..... with much love

*Sharon L Campola and family*

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**sharon campola** - December 12, 2010 at 07:35 AM

SC

“ Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino



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**sharon campola** - December 12, 2010 at 07:30 AM

JK

“ *Jo King lit a candle in memory of Yvonne  
(Gelders) Rubino*



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**Jo King** - December 12, 2010 at 07:29 AM



“ Lee, Liz, Santina, Pete, Angela, Marcella, Marco, and David,

*Mere words cannot convey the feelings that I have as I write this. Your Mother is one of the nicest people I know. What you are going through is all too familiar to me. It is a time that, while we all know it will someday come, we are never really prepared for it.*

*We think that we will have our loved ones forever, and then in the blink of an eye we are reminded in the most painful of ways, that what we had was a precious gift.*

*Your Mom nurtured you, and along with your Dad, raised you and taught you the things that you will need to turn to today, and in the days to come.*

*"Today's moments become tomorrow memories". You have all had many moments with your Mother and now have many memories. I have had many moments with your Mother and will cherish them always.*

*She would always have such nice things to say to me. She always encouraged me, especially when I was having a difficult time with the passing of my own Mom.*

*The miles between us, makes it very difficult for me to be there for you, the way that you have always been there for me. So my hope is that the friendship that we share, will serve as the arms that I would otherwise embrace you with, had I been able to be with you. Yvonne Rubino IS (not was) a beautiful beautiful woman.*

*I say "IS", because you have not lost her. You only lose something when you do not know where it is.*

*Please, find comfort in knowing that your Mother, so loved, and so deserving, has received the GREATEST GIFT of all this Christmas Season.*

*"She's touched the face of God!"*

*Forever in my heart,*

*jeff...*

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**Jeff Franz** - December 12, 2010 at 02:10 AM

JS

“ TO THE RUBINO FAMILY I AM SO GLAD THAT YOUR MOTHER WAS A PART OF MY LIFE SHE ALWAYS WILL BE I WILL NEVER FORGET HER I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS JULIE

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**JULIE SPANFELNER** - December 11, 2010 at 08:35 PM

JS

“ JULIE SPANFELNER lit a candle in memory of Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino



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**JULIE SPANFELNER** - December 11, 2010 at 08:31 PM

TT

“ Tricia Tomaino-Nistico lit a candle in memory of Yvonne (Gelders) Rubino



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**Tricia Tomaino-Nistico** - December 11, 2010 at 04:57 PM