



Marfisa M. Lombard

October 2, 1921 - January 25, 2021

Marfisa M. Lombard, "Martie," passed peacefully into eternal life on January 25, 2021, surrounded by family in her beloved home of 70 years. The daughter of Carlo and Teresa (Gaudelli) Morrone, she was born in Duanesburg on October 2, 1921, and grew up in Amsterdam. She was a graduate of St. Mary's Institute in Amsterdam, and was a member of the first class to receive a bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Oneonta in 1942. She earned a master's degree from Columbia University in 1948, and was inducted into Columbia's Golden Alumni Society in 2017. Marfisa also obtained her supervisor's certification from SUNY Albany. She began her teaching career in Fort Plain, Gloversville and Amsterdam before embarking on her long teaching experience in the Troy School District. For the last 14 years of her career, she was an administrator in the Federal Programs in Troy. During her 99 years, Marfisa was known by many names, Martie to her friends, Mom to her children, Grandma Martie, Martha to her sister, and "Mart" to her husband. She was always active both at home and in the community, and even in her 90's her former students would greet her with fond memories when they ran into her. Martie was active in the Troy Women's Club, Ilium Literary Club, Birchkill Arts and Crafts Guild, and a proud member of the award winning Capitaland Chorus - singing barber shop style in concerts and in competition across the U.S. and in Europe. She was an active member of Christ Sun of Justice Parish in Troy. Martie enjoyed gardening, Tai Chi, sewing and all crafts. She taught many family members to knit and crochet and lead many family craft nights. She was always encouraging and supporting the next generation to explore their creative interests. She always seemed to find and cultivate individual interest in each of her children and grandchildren. She taught us all about the world and was always interested in learning new things herself. She loved texting and emailing with her extended family. She instilled in us the love of people above all else and to always turn off the lights and radio and always put on lipstick. She always opened her heart and her home to extended family and friends and has left an indelible positive impact on all she met. Her unyielding optimism and unconditional love was legendary. As Jimmy so eloquently put it, "When you look up unconditional love in the dictionary, you'll see her picture." Marfisa was predeceased by her husband, James A. Lombard Jr.; son Dr. James A. (Donna) Lombard III; sisters, Concetta and Vittoria Morrone, and Ann Cipullo. She is survived by her

children, Terry (Lyle) Pitcher, Nicki (James) Abbott, Gina (Joseph) Vece, Connie Soloyna, and Ted (Patrice) Lombard; grandchildren, Bethany (Matt) Spencer, Jason Pitcher, James (Tricia) Abbott, Maureen (Peter) Medeiros, Nicolena Lombard, Brent Lombard, Christopher (Maryjane) Vece, Kate (Matt) Ziter, Meghan (Adam) Kohler, Bruce (Naomi) Soloyna, Theresa (Michael) Monroe, Billy Brower, Kristin (Mike) Lombard and Angela Lombard. She was also Grandma Martie to seventeen great-grandchildren, and Aunt Martie to several nieces and nephews. A private Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday and may be viewed on Marfisa's Book of Memories late Saturday afternoon at townleywheelerfh.com. A memorial celebration will be planned for the future. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105.

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery, Troy

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