



## Mrs. Lina Spaziani Pace

July 12, 1924 - February 18, 2015

Lina Spaziani Pace, age 90, passed away peacefully at her home on February 18, 2015 after a lengthy illness. Lina was born July 12, 1924 in Sgurgola, Frosinone, Italy to Antonina and Michael Angelo Spaziani. She immigrated to Cortland, NY in May of 1950 and worked at Dom's Grill. In October she married Anthony J. Pace (Tony) at St. Thomas Cathedral in Arlington Virginia. They raised four sons together. In 1962 Lina began working at the Crescent Corset Co. where she was employed until her retirement in 1984.

As a child, the Sisters of Matutine educated Lina where she developed a close relationship with Mother Superior Gabriella Compili and developed a love of music, singing in the Children's Choir of St. Maria, her home parish in Sgurgola. She loved dancing around the house to Italian folk music, 1950s and 60s American rock and roll and listening to her favorite artist Andrea Bocelli whose music of Italy and of the church brought her great comfort these last few years.

Lina was passionate about gardening and preparing meals from scratch for her family. The importance of having her family together around the dinner table was a tradition she brought from the old country and valued throughout her life. Many life lessons were passed on and nurtured around "la tavola" during those incredible meals. Love God, honor your family, work hard, and give your best in everything were among the many lessons that were modeled.

In addition to raising her four boys and working at the Crescent Corset, Lina attended night school and earned her citizenship in 1962. She was proud of her accomplishment and loved being a US citizen, voting in every election since 1962.

Lina loved and adored her grandchildren Michaela and William, especially when she was able to spoil them with grandma's famous Biscotti Scottolati or as they called them, "grandma's bagels" and other sweet treats when she cared for them before entering

school. Grandma is so proud of the wonderful, talented, intelligent and young adults they have become.

Lina's cat Sparkle was a faithful companion from sun up to sundown. They were inseparable and trilingual, often communicating in Cat, Italian and English. Her love for Sparkle was unconditional and never-ending.

Lina was predeceased by her husband Tony, brother Angelo, her sister: Ida Martini and brothers-in-law Adamo Martini, Ethan and Dominick Pace, her sisters-in-law: Nancy and Betty Pace and her nieces: Rita Martini Fabiano, Jacqueline Spaziani and nephew Greg O'Connell.

Lina is survived by her sons: Daniel (Nancy) of Lansing, Joseph of Lancaster, Michael (Jill) and Anthony of Cortland; her grandchildren Michaela and William; her brothers: Reno (Anna), Siro (Luciana), Mario (Rossana) and sister in law Connie Spaziani, her cousin and best friend Lia Trombetti all of Rome and Sgurgola, Italy, and many nieces, nephews and cousins in the US and in Italy.

Calling hours will be at Riccardi Funeral Home, 69 North Main St. in Cortland on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Father Joseph Zareski at St. Anthony's Church on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at 10:00 AM with interment following at St. Mary's Cemetery.

The Pace family would like to thank Hospice Care of Tompkins County, in particular nurse Corey Stevens and social worker Jennifer Williamee for the excellent care our mother received. We would also like to thank Dr. Malakar and Home Care of Rochester (HCR) for the valuable services they provided.

Donations in Lina's memory can be made to your local Hospice Care program or to St. Anthony's Church, 59 North Main St., Cortland, NY 13045.

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ Love you and miss you mom. We will see you again some day.

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**MICHAEL PACE** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

RP

“ Condolences to the Pace family. Living across the street from all of you for so many years, we knew all of you almost like family. My mom always enjoyed Lina's friendship. I always enjoyed listening to Lina explain things in her Italian-English accent. I miss all my Italian relatives who, like her, are also no longer with us. Their love of family, enthusiasm for life, and ethics of hard work will remain with all of us.

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**Richanna Patrick** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

BF

“ I remember lina when she came to this country...she always had a smile for everyone....I am sure she will be missed..

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**barbara pace mac farland** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JM

“ Dear Tony, Joe, Danny and Mickey  
Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. We had so many fun times with your Mom and Dad. Comare Lina and I both loved to cook so we would often exchange dinners at each others homes.(perhaps you remember that). We enjoyed dancing and attended many "dinner dances" at San Rocco Lodge. But, simply we just enjoyed each others company and just visited often. We will always treasure their friendship. These memories will live in our hearts forever. You boys were her life and rest assured she will be watching over you bestowing her beautiful smile upon you. May the good times you shared together sustain and comfort you during this difficult time. Prayerful thoughts are with all of you--  
Comare Lina, riposa in pace--ci vediamo AL DI LA!!!!

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**Josephine &Gene Mironti** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JP

“ Love you Mom and miss you already. I remember years ago when you made polenta for us and you were standing on the high chair that you used for us when we were little so you could get better leverage to stir the polenta as it thickened. That was one of my favorites that you made for us on special occasions. We will all be together again someday.

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**Joseph Pace** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM

TP

“ I'll always remember your unconditional love, the wonderful meals with family, especially during holidays. Your beautiful gardens and your love for your kitty Sparkle. I feel your spirit all around me and know you are happy and at peace. I miss you terribly and look forward to the day when we are together again. Your loving son, Anthony

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**Tony Pace** - May 18, 2018 at 11:07 AM



“ Zia Lina,

*I will always remember how passionate you were about your family and how much energy you had. I will miss your laughs, which at times would bring tears to your eyes.*

*Love,*

*Walter*

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February 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM