



## Mrs. Maria Albertina Silva

September 29, 1927 - May 22, 2016

Mrs. Maria Albertina Silva, 88, of 71 Briggs Drive, Cheshire, passed peacefully on Sunday morning, May 22, 2016, at her home, in the company of her family.

She was born in Pico, Azores, on September 29, 1927, a daughter of the late Joao and Maria Luisa (Da Silva) Silva, and attended schools in Portugal. She had lived in both Portugal and the United States since 1978, and had lived in Cheshire since 2007.

Mrs. Silva was a shoe factory worker, retiring in 1989. She had also been a homemaker, and enjoyed caring for her grandchildren.

She was a communicant of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. Maria enjoyed being with family and friends. She loved to travel, especially back to Pico and to Florida. She also loved going to Portuguese festivals. Her favorite hobbies were knitting sweaters for newborn babies, crocheting towels, tablecloths and scarves; sewing, gardening, cooking and baking. Each day she would say a prayer for each person in her family from her prayer books. She loved going to church every Sunday. She especially loved the company of her four children, ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was a woman with a heart of gold and great strength. She will be missed by many. Her husband, Antonio Silva, whom she married on November 17, 1951, died on September 21, 2007.

She is survived by three daughters, Maria DeJesus Oliveira and her husband, Alberto, of Pico, Azores; Maria Das Dores Leal and her husband, Jose, of

Averill Park, NY; and Maria Conceicao Leal and her husband, Manuel, of Cheshire;

one son, Tony Silva of Rotunda West, Florida and the mother of his children, Sheila Silva;

ten grandchildren, including David Leal, Melissa Coon, Jason Leal, Christine Leal, Andrea Leal, Jonathan Leal, Dina Oliveira, Susana Oliveira, Steven Silva and Jeffrey Silva;

two great grandchildren, Isabella Leal and Olivia Coon;

three sisters, Filomena Santos and Margarida Rosa, both of Somerville, MA; and Rosalina Pereira of Pico, Azores;

one brother, Antonio Silva of Pico, Azores; as well as Sisters-in-Law, Brothers-in-Law and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, May 26th, at 8:45 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Cheshire. Burial will follow in Cheshire Cemetery.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My aunt Albertina's obituary - a true Pico and Portuguese lady with a sense of honor, goodness and a spirit to travel and gather with others in family and friendship. May many follow her example. Our sentiments to family and friends she will be missed and always will be loved. I will never forget her smile and soft talking and gentle touch with a positive and kind spirit. Peace to her soul may she rest in Yahweh. Que linda senhora, minha tia Albertina, com grande caracter, cheia de bondade e sempre alegre mesmo nos tempos dificeis. Nunca a vi zangada, nao teve vida facil mas conquistou com a sua atitude de se adaptar e bem estar. Que muitos pratiquem o seu exemplo. Paz a sua alma e sentimentos a familia e amigos.*

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**Vital Rosa** - June 07, 2018 at 11:29 AM

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“ *Our condolences*

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**Alexandrina Manuel Nunes** - June 07, 2018 at 11:29 AM

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“ *I will always remember how much she used to laugh, sometimes at thing that I wasn't sure she understand because of the language barrier, but she knew it was funny instinctively. We share those we love but we share their memories forever. Uncle Michael*

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**Michael Candela** - June 07, 2018 at 11:29 AM

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“ *In your sorrow I pray you can hold on to the thought that a life lived with so much love never really ends, but goes on forever in the hearts of those who remember. My deepest condolences to Maria Albertina's family.*

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**Pauline Auprey** - June 07, 2018 at 11:29 AM