



Santa Bucca

October 23, 1927 - June 18, 2020

Bucca, Santa (nee Cicciari) June 18, 2020 Age 92. Beloved wife of the late Carmelo. Loving mother of Rose (Frank) Brasza, Mary (Robert) Pietrowsky and Toni (Tony) Ortman. Proud and loving grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 18. Visitation Sun. 3-9 pm. Scripture Service Sun. 7:00 pm. Funeral Mon. 11:00 am at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc. (Shelby Twp.) 54880 Van Dyke @ 25 Mile Rd. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

**** In abiding by the governmental order, we will be limiting gatherings to 10 people and those in attendance are asked to practice safe social distancing and wear a mask****

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **21**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Scripture Service

JUN **21**. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township
54880 VanDyke Ave
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

“ *The Story of Santa ~ Our Mom was born in a VERY small town in Sicily, Italy. She was the youngest of 13 children. Our Dad Carmelo was from the same town and they promised themselves to each other when she was a teenager, before my Dad left to serve in WWII. After the war they married and had two daughters, Rose and Mary.*

In 1952 she stayed behind with her 2 young daughters while Dad went to the US to seek a better life for the family. In 1954 she left the land and people she loved so much to join him. She crossed the ocean with just her daughters, speaking no English and not knowing anyone here. For a time they lived with Dad's brother and his family but soon they managed to buy a home on the east side of Detroit and had a third daughter, Toni.

Dad worked midnights while our Mom found a job doing custom machine-quilting during the day. She walked several blocks at 4:30 AM every day in all kinds of weather for many years to catch the 1st of two buses to get to her job on the west side of Detroit. Her days were long but this way we were never left alone or with baby-sitters. Eventually she was able to do her job from home and continued raising her family.

After moving to Warren, MI in the mid-70s she learned to drive, cooked, baked and tended a huge garden. Her food was THE BEST! They canned tomatoes, made homemade wine and cannoli and angel-wing cookies on special occasions. She loved knitting and crocheting, making blankets for each of her grand-children, along with many afghans and bedspreads we still have and use. She watched "All My Children" for decades and laughed hysterically at "I Love Lucy", "The Honeymooners", "All in the Family" and "Everybody Loves Raymond" & she loved to watch "Deal or No Deal". Outside the home she joined a bowling league, liked to take walks with her neighbor and attended Church regularly. We went to Belle-Isle every Sunday afternoon, to Bob-Lo every summer, and had picnics at Metropolitan Beach.

She and our Dad were inseparable - they enjoyed playing cards with friends and relatives, rotating to each other's homes. They also loved going to the Casino, often sharing their "winnings". Over the years they traveled back to Italy and to Canada and Argentina to visit relatives.

Our Mom was very strong when we needed her and was truly always there for us. She loved her children and adored all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We will miss her terribly and hope she knows how much she is loved, how many lives she touched and how grateful we all are. She taught us so much and will always be remembered in everything we do. Rest now in peace, Dear Mom.

JB

Beautifully written ... I had never heard your Mom's life story. I got a flavor of her courage, strength, ingenuity, dedication, commitment and love of family. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you lay your beloved mother to rest. Deepest sympathy, Janice Bauder

janice Bauder - June 22, 2020 at 09:30 AM

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“ Joe Grippi & Denise Schultz purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Santa Bucca.



Joe Grippi & Denise Schultz - June 20, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Santa Bucca.



June 20, 2020 at 06:58 AM

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“ A lifetime of memories 😊 Our Mom was definitely old school but the absolute BEST kind of Mom! Selfless, devoted, reliable, loving, hard working ~ I could go on & on. She will be so missed! My heart breaks thinking of all the time missed at the end💔 How I wish we could turn back time😭 Hope you're resting now, Mom. You missed Dad so much, life was never the same after he went. Hold each other tight and know that we are all thinking of you both. Thanks for everything you did for me and for being the best Mom💖

Toni Bucca Ortman - June 19, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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“ One of my earliest memories of my childhood is playing in my Nana's garden and yard. When my little brother and I would start to get restless or bored and wanted "something fun to do" she would catch a bumblebee in a Mason jar out of the garden and put it upside down on the white bench table for our "entertainment". This has always been one of the most vivid and extraordinary memories I have had of my amazing grandmother. Love you forever Nana! Say hi to Papa for me!!



Dominic Ortman Sr. - June 19, 2020 at 04:42 PM