



Gloria L. Cuomo

April 18, 1923 - January 5, 2021

It is with heartfelt sadness that our beloved and cherished mother, Gloria L. Cuomo, 97, passed away peacefully on January 5, 2021, at her home surrounded by her most loving and adoring children. Gloria was born in Schenectady on April 18, 1923, at 33 ½ Jefferson Street, daughter of the late Paolo and Ersilia (Pallante) DiCocco. She graduated from Nott Terrace High School and worked at General Electric as a wire coiler. Later in life, as the sole supporter of her family, she worked three jobs, concurrently, as a data entry operator at Schenectady County Social Services, cashier/seller at Capital District Off -Track Betting and as a switchboard operator at St. Clare's Hospital. Gloria was a faithful communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Gloria may have been small in stature, but, oh, was she mighty! She was built from a combination of "old school" Italian strength - true grit and courage that carried her through the most difficult times – never complaining and was blessed with a positive attitude and a sense of reverence and grace that compelled so many to just want to be in her company. "Aunt Gloria Day at the Resort" was held in her honor for the past 17 years! Above all else, she was a devoted and selfless mother, who always put the needs of her six children, she

single-handedly raised, above her own. Gloria was guided by her steadfast and unwavering faith, praying her rosary daily, even during her last moments here with us. She paused just once – to tell her children she loved them.

Gloria Cuomo: Mom, Mother, Gram, "Girlfriend," Mema, Ma, Sister, Aunt and friend ... how you amazed us!

Gloria lived life on her own terms, working seven days a week for years but still showing such love through her cooking, most especially. Her signature meatballs, never too big and perfectly seasoned which melted in your mouth and the aroma of sauce cooking on her stove, drew the lucky recipients over in droves for dinner. And over time, as we all tried to replicate that impeccable combination of tomatoes and garlic she perfected long ago, she'd never miss a chance to ask us how we made our own sauce – and offer some handy tips along the way.

She was a lover of Sinatra, every horse ridden by Johnny V, her yearly trip to Saratoga Flat Track with her five daughters, she was a night owl, enjoyed her "nice" dessert every

evening and loved a good CC Manhattan... "With a twist, little ice." Forever guided by her routines, she started the day with her Cryptoquote, Jumble and Sudoku puzzles, exercises by the kitchen sink and treadmill, even into her mid-90's. She lived by eating "no meat on Fridays" - yup, all year long. Frankie played thunderously, daily, over the speaker in her kitchen and there was always enough time to dance – or offer a "Bravo" for a stellar performance. She put on her lipstick "Revlon 435" and clip-on earrings just to answer the door or go to the market; her lead foot was known to run red lights, as long as this "energizer bunny" was on her way to church. She ate her meat well, WELL done, boiled the hell out of fresh vegetables and detested every condiment known to mankind. In a pinch, a grilled cheese sandwich would do. Four generations of her close family have been able to experience and savor their precious time with their devoted matriarch, loving and laughing at these qualities; her essence, and are blessed and better for it.

In the end, during her final hours, there was only love left for this mighty woman.

Endearing videos, phone calls and Facetimes, from those so cherished and devoted to her, were only fitting for the caliber of the woman that she was. She knew it was her time. Her work here, done. She left this earth, just as she lived it – HER WAY.

Gloria was predeceased by her siblings: Yolanda DiCocco, Michelina Maiello, Vincenza Iovinella Palmier, Anne Tessitore, Paul DiCocco and Duilio DiCocco; beloved son-in-law Donald Reisinger; sister-in-law Mary Ellen DiCocco; nephew Ronald Iovinella; niece/goddaughter Paulette DiCocco Leonard and niece Eshia DiCocco.

Gloria is survived by her loving children, Lynne (Dennis Englert) Francey, Angel (Vito) Serio, Gloria-Jean Reisinger, Lorelei Cuomo, Christine Cuomo, Edward Cuomo and Debbie "Miss Mary" Martin; her adoring grandchildren, Tiffany (Joe) Tassone, Tracy (Dave) Cohen, Tara (Danny) Lamalfa, Mark Serio, Angel (Patrick) Cronin, Donald (Ashley) Reisinger, Raquel (Luke) Sacharczyk, and Darcy (Ben) Shaw; and her adoring great-grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia and Ella Tassone, Lila and Max Cohen, Mia, Ava Gloria and Alexa Lamalfa, Violet Cronin, Anthony, Jack and Emily Reisinger, and Benson and Gracie Shaw, her sister-in-law Catherine DiCocco, her favorite little grandpup Gino and many special nieces, nephews, goddaughter and many dear friends.

Gloria's family would like to thank Dr. Cindy Chan and Dr. John Nolan, for their professionalism, compassion and exemplary care of Gloria, especially their availability to her family, over these many years, as well as the caring nurses at Community Hospice, especially Christine Kohli.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, funeral services for Gloria will be private at the funeral home but all are welcome to take part by logging into Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home Facebook page on Saturday, January 9th at 1:00PM to witness her service. A celebration of Gloria's life will be held at a later date for all to attend in person. Interment will be held privately in Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna.

Cemetery

Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Niskayuna

2501 Troy Schenectady Rd
Niskayuna, NY, 12309

Events

JAN **burial** 02:15PM

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