



Crescenza Gregorio

February 1, 1932 - November 7, 2020

Crescenza Gregorio, 88, of 128 Providence St., Waverly, New York left her earthly journey to join her creator and family on November 7, 2020. She died peacefully with her beloved daughter at her side.

Crescenza was born February 1, 1932 in Sassinoro, Italy to the late Paolina Soprano and Nicola

Cusano. She grew up on her parents' farm with her two sisters.

On March 26th, 1951, she married the love of her life, Domenico Gregorio.

After living through

the hardships of WWII, in 1952 she immigrated to Montevideo, Uruguay, 1½ years after her

husband Domenico. For 25 years, they made a home and began raising a family. On March 31,

1975, Crescenza and her family were sponsored by her sister Domenica and immigrated to the

United States for search of better healthcare. One of her proudest moments was when she and her

daughter proudly became naturalized U.S. citizens on November 16, 1994.

Throughout her life, both in Uruguay and the United States, her greatest joys were caring for her

family, sharing the gift of her Italian foods and culture. She loved to work in her

vegetable, herb,
and flower gardens. She would spend hours planting, weeding, watering and finally harvesting her vegetables and fresh herbs. In the fall, she got to see the fruits of her labors as she spent much time canning and making her specialty tomato sauce which many enjoyed. Throughout the years, she baked endless Italian cookies and shared them with family and friends, delivering them during the holidays. One could walk into her kitchen and in no time, she would be able to provide delicious food with ingredients from her kitchen. She was also well known for her garlic pizza which was enjoyed at the many dinners. She was the happiest being a wife, mother, and homemaker. She was a devoted mother and caregiver for her beloved son, Angelo, for 24 years of his illness.

Crescenza, along with her husband, worked at Paxar in Sayre, PA cleaning and maintaining the grounds, especially the lawn and flowers. She was able to travel to Florida, Italy, and Uruguay to visit family and reunite with her parents. Throughout the years, she was able to enjoy many visits from family from the city and from her homeland.

Despite many challenges in life, Crescenza's unwavering faith and love of God was evident. She was a member of Blessed Trinity Parish at St. James in Waverly, NY.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Domenico on May 3rd, 1993, her son Angelo on January 1, 1994, sister Domenica Mastrantuono in November of 2017 and her

special sister-in-

law Juana in January of 2020.

She is survived by her devoted daughter Celeste G. Cunningham and husband Joe who was like a

son to her from Sayre, PA and her sister Giuseppina Pisano in Sassinoro, Italy. She is also

survived by several nieces, nephews, and several beloved cousins, family and friends who were

constant companions through phone calls and visits.

There will be no calling hours and a private funeral mass and burial will be held at the discretion

of the family. Burial will be at St. James Cemetery, Waverly, NY.

Those wishing to make memorial contributions in Crescenza's name are asked to kindly

consider: Blessed Trinity at Saint James Church in Waverly (Blessed Trinity/St. Patrick Parish

309 Front St. Owego, NY 13827) or Stray Haven in Waverly, NY (Stray Haven Humane Society

& SPCA 194 Shepard Rd. Waverly, NY 14892)

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

161 Elm Street
Waverly, NY 14892

Tribute Wall



“ *Crescenza Gregorio*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Crescenza Gregorio*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Crescenza Gregorio*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Crescenza Gregorio*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Crescenza Gregorio*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ My condolences, and please know my thoughts are with you and your family. As I was reading the Waverly obituaries this weekend, I saw a warm, smiling lady and the numbers 128 Providence Street in the heading. A longing of so many years of wondering who is living in my family home came to light. Crescenza was my bright light. She and Domenico made the Pykonen family home theirs. I read of the love and dedication they had to each other, their family, 128th, Waverly and America. It is a blessing my home was your home. I am proud to have shared it with such a loving and wonderful family. My parents and brother would be too. My father Leo rebuilt that house when he married my mother Mary in the early 50's. They raised my older brother John and me in that house. Much like Angelo and you. We attended St. James. They both worked in Sayre at the Evening (Morning) Times until their deaths. My father's parents were also immigrants and never could speak English. Dad and they spoke Finnish. Our families have common threads (but my mom was no cook!). I wish you comfort and blessings.
With deepest sympathy, Ann Pykonen Madsen

Ann Pykonen Madsen - December 04, 2020 at 07:28 PM