



## Dorothy Jean Cervo Parente

September 14, 1929 - July 15, 2019

Loudonville-Dorothy "Dotty" Jean Cervo Parente, 89, of Loudonville entered into Eternal Life with her family at her side on Monday, July 15, 2019, at home. Born in Rome N.Y. on September 14, 1929, she was the cherished daughter of John and Agnes Ekl Cervo.

Dorothy attended Rome City Schools and graduated from the Rome Free Academy in 1947. After graduation, Dotty attended Faxton St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, while lovingly caring for special needs children at the Rome State School.

During WWII, Dorothy lost her oldest brother, Pvt. Joseph Cervo of the 101st Airborne Division in the Liberation of Holland's Operation Market Garden. As a Gold Star Family, Dotty together with her mother Agnes attended numerous veterans functions representing her fallen brother Joe. It was at such an event, she met the evenings' keynote speaker and soon to be her husband, Donato 'Dan' Parente. The two of them represented America's Greatest Generation.

Dotty was a homemaker and wonderful mother, and she worked hard to make

home and family in ways that transcended the boundaries of brick and mortar.

Dorothy kept a clean house, and filled it with music, singing, beautiful sculpture, fantastic meals, splendid Christmas decorations and being the best possible mother to her children— all while working a full time job outside the home.

She taught her family by example the need to work hard, and how to stretch a dollar, but most importantly to never give up.

Dorothy worked many jobs over the years, including Norton Company, J. deBeer and Son and Albany County Nursing Home.

Dorothy's tenderheartedness never turned away a stray soul in need be it human or animal always allowing room for more; always lending an ear or helping friends and family. Her wisdom and good sense will always be cherished and remembered.

Dotty's greatest joys came later in life as she gleefully embraced the title of Grandmother, thoroughly enjoying, loving, and spoiling all four grandbabies.

Dorothy's family dinners were bountiful and legendary, as the kitchen was the place she enjoyed the most. Her hands were gifted whether it be making Tiramisu, crocheting beautiful blankets or cradling a baby. She always had fun on April Fool's Day, loved a good game of badminton or bocce, and was

always ready to take her grandchildren for ice cream, car picnics, and adventure.

She went without most of life's advantages and pleasures so her children could have more than she did; she was not born into a life of privilege, she only drove one new car in her life, and never owned an expensive wardrobe or ate at fine restaurants. She was not able to keep up with the newest gadgets or trends, and at first cable TV was a luxury for her and her family. But in all the other ways.... all the ways that were important, she was a rich woman, and given the greatest gift of all, the title 'mother.'

Dorothy was the wife of the late Donato Daniel Parente; beloved mother of MariAgnes Parente Malkonian, Danielle Leach (Jon). David Agostino Parente (Kristin McVeigh), Frank J. Parente (Laura) and her late infant son Agostino Parente; cherished and beloved grandmother of Frankie Joe, Jr. Parente, Anthony David Parente, Kyla Marie Parente, and Eva Christine Parente; sister of the late Pvt. Joseph Cervo, Carmen Cervo, and Marion Kelley; daughter-in-law of the late Agostino and Maria Zanonni Parente; dear family friend of the McVeigh Family and the late brothers Gulley, Jim and Tony; Dorothy is survived by nieces and nephews, especially Mickey Kelley (Rebecca).

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Dorothy's family Thursday, July 18, 2019 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206.

Funeral services Friday, July 19, 2019 at 9:00 am at Blessed Sacrament

Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery (South Gate Entrance) immediately following the Mass.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

Understanding that when a death occurs, we often express ourselves by supporting a good cause in the community. The Parente family suggests the New York State Funeral Directors Association Tribute Foundation, 1 S. Family Drive, Albany, NY 12205, or the Food Pantry at Blessed Sacrament Church, or The Community Hospice.

And May flights of Angels Sing Thee Into Thy Heaven  
Pax Vobiscum

# Cemetery Details

## Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY 12204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 18.** 5:00 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

**JUL 19.** 9:00 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Jean Cervo Parente*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *You were so kind and solicitous to us during our time of grief, little did we imagine your mother's passing was on the horizon, David.*

*Our deepest condolences to you and your family during this sad time.*

*The Family of Victor Nerses*

**Carol Nerses** - July 23, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ *Sorry to the Parente family for your loss. My mother just landed in the hospital yesterday, she fell and fractured bones. Sorry we couldn't come to the wake. Our condolences to everyone. Michael Taylor and staff.*

**Michael Taylpr** - July 19, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss.*

**Allan Filler** - July 19, 2019 at 11:37 AM



*On behalf of our family, thank you Allan!*

**MariAgnese Malkonian** - July 22, 2019 at 06:10 PM

RJ

“ Dear David, Kristin and family,

*Please accept my sympathy and prayers on the entry of your mother Dorothy into eternal life. May you be comforted in this time of sorrow by many happy memories of her in life.*

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**Robert G. Conway, Jr.** - July 18, 2019 at 11:39 PM

CM

“ I will always remember and cherish the times I visited the Albany area. Dotty always made me feel welcome to her home, both the one in Latham and the Loudonville residence. Her excellent culinary skills would amaze me. She would say things like “I just threw something together hope you like it” There would be a huge table of various dishes; meats/fishes, vegetables, pasta and deserts. She loved cooking and creating. I recall one time when I arrived late in the evening, like 10:30/11:00, she said, “thought you might be hungry, so I fixed a little something.” There was a 4-course meal sitting on the table. Dotty thoroughly enjoyed making people happy and doing things for those around her; family, friends and neighbors, she loved people of all types and loved doing things for them. She was and always will be, very special to me in many ways.

*My sincere condolences and sympathy to the Parente family at this difficult time. May the Love of God and the Peace of Christ surround all of you in the days to come and provide you strength.*

MM

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**C Mitchell** - July 18, 2019 at 07:48 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Cervo Parente.*



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July 18, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ *On behalf of the Central Avenue Business Improvement District, we wish to send our sincere condolences to the Parente and McVeigh family. You have been there for so many of our families over the years, we wish you peace in this time of grief and loss.*

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**Anthony Capece** - July 18, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dear Dave, Kristin and the Parent Family:*

*We are so sorry to hear of Dottie's passing. Cherish the great memories and all the time that you had together. Thinking of you all.*

*Frank and Erin Steinbach  
Lake George, NY*

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**Frank and Erin Steinbach** - July 18, 2019 at 03:36 PM



“ *We are sending our most sincere thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

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**Kathleen Sanvidge** - July 18, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Dorothy Jean Cervo Parente.*



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July 18, 2019 at 12:14 AM



“ *condolences to the Parente Family. So sorry for your loss. The kilmer family. Todd, Kevin, George and Pat*

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**Todd G. Kilmer** - July 17, 2019 at 07:04 PM



“ *Hi Dave,*

*Sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Eric** - July 17, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *David*  
*My Deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your mother...*  
*Thoughts and Prayers.*  
*Tim Van Vorst*

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**Tim Van Vorst** - July 17, 2019 at 10:59 AM

PT

“ *She always brought a smile to my face. I enjoyed our little visits. She is safe and sound. May God Bless her family and bring you comfort. So sorry*

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**Patricia Trow** - July 16, 2019 at 10:05 PM

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*On behalf of our family, thank you Patty!*

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**MariAgnès Malkonian** - July 22, 2019 at 06:11 PM

MK

“ *Dottie was my wonderful neighbor on Aspinwall Road, and I happily shared plenty of laughs, delicious snacks, and so many happy memories with her. Heaven is indeed a little bit more fun with her there now.*

*My deepest condolences to the dear Parente family. You are going to miss her terribly, but she will always live on in your hearts...and mine too.*

*May God comfort you all,*

*Mimi Kolb*

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**Mimi Kolb** - July 16, 2019 at 04:55 PM

MM

*Thank you very much Mimi!*

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**MariAgnès Malkonian** - July 22, 2019 at 06:12 PM

JK

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you, may God Bless you in this time of need.*

*John J. Kelly*

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**John J. Kelly** - July 16, 2019 at 04:45 PM

JM

“ *My sincerest sympathies to the Parente family. May she rest in peace.*

*Joe Martin Past President NYSFDA*

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**Joe Martin** - July 16, 2019 at 04:18 PM