



Laura Mae Merante

October 28, 1934 - December 8, 2014

Laura Mae (Benner) Merante, 80, of Hudson, N.Y., passed away peacefully at home with her loving family by her side on Monday, December 8th. Laura was one of nine children of Dewey and Marguerite Benner. She was born October 28, 1934. Laura was a life long resident of Hudson, N.Y.

Laura and her husband of 62 years, Antonio Merante (Tony) owned and operated Tony's IGA in Hudson for 45 years. During the store years, Tony and Laura made many friends who became their extended family.

Laura was a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She enjoyed ceramics, country music, the N.Y. Mets, and her extensive collection of teapots. What she loved most of all was enjoying the company of her large family. She had a wonderful sense of humor, which she shared with everyone until her final moments.

She is survived by her husband, her seven children, Donna (Jake) Hoffman, Antonio (Louise) Merante, Jr., Thomas Merante, Sr., Michael (Paula) Merante, Dominic Merante and partner Diana Gaurino, Laurie (Gerald, Jr.) Ranita, and Rocco (Deidre) Merante, and her grandchildren, Marlena Peduzzi, Karrie Cox, Jacob Hoffman, III, Nicholas and Timothy Merante, Thomas, Jr., Jonathan, Christopher, and Tyler Merante, Mollie and Kayla Merante, Jenna Merante, and Matthew and Andrew Merante. Also surviving are many great-

grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Also her two sisters, Tiny Hallenbeck and Dorothy Gardner.

She is predeceased by her brother, Robert, and sisters, Ginny, Gladys, Betty, Peggy, and Genny.

Calling hours are 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm Thursday at the Bates & Anderson – Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Services will be conducted at 10 am Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Park Cemetery.

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Tribute Wall

VG

“ To the Merante Family, MY thoughts and Prayers are with all of you during this time of Sadness. I am Sorry for your loss. V. Gorman

Victor Gorman - December 16, 2014 at 01:27 PM

TM

“ Trudy Moore lit a candle in memory of Laura Mae Merante



Trudy Moore - December 12, 2014 at 09:34 PM

AM

“ Audrey, Evelyn & April Melvin lit a candle in memory of Laura Mae Merante



Audrey, Evelyn & April Melvin - December 11, 2014 at 07:10 PM

DT

“ Deborah Teegarden sent a virtual gift in memory of Laura Mae Merante



Deborah Teegarden - December 09, 2014 at 09:25 PM

DT

“ *Deborah Teegarden lit a candle in memory of Laura Mae Merante*



Deborah Teegarden - December 09, 2014 at 09:24 PM

AS

“ *Best wishes to the Merante family. - Andrew Schindler*

Andrew Schindler - December 09, 2014 at 04:46 PM

HD

“ *My prayers are with all of you. As a kid growing up next to the store it was my second home and Laura treated me like I was one of her own. Will never forget her.,*

Honora Decker - December 09, 2014 at 10:32 AM

DD

“ *Donna Demarest lit a candle in memory of Laura Mae Merante*



Donna Demarest - December 09, 2014 at 10:13 AM

DH

“ *I will always remember Miss Laura, I was a frequent customer at GIA as a kid.I always wanted her beautiful hair! My condolences to the family. Sincerely, Donna Hull*

Donna Hull - December 09, 2014 at 07:40 AM

CJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hoffman family at your time of loss. With sincere sympathy, Carol Ann Jason*



Carol Ann Jason - December 09, 2014 at 06:19 AM

LR

“ *Larry And Ginny Robinson lit a candle in memory of Laura Mae Merante*



Larry and Ginny Robinson - December 08, 2014 at 09:30 PM