



## Mrs. Mary Wheeler

March 20, 1930 - December 13, 2020

Mary Theresa Concetta Italiano Wheeler, 90, of Cortland New York passed away on December 13, 2020 at Guthrie Cortland Medical Center. Mary was born in Elmira to Flora and Pasquale “Patsy” Italiano. She graduated from Elmira Southside High School. While working at Westinghouse in Elmira she met her future husband Robert Gilbert Wheeler. They married in 1954 and settled in Cortland in 1965.

Mary enjoyed being with her family, friends and extended families, often traveling to Elmira and Wilkes Barre, Pa to visit. Most of all Mary enjoyed making a home for her husband Bob and their two children Mark and Robin. She was a devoted and caring wife and mother. Her most favorite activity was grocery shopping and striking up conversations with fellow shoppers. Sometimes helping anyone she could with getting items off shelves or chasing dropped groceries in the parking lot. If you needed help Mary would not hesitate to do what she could.

Mary is survived by her children Mark (Lisa) and Robin (Tim Baroni), as well as her four grandchildren Trevor, Bryce, Ryan and Nicole. Her sister Josephine Italiano and many very special nieces and nephews. Most especially her nephew Rev. Frank Thomas and his wife Vi. Finally, to the staff at Walden Place who became Mary’s second family, their love and care gave Mary the opportunity to live life with dignity and quality. Our family thanks them

and we are forever grateful for their incredible devotion; and for accepting graciously the constant flow of candy that Mary insisted on giving them every day. Mary was predeceased by her husband Robert, her brother Tony and her sister Flora.

Due to COVID19 concerns and restrictions, there will not be calling hours or a Mass. There will be a private ceremony for immediate family only. If you choose to honor Mary, please consider making a donation to St. Mary's Church 59 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y. [www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

GS

“ Dear Robin and Tim, Mark and Lisa,

*We were saddened when we got the news of your Mom's passing. We wish to express our deepest sympathy to you, and to let you know we are thinking about you at this time. We will always remember your Mom's pleasant ways and friendliness.*

*May God give you strength to bear your sorrow and may all your fond memories of your Mom be a source of comfort for you now and in the days to come.*

*Gene and Sharon Signor*

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**Gene Signor** - December 17, 2020 at 01:30 PM

JW

“ Dear Robin and Tim and family members of Mary, I only met Mary once but thought highly of such a person who with Richard had so much to do with us having such a wonderful person as Robin Baroni in the world! Good things flourished in the world that Mary helped build, and we will remember her for that. I'm sorry it's not possible to be there in person, but know that I am in spirit. My heart goes out to you all. - Jennifer Wilson

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**Jennifer Wilson** - December 17, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ I met Mary through her husband, Bob Wheeler when I was secretary of the Computer Center at the Cortland College. Both were very kind to me - they were a special couple. My condolences to the family. Angie Partigianoni

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**angie partigianoni** - December 16, 2020 at 09:44 PM