



Ida L. (Nicotra) Balestra

March 12, 1930 - February 26, 2021

Ida L. (Nicotra) Balestra, 90, devoted wife, mother, and sister, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2021. She was born to the late Salvatore and Nellie (Rayo) Nicotra, and grew up in Eastwood. Ida wed the love of her life, Albert Balestra, and they were happily married for 70 years. She was a full-time homemaker, and an extraordinary cook. Ida excelled in ceramics and crafts, and was a member of several crafting clubs. She enjoyed flowers, gardening, and was an avid grower of African Violets. Ida loved travelling to various casinos in the Northeast, and developed many friendships along the way. She liked to dance, her smile lit up a room, and above all, loved to have fun. Ida was a friend to all, and will be remembered for her heart of gold.

She was predeceased by her son, Robert Balestra.

Ida is survived by her husband, Albert Balestra; her children, Felix Balestra, Jean Balestra, and Linda Balestra (Timothy Maroney); her brother, Salvatore (Priscilla) Nicotra; sisters, Mary Bill and Katie Nicotra; along with several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Private funeral services entrusted to THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME. She will be laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Contributions in Ida's memory may be made to St. Marianne Cope Food Pantry, 105 Stanton Ave. Solvay, NY 13209.

Cemetery

Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum

800 Grant Boulevard

Woodlawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, NY, 13203

Comments



“ To Al, Felix, Jean and Linda, my deep sympathies on the passing of Ida. Growing up in the “old” neighborhood was a blessing for all. I recall as kids, rambling in play from the backyard, to the street below, to the basement and wherever, Ida was always there lending a watchful eye over us kids and was always willing to strike up a conversation with me (again, just a kid). Got bless.

Gary Del Prato

Gary Del Prato - April 06 at 08:02 AM



“ Gary, Thank you so much for your kind words and a wonderful trip down memory lane.
Linda

Linda - April 15 at 11:05 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Mr. Balestra, Felix, Jean, Linda and Tim. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The Bottrill and DePalma Families

Miles/Delores Bottrill & Family - March 08 at 03:09 PM



“ Thank you very much!

Linda - March 08 at 08:17 PM



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