



Antoinette Duva

January 31, 1912 - December 6, 2015

Albany-Antoinette Robortella Duva, 103, entered into heaven peacefully surrounded by her family Sunday, December 6, 2015 at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. She was born in Montemurro, Italy January 31, 1912. She met her husband Frank while he was on a trip to Italy. They were married in 1931 and returned to the USA. Antoinette was a homemaker who loved taking care of her family. She was an incredible cook, loved to sew, an intensely devout Catholic, had a great sense of humor and took pride in her beautiful flower gardens. She loved to tell stories about growing up in Italy and always had anecdotes and words of wisdom in Italian and we loved hearing them.

During her stay at the nursing home she developed a love for bingo and also enjoyed going to Mass and Communion Services. She was adored by staff, residents and their families. Antoinette was always hugging and throwing kisses to everyone she came in contact with. People could not believe she was a centenarian because she looked and acted much younger. She was such a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and mother-in-law. She sacrificed all her life and family always came first. Antoinette was happiest when her entire family was all together and said it made her feel like a queen. One of her favorite sayings was 'it couldn't be any better.' And when it came to ma, it fit her to the tee. She was the best. During her long life she touched the lives of many people who were fortunate to have known this

beautiful lady.

Antoinette was predeceased by her husband Frank of 59 years, her parents Domenic Anthony and Beatrice, sisters Anna and Roquina and brother Vincent, along with her daughter-in-law Aileen "Teri" Duva. She is survived by her sons Rocco, Anthony, Salvatore (Kathy Nolan), Joe (Ilene), granddaughters Antoinette Nowak (David), Deborah DiCerbo (Michael), Angela Wolf (John), great grandchildren Tyler and Jordan Nowak and Adam Murray. She is also survived by several nephews and was like a mother to whom she called her 'fifth son' John Kearney (Lynda).

The family would like to especially thank the religious sisters, all of the staff and the volunteers at the nursing home who were always so loving and caring to her over the past four years. She may be gone from this earth, but rest assured she will still be praying for all of us up in heaven. She would always say, 'God, please help everybody.'

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Antoinette's family Wednesday, December 9, 2015 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 8:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany at 9:00 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Interment will immediately follow the Mass at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery.

Those wishing to remember Antoinette in a special way may send a contribution to St. Peter's Hospital foundation, 319 S. Manning Blvd., Suite 114, Albany, NY 12208 care of St. Peter's Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

DEC **10** (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Antoinette Duva*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *While we didn't know Antoinette well, we were always delighted to visit with Joe, her son at St. Peters Nursing home. Everyone there, spoke highly of Antoinette and how she was such a positive person showing concern and care for everyone. Joe would visit our table 9, in the Crystal Dining Room and add humor to the conversation. Antoinette's influence created a devoted and loving son in Joe. I'm certain she was very proud. Please accept our condolences on the loss of your Mom.*

The Table 9 Family of Franklyn Mooney, Jr., his wife Eleanor, son, Frankie III, Eleanor Lanier and Margie Dorkin.

Marjorie Dorkin - December 10, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Sal and the Duva family,
Sorry for your loss. Your mother will be in my prayers.
Brian M. O'Connor*

Brian M. O'Connor - December 09, 2015 at 04:32 AM

BQ

“ The, "Quigley Family", would like the, "Duva Family", to accept our deepest sorrow and sympathies concerning the recent passing of your Mom and Matriarch, Mrs. Antoinette Robertella Duva. We have only known Mrs. Duva, for a very short time, compared to the number of years that she spent on this earth. That short amount of time was enough to make us realize that she was truly a wonderful lady and a true living Angel walking this earth of ours. Just as the tribute was written in the paper, Mrs. Duva filled everyone with her beautiful smile and with the wisdom and grace that shined upon all of us. Mrs. Duva could send a bright beam of light from her heart and soul directly to all of us who ever had the pleasure to share any amount of time with her. We are so thankful that we were able to see her last Friday before we left St. Peters, while we had been visiting our loved one. We shall always remember your Mom and all her blessings for us, along with that smile of hers followed by that twinkle in her eye, whenever we had the honor to see her. All of our hearts and prayers, go out directly to all of you during this tough time of sorrow from the great loss that all of you have suffered through.



Sincerely, William J. Quigley, Sr. & William J. Quigley, Jr & Family

Bill Quigley - December 08, 2015 at 08:31 PM

SW

“ Sal I am so sorry for your loss. You're Mom was a very sweet and special person. When Joey, my little dog, and I went to visit her she told me all about her life in Italy and a dog she had there. She loved Joey and heaved her. It was a privilege to have spent time with her and to have heard her stories.

Prayers to all.

Sue Waltz

Suzanne Waltz - December 08, 2015 at 04:46 PM

LM

“ Angie, Deb, Antoinette and Adam,

I was very sorry to hear of the loss of such a special woman. What a great lady. She will surely be missed. You are all in our prayers.

The Madsen's

Laurie Madsen - December 08, 2015 at 04:10 PM

DE

“ Sal, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie - December 08, 2015 at 03:51 PM

GS

“ Deb and Antoinette, please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May your memories, bring you peace and comfort.

*With love,
Gretchen & John*

Gretchen Smith-Chase - December 08, 2015 at 11:25 AM

JO

“ Sal, so sorry to hear about your Mom. She raised wonderful son.

June Overdorf - December 08, 2015 at 05:48 AM