



Theresa Ottalagano

April 6, 1923 - May 29, 2015

Theresa Ottalagano, age 92, passed away on May 29, 2015, at Wells Nursing Home, Johnstown, NY. She was born on April 6, 1923, in Amsterdam, NY. She was predeceased by her husband, Gregory, and her son, Richard, as well as her parents and siblings.

She is survived by her son, Vincent; her grandchildren, Michelle (Mike) Hinze, Nicole (Ron) DeLorenzo, Colleen (Gabe) McGarry, Amanda (Joe) Boyer, Lanette (David) Vinci, and Richard (Amanda) Ottalagano, as well as several great-grandchildren, Stephanie and Kayla (Nicole), Aidan and Grayson (Colleen), Julian, Roslyn, and Kacey (Amanda), Bruce and Simona (Lanette), and Myla (Richard).

A graduate of Amsterdam High School, she began her career first at Sheepskin Lining Company, where she met her husband, then worked at Neivert Leather Company.

She was a pioneer in the heyday of the local tanning industry being the first woman employed on the factory floor, then foreman as well as shop steward. She earned the nickname "Tessie the Tanner," at the Wilson Tanning Company, where she worked for more than twenty years. Photos and articles are featured at the Fulton County Museum. Her last employment before retiring was at S&S leather.

Her favorite things to do were to cook and garden, along with being a loving caregiver for her family. She loved to make people laugh and enjoyed their company.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, June 7, at 1 p.m. in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Gloversville. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wells Nursing Home, 201 W. Madison, Johnstown, NY 12095. www.amicofuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Gloversville, NY 12078

Previous Events

Service

JUN 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ While working at Wells House, I remember Theresa as a happy person who liked to joke around. She had a great sense of humor. She was always concerned about not being a problem when working with her. I will miss the smiles as well as her good humor. With Sincere and Deepest Sympathy.



Sharon James - June 11, 2015 at 11:37 AM

BK

“ I remember Theresa at Wells Nursing Home while my mom, Eva Fisher was there. Theresa was such a friendly, funny lady. If she wasn't in her wheelchair near the elevator each night I missed seeing her very much. She always made me laugh. A very special lady. Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of such a great lady.

Beth Klana - June 09, 2015 at 02:27 PM

MH

“ When my late mother, Marion Mandeville, was a resident of Wells House, I use to always talk to Theresa when I came to visit my mom. Most of our conversations were by the elevator, where Theresa usually was sitting in her wheelchair. She was a wonderful, sweet, lady and I was glad I had a chance to know her.
Maryann Walker Hall

Maryann Walker Hall - June 05, 2015 at 10:28 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Gargiulo lit a candle in memory of Theresa Ottalagano*



kathy gargiulo - June 04, 2015 at 05:04 PM



“ *Gramma was a funny lady! I loved when she would inform you that you were going to eat whether you were hungry or not! She showed her love with hugs, kisses, and a healthy swat when you said something improper, especially in Italian. She will be missed!*

Katrina Davis - June 04, 2015 at 12:40 PM