



## Antonina "Nina" Vitale

December 8, 1911 - December 31, 2009

Antonina, "Nina" Vitale, born December 8, 1911 in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on December 31, 2009 at the age of 98.

Loving wife of the late Stefano. Dear mother of Rose Bommarito and Catarina "Cathy" (the late Tony) Toscano. Dear grandmother of Joseph, Cheryl, Roseanna, Niccolo, Christopher, Michael, Jim, Kim and 14 great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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“ dear Rose and Cathy, words cannot describe how sorry i am to hear of you`re Dear Mother passing,, what a wonerfull lady she was . so sad that I could`nt make it to see her for the last time,i will call you Cathy and explain why, my thought and prayers are with you both, may she rest in peace for ever, Love Catherine Ciolino###imported-begin##Catherine ( Vitale ) Ciolino###imported-end##

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January 04, 2010 at 08:10 PM



“ Dear Kathy:  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you & your family in the loss of your dear aunt, Antonina.  
She is now with all her loved ones & in peace.  
Your memories of her will be with you always.

Love, John & Jennie###imported-begin##John & Jennie Rizzo###imported-end##

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January 04, 2010 at 12:36 PM



“ Dear Nicolo, Rose, Cathy and Family,

I know that Nona will be sorely missed but I do know that she is in heaven with our Lord! Praise God that she leaves behind such wonderful memories. What a sweet, kind and gentle lady she is and will ever be in our hearts and minds. Her memory is a tribute to that! Enjoy the memories that you made and reflect on them often. They will be your peace until we all meet again!

Love to all,

Sheryl###imported-begin##Sheryl Vitale###imported-end##

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January 04, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Samantha Sieben##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2010 at 07:14 PM



“ *I too remember the pinch on the cheek. I also remember the nights me and my sisters & brothers slept in the living room when mom (aunt jenny) was having a baby. Aunt nina always made sure we were well taken care of. Many Sundays aunt nina would put my hair in rags so that most Mondays I would have beautiful curls.*

*Zia also did beautiful hand sewing. She embroidered the initials on my favorite red sweater. She did beautiful hand embroidery.*

*thank you aunt nina for all your love.##imported-begin##dorothy tomala##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2010 at 06:53 PM



“ My Tsi Tsi Nina is gone to join her husband, and her siblings in heaven but she will never be forgotten.  
I'll always remember her.  
When my sister Dorothy and me were young we would have her put our hair in rags, she would never tell us she didn't have time.  
She always had time for her many nieces and nephews.  
We had so so many fun times together at our home on Bolam, (Uncle Tommy's Farm)  
as my cousins fondly called our home.  
They all had so many friends and would all be at our home most Sundays, and we would really enjoy being with Tsi and Uncle Steve, Uncle Sam and Aunt Lena.  
I enjoyed staying overnight at her home on Chatsworth.  
I have so so many fond memories.  
Holidays, picnics, and the last 16 years of our times together in Caseville.  
And being close to her living 2 minutes away in Shelby.  
I love you TsiTsi and will never forget you.  
You are now with others who also love you, give our love to them all.##imported-begin##Kathy Delia##imported-end##

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January 03, 2010 at 05:50 PM



“ Aunt Nina will always be known as the Aunt who greeted you with a pinch on the cheek and a kind word to say to you. My memories of her will always include our many holidays together and going around with a chair hanging from my neck "begging for pennies" as the adults played the card game 7 1/2. Aunt Nina always had a smile on her face and always made you feel welcomed. She made the journey from Sicily to the Detroit-area with a lot of success. She raised great children/cousins. I feel honored to have her as my aunt. Say hi to my father in heaven for me.##imported-begin##Tom Delia##imported-end##

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January 03, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ *i am very sorry for your loss##imported-  
begin##Anonymous##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2010 at 02:03 PM



“ *Dear Rose, Cathy and family,  
Grandma will be greatly missed. I know that she now rests in the  
arms of Our Savior Jesus. What more can we ask for the one we  
love to be safe at home with the Lord.  
Love,  
Fara and David##imported-begin##David and Fara  
Zuckero##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2010 at 08:24 AM



“ I have many fond memories of Nina from the time I was a little girl. I remember going over her and Gumbadi Steve’s house and having pop on the back porch while Gumbadi Steve changed out of his work clothes and ate lunch after coming in from working outside. He was such a big powerful man compared to his petite Nina. I can remember in detail the furniture in Nina’s dining room and living room. My favorite piece was a mantle clock that I admired and it chimed beautifully.

Of course the memory of playing cards with my Grandma and the fights over cheating still make me laugh. I can’t count how many hours were spent visiting and having coffee and eating biscotti. I also seem to remember the singing - everyone would break into song and sing all the Sicilian folk songs together like Oh Marie, Che la Luna, Hay Gumbadi, Ciuri Ciuri, Mama, a song about a Cavadduzzu, O Sole Mio, Santa Lucia and more.

I loved when we were all together for the parties at Jenny and Mazi’s, Rose’s, and Cathy’s in Eastpointe.

I will always cherish the countless memories from our days at the cottage in Caseville. We had so much fun there with our families. I always looked forward to sitting around the table at Gram’s cottage or Cathy’s sun porch and talking and laughing for hours while having una tazza di caffe with biscotti, cake or whatever else we baked that week. It was comical to watch my kids trying to figure out what Nina was saying and they just nodded in agreement.

She was the sweetest lady and you very rarely saw her get angry but I do remember times when she would get upset and she was cute even then.

It’s hard to describe her many mannerisms or expressions that made Nina so endearing. The way she raised her eyebrows when she would say ‘oh dio” or shake her head and mutter under her breath, or say “I know, I know” as she tilted her head to the side and had a sympathetic look on her face . These expressions will forever be etched in our minds and hearts.

It brings a smile to my face to imagine what kind of reunion Nina is having with Gumbadi Steve, Tony, my grandma and all of her family and friends she has been without for so many years.

*I will miss her dearly.*

*Love, Anne-Marie##imported-begin##Anne-Marie Viviano-  
Poltorak##imported-end##*

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January 01, 2010 at 10:20 PM