



Catherine Ricciardi

November 25, 1924 - July 23, 2024

Catherine Ricciardi passed away peacefully on July 23, 2024. Catherine (Katie) was pre-deceased

by her husband, Nicholas Ricciardi, son-in-law Robert Perrine, parents Michael and Eleanor

Detomo, siblings Rocky Detomo, Mary Fuller, Mario Detomo, and Eleanor Detomo.

She is survived by her love, companion, and best friend of sixty years, David Campbell, daughters

Rosalind Perrine and Kathleen (Grant) Forsthoff, grandchildren Matthew (Marlene) Germain, Jesse

Perrine, Travis Perrine, Ryan (Katie) Forsthoff, Kelly (Mark) Fields, Erin (Kyle) Wright, and Chelsea

(Justin) Storey, twelve great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and many loved nieces and nephews.

Katie will be remembered as a strong woman who overcame many obstacles as a single mom

raising two young daughters. She was known to many, along with David and Doug, as one of the

founders of the Valley Diner, a Syracuse landmark. Seven days a week you could find Katie, Doug

and David serving breakfast, lunch and dinner to their many regular

customers. The Valley Diner was a place where they “knew your name” and all were welcome. Katie worked tirelessly alongside David and Doug until retiring in 1998 to Leesburg, Florida. In Florida, Katie’s servant heart could be seen daily as she volunteered many hours to the Plantation Bear club sewing teddy bears for critically ill children, at St. Paul’s Church donation center, and St. Vincent DePaul’s thrift store. Katie also became an avid mahjong player until her hearing and eyesight no longer allowed her to participate. Katie had so many accomplishments but most important to her was David, her children, and grandchildren. Until the very end she was always a servant, always seeking to make sure that “everyone was OK”. Katie will be deeply missed but we know that she is safely home now in the loving arms of her savior Jesus Christ and that she has heard the words “well done good and faithful servant”. A celebration of Katie’s life will be held Saturday, August 10th @ 11:00 AM at Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, Florida

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake
134 N US Highway 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4444

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Catherine Ricciardi.*



August 09, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *Bill Campbell and Marilyn Avery planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Ricciardi.*

Bill Campbell and Marilyn Avery - August 09, 2024 at 09:08 AM



“ *I've known Katie since I was a teenager going to The Valley Diner, and when I grew up, I always went there to see her. I lived on the southside of Syracuse my whole life. It was always a kick to see her, Dave, and Doug. I was a lineman for Niagara Mohawk, and our crew would start off our day at The Valley Diner for breakfast every morning. The world will surely miss a fine lady like Katie. God bless and keep her.*

Buz Baker - August 05, 2024 at 04:38 PM



“ *Michele purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Catherine Ricciardi.*



Michele - August 04, 2024 at 03:17 PM

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“ Michele planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catherine Ricciardi.

Michele - August 04, 2024 at 03:17 PM

MP

“ Catherine was my brother in law , Mario’s sister. She was nothing but a warm, personal person every time I met her. May she rest in peace. Margaret(Peggy) O’Grady Paige

margaret Paige - August 04, 2024 at 11:55 AM

RD

“ Robert And Deb lit a candle in memory of Catherine Ricciardi



Robert and Deb - August 03, 2024 at 06:58 AM

LD

“ Love, Robert and Deb purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Catherine Ricciardi.



Love, Robert and Deb - August 03, 2024 at 06:52 AM

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Love, Robert and Deb - August 03, 2024 at 06:52 AM