



Mrs. Gena E. Dellaghelfa

July 3, 1928 - September 15, 2016

Gena Eleanor (DiLorenzo) Dellaghelfa was born on July 3, 1928 to Anna (DiNucci) DiLorenzo and Pasquel DiLorenzo in North Adams, MA. Her brother's name was Albert DiLorenzo. Gena also had three sisters, Mary (DiLorenzo) Chalifoux, and Linda (Walczak) Bissaillon of North Adams, and Philomena (Phil) (DiLorenzo) Smachetti of Adams. Gena was nine when her mother died. Phil, her beloved sister, helped raise her. The two were very close and Gena considered her sister a very special person. Gena went to Drury High School in North Adams and was proud to be from North Adams. Being from North Adams would always spark conversation and a connection.

After high school she worked at Sprague Electric. Later she moved to Adams (the Zylonite section) to live with her sister Phil and brother-in-law Steve Smachetti. Gena's brother-in-law, Steve Smachetti, introduced her to Elvino (Al) Dellaghelfa. Gena and Al married on November 22, 1947. Gena's children are Cathy Garcia (John), Susan Dellaghelfa, and Alan Dellaghelfa (Elizabeth). Gena worked in the sample cloth department at Waverly in Adams. She was responsible for sending samples all around the world. She loved her job and worked until its closing in 1991.

Gena and Al belonged to W.O.R.M.S. motorcycle club, taking many Harley trips with friends. They made several air trips to Italy with the St. Thomas Church group rekindling relationships with relatives.

She shared memories enthusiastically. Gena loved to socialize, be with people, sew, knit, and always very active. Gena's favorite pastime was shopping. She was generous to all, needy or not. Her quick wit and sense of humor added to her feisty character.

Mother's number one important priority was her family. Her life was her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family, and her home.

Mother passed peacefully the evening of September 15, 2016.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, September 22nd, at 9:00 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams, celebrated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 5 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org/donate), or to Companions of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042-1425 (www.companionsofstanthony.org)

To leave a message of condolence, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

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“ Are sincere Condolences and Sympathy to the Dellaghelfa Family. Also our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We had many great memorable times throughout the years. RIP Gina. You are in our thoughts always. Take Care Cousin Elvino. Peter & Anni Giacapuzzi Merrimack, NH

Peter Giacapuzzi - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

RJ

“ SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS

RICHARD & ADELA JZYK - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

BL

“ Susan and family, We are so very sorry for the loss of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Bette Ann Lesnick - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

CO

“ Kathy and Family. Chuck and I were very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We saw John this summer while we were up north and he mentioned that she was not doing very well. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Connie & Chuck O'Hagerty - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

GD

“ Dear Susan Gary and I can't say enough how sorry we are for the loss of your Mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers!!?

Gary Dellaghelfa - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

LH

“ Zia Gina I love you always! Rest well with your Sisters and Momma. Blessings and love to all my cousins and Uncle Al. Laurie Bissailon Helms

Laurie Helms - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM



“ Dear Cathy and family, So sorry to hear about your mom. I'm sure she will be truly missed. Jeff & Sharon (Koehler) Harrison Orange City, FL

June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

NG

“ We are very saddened to hear of your loss. Our most sincere condolences from all here in Italy. Rita, Noemi, Angelo, Giorgio

Noemi Della Ghelfa - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

MM

“ We were so sorry to hear about Gena. We remember fondly spending time together at our W.O.R.M.S. meetings (Gena, as a wife, was a member of the Early Birds. So named because the Early Bird always got her WORM.) May your memories of happy times bring you comfort in the days ahead. Sending prayers to your family.

Maureen & Tim Moore - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

SK

“ Dear Cathy, Suzy, & Alan, First & foremost, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I loved your mom, she was a true firecracker, that loved life, her family, friends, & her passion for life. I didn't get to see her very often but had the opportunity to see her at one of Gena (her namesake) Simoneau's party's & she actually remembered me. She & I talked & I sent her some of our organic garlic which she loved as I found out later. She is so happy now to be with ur Dad, he was a great man too--they both treated me like family whenever I went there. I remember this funny one, as when I went to the house to hang with Cathy, I helped clean off the table & do the dishes. Well, she directly reported that to my mother as to how I was so well mannered. Guess what? Instead of saying thank you my mom said, "Well she doesn't do that at home!" True story...may God bless you & comfort you at this difficult time & know that you will meet again in heaven. Sincerely Suzy Gilman King

Suzy Gilman King - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM

CH

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will treasure all the times and great laughs we shared. Love, Marty and Cindy

Cindy Harrington - June 07, 2018 at 11:20 AM