



Mrs. Nicolina Menichelli Abate

May 5, 1920 - December 18, 2020

Mrs. Nicolina Menichelli Abate passed away Friday December 18, 2020 at her home. Nicolina was born on May 5, 1920 In Gorga Italy. She was the daughter of Attilio & Fortunata Menichelli. She immigrated to this country July 6, 1939 with her mother to join her father in Cortland. She was employed at the Cortland Line Company, Cortland Crescent Company and Smith Corona until her retirement in 1981.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church and a member of the St. Anthony's Altar Society. Nicolina was pre deceased by her husband Ugo in 1989. She is survived by her son; Ugo (Lidia) of Farmington Hills, Michigan, daughter; Ata of Cortland, three grandchildren; Nicole (Jamie) Tilden, twin grandsons; Christopher (Stacey) Abate and Jason Abate four great granddaughters; Josephina Tilden, Ava, Cora and Olivia Abate . A very special thank you to Maryanne McEvoy who was always there when needed and who Nicolina often referred to her as her adopted daughter.

The family would also like to extend special recognition to Dr. Ruth Crepet, Denise Mironti her nurse, and Jim Cullen her physical therapist and Hospice for the exceptional care they provided to our mother.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church. Prayers of committal will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. Due to Covid 19 virus there will be no calling hours. In lieu of flowers contributions in Nicolina's memory may be made to St. Anthony's Church. For those unable to attend Mrs. Abate's funeral mass it can be viewed at

<https://client.tribucast.com/tcid/45925634> The live stream will be up at approximately 11:15 a.m. just prior to the start of mass.

Condolences may also be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

4101 West Rd
Cortland, NY 13045

Previous Events

A Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
50 Pomeroy St.
Cortland, NY 13045

Tribute Wall

CO

“ We already miss you a ton Grandma. It's been a difficult week and like all your friends and family, we are devastated. We're grateful for a lifetime of memories, and especially your teachings and spirituality. You've had a profound effect on all who knew you, and the legacy you leave behind through your children, your grandchildren, and now your great grandchildren is a lasting one that will endure for generations to come. Our little girls go to church weekly, they eat lots of homemade pizza and pasta (!), and are learning to follow the amazing work ethic you established as an immigrant to the United States and continued to demonstrate your entire life. As difficult as these moments can be, it brings us great comfort knowing you lived a truly amazing life and have been such an inspiration to so many. We know you are at peace in heaven and watching over us now, deservedly so. We appreciate the great care Aunt Ata provided to you. We love you and miss you.

Chris, Stacey, Ava, Cora, and Olivia - December 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

CH

Stacey was cut out! Chris, Stacey, Ava, Cora, and Olivia

Chris - December 23, 2020 at 07:23 PM

JS

“ Ata... what a beautiful picture of your Mom. It is never easy losing someone we love no matter how prepared we think we might or ought to be. May you feel God's comfort in the days, months, and years ahead.

The Sterling family (from Dryden HS days)

Jo Sterling - December 23, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LN

“ So sorry about your great loss.
She was such a nice lady.
Our thoughts & prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.
May she rest in peace.

*God Bless,
Armando & Livia Natale*

Livia Natale - December 23, 2020 at 08:47 AM

CC

Sorry to hear about your mom's passing. We enjoyed talking with her at Mike and Gwen's summer picnics. She was a wonderful lady. We are glad we had the pleasure of meeting her.

Charlie and Lori Card

Charlie Card - January 02, 2021 at 05:16 PM

MS

“ Ata, Ugo, and Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dear Mom/Grandmother/Great Grandmother. Nicolina was a blessing to all who knew her. It was so wonderful to celebrate her 100th Birthday, even though it had to be "Covid-style." Keeping our distance outside, we were able to sing Happy Birthday to a gleaming, beautiful 100 year old lady. What an awesome milestone for Nicolina to reach, thanks to the wonderful, dedicated care of her precious daughter Ata.



Mary Spiess - December 22, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CS

*“ Dear Ata...I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your dear mother. May your happy memories help you through every tomorrow. With hugs and prayers....
Celeste Stoker*



Celeste Stoker - December 22, 2020 at 08:17 AM

GS

*“ As you mourn the loss of a very special Mom, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother, may you find strength in all your wonderful memories together. She will never be far from your hearts. Our prayers are with you in this time of grief.
In sympathy, George and Nancy Steiner*

George and Nancy Steiner - December 21, 2020 at 05:57 PM