



Agatina (Tina) Macchina

September 1, 1934 - July 2, 2019

Albany-Agatina (Tina) Macchina, 84, went with the Lord, guided by the angels on July 2nd at the Teresian House. Born in Ali Terme, Messina, and raised in Santa Teresa di Riva, Sicily she was the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Carmela Amato Bonarrigo.

Agatina immigrated to the United States in 1952. Her first job here was at Albany Felt. Soon after she opened Tina's Restaurant with her mother Carmela on Central Avenue. In 1958 she married Armando Macchina and was assistant to the Italian Vice Consul, Joe Muia. In 1968 she and her husband Armando acquired Chiaramonte Bakery in Albany and called it Carosello Bakery. Together as entrepreneurs they would go on to own 8 locations in the Capital District along with Carosello Travel and the Delaware Theatre where they organized concerts of famous Italian singers. Agatina, along with her husband, was the longtime hostess of Italian Carousel TV Show on Channel 13 in the 70's and Carosello Italiano Radio Show on WQBK for over 20 years. In 1970 they were honored by NY state as Italian Americans of the year. Later in life, Tina worked parttime for the Albany School District Food Services and most recently at Roman Jewels and can be seen in their TV commercials along side her grandson Sammy.

Agatina enjoyed traveling the world and vacationing every summer in Sicily back to her homeland and to see her many relatives. She'd take annual trips

to Disney World with her grandkids for Thanksgiving. She enjoyed dancing and singing immensely up to the time of her death and kept a rhythm sure to put a smile on anyone's face. She had a strong sense of humor and an infectious smile and was the most dignified and classy woman of her time. She was strong willed with a heart of gold who helped many fellow Italians with translations and legal paperwork. She was a longtime member of the Sons of Italy and the IACC.

She was pre deceased by her husband Armando Macchina; Survived by her loving daughters Helen Macchina who was her caregiver for the past 20 years, Marcella Michel and beloved son-in-law Bobby, her four cherished grandchildren, Martina Nezaj, Amanda & Sammy Fresina and Marcello Michel, all of who she kept so close to her heart and lived to be around them; sister of Carmelo Bonarrigo (Elsie); she is also survived by many nieces, nephews, sister and brothers in-laws and many cousins in Italy.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Teresian House for the care they showed her in the past months and especially those who had compassion and showed her love. And thank you to those who took the time to visit her while she resided there.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Agatina's family Sunday, July 7, 2019 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Monday, July 8, 2019 at 9:00 am at McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY at 9:30 am, where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember Agatina in a special way may send contributions to Alzheimer's Disease Association, 4 Pine West Plaza, #405, Albany, NY 12205

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

481 Route 9W
Glenmont, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

JUL 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)
Albany, NY 12208

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Agatina (Tina) Macchina*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 05, 2019 at 11:46 AM

TS

*Beautiful video of her great Life.. Resta in Pace Tina.
CONDOGLIANZE alla famiglia che l' hanno amata tanto.. mi dispiace*

Teresa Scandurra - July 06, 2019 at 10:36 AM

SP

*Beautiful women with a lovely smile, Beautiful memories as shown in video as well as a Beautiful family. Will always remember Tina as a lovely person and fondly as my roommate on a bus trip to Canada.
Santa Pasquini*

Santa Pasquini - July 07, 2019 at 12:07 PM



“ *Agatina (Tina) Macchina*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ To the Macchina Family, your mother and grandmother was such a delight. I loved walking with her and listening to her sing. Her spirit will always life on in your hearts and mine. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Loretta and Henrietta

Loretta Fantroy - July 19, 2019 at 02:48 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Agatina (Tina) Macchina.



July 07, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ On behalf of the American Italian Heritage Association & Museum our sincere sympathy.

Tina made her mark on the Albany area Italian American community, her contributions were many. We are grateful to her for all she did for the community, May she rest in peace. Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo, President.

Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo - July 07, 2019 at 08:21 PM



“ I am one of many people whose lives Tina touched and am very thankful for having shared even a smile on a mutual memory while sharing a pew at Mater Christi Parish. God bless her and us for having her in our lives...even for a short while. RIP dear friend... My condolences to her family.

Marisa Ricupero Traynor - July 07, 2019 at 07:39 PM

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marcella michel - July 07, 2019 at 09:07 AM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - July 05, 2019 at 10:40 AM

EC

“ Dear Elena and Marcella,

I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you.

Gino (Egidio) Currenti and family



Egidio (Gino) Currenti - July 05, 2019 at 03:25 AM

MG

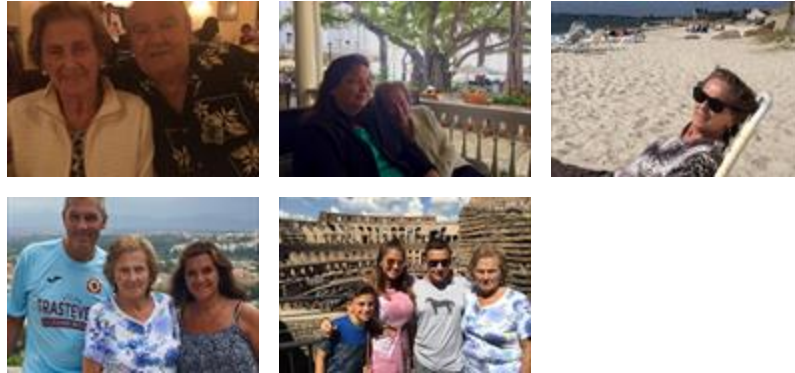
“ Tina was a nice woman. Sorry for your loss.

*Love,
Maria Giannini*

Maria Giannini - July 04, 2019 at 10:36 PM

MM

“ 9 files added to the album *Mamma, Nonni Tina*



marcella michel - July 04, 2019 at 11:21 AM

PP

“ *So very sorry for your loss. I know you will miss her dearly. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family.*
Patti Percoski

Patti Percoski - July 03, 2019 at 07:45 PM