



Mrs. Elissa "Elsie" Sciaruto Fabrizio

April 16, 1922 - August 11, 2015

Mrs. Elissa "Elsie" Sciaruto Fabrizio, 93, of Cortland, N.Y. passed away on Tuesday August 11, 2015 at Cortland Regional Medical Center after a brief illness. Born in Roccacasale, Italy; Elsie came to the United States in 1931.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church and was formerly employed at Smith-Corona and worked with her brother Pietro Sciaruto at Bari Importing in Cortland, for many years. Elsie loved doing many different crafts and enjoyed working in her flower garden. But most of all she loved all her family and the times they spent together. Her other enjoyment was going to her various club meetings, The Stella D'Oro Lodge, Altar Society and volunteering with R.S.V.P. Additionally, she was a life member of the Women of The Moose.

Survivors include, her son; James (Irene) Berardi of Winterville, N. Carolina and her daughter; Maryann Berardi Murphy of Pinellas Park, Florida,., a step son; Alfred "Corky" (Mary) Fabrizio of Fairport, N.Y. and step daughter; Colleen (Chris) Lawhorne of Tampa, Florida., sisters in law, Francesca Sciaruto, Antoinette Weinerth, and Bella, Esther, and Eva Fabrizio. 10 grandchildren; Lori, Patti, Matthew, Marc, Elizabeth, Amanda, Nicole, Beth, Amy, and Kelli. 16 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Elsie was preceded in death by her parents, Mariano and Domenica Liberatore Sciaruto, brother, Pietro Sciaruto and her husbands, Nicholas Berardi and Menotti Alfred Fabrizio.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Anthony's Church with Rev. Joseph Zareski serving as celebrant. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. The family will be present to receive friends on Friday from 1-4 p.m. in St. Anthony's Church, Pomeroy St., Cortland, N.Y. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

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“ *Great Lady to know and spend time with. She had great vision for the Stella D'Oro Ladies. She will be missed by many and her leadership will carry on. Many Blessings to her family. Toni DeSanta-Williams & Stella D'Oro Ladies.*

Toni DeSanta-Williams - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JH

“ *Keeping all the family in my prayers and giving thanks to Gd I was blessed to have come to know this wonderful lady.xfgde*

Jaimie Holland - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

IV

“ *To the family: We are so sorry for your loss. Our family has many fond memories of visiting the Sciaruto and Berardi family in Cortland. We will keep her in our prayers.*

From the Liberatore family

Ida Vandewalker - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

CL

“ *Ma: You have been in my life since my child hood. You were and still are a wonderful woman. You were a great wife to my father and a wonderful grandmother to my daughter Kelli. Elise was truly one of the most open and giving women I have ever met. We are all blessed to have been able to spend so much time with her. We have all learned life-long lessons through her kindness and in her memory. She gave me a wonderful step sister whom I gave time with her daughters. I will always remember Ma with love for the rest of my life. Elsie go to heaven and once again meet my father (AL) in heaven and dance once again together.Love Chris & Colleen*

Chris & Colleen (Fabrizio) Lawhorne - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

PR

“ *We are so sorry for your loss; our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. You Mom was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.*

Patrick Sabins & Chris Ruckman - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

MR

“ When I asked her to be my sponsor for my confirmation I was so nervous, but she graciously said yes. It was such a proud moment for me to be able to be confirmed with her by my side. I am so grateful for her to have been a part of my life. She has had such an impact on my life. I loved when I visited her or when everyone would have card night in her garage. I will miss her so much and will think of her everyday. I am so sorry for the family on this unbelievable loss.

Mariah Riccardi - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

CM

“ I loved this woman like she was my own mom. Her daughter Maryann is the best of best friends, more like a sister. Elissa will be missed greatly. She was a wise and wonderful woman and my heart goes out to her family. May God give them all peace in this tragic time. Heaven has another angel!.

Carman Moore - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

BS

“ Aunt Elsie: An amazing woman with a huge heart, endless compassion, engaging smile, capacity to discover the good in any situation, and someone who flat out enjoyed people. She remembered our anniversary for our entire marriage....and one year even sent us 2 cards because she confused the dates. Uncle Al and Aunt Elsie are sharing coffee in another place now but you can bet they're laughing and swapping stories.....Thanks for the memories.

Bill and Debbie Stranghoener - May 18, 2018 at 11:04 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family

Johnnie & Joni Barefoot - August 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ What a sweet sweet lady. Always a smile on her face. She will be missed. :-(

Helen Blake - March 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM