



Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile

January 25, 1937 - June 10, 2016

Catherine Mancini Gentile, 79, of Salisbury passed away Friday, June 10, 2016 at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

Born January 25, 1937 in Orsogna, Italy, she was the daughter of the late Rocco Mancini and Adelina Libertine Mancini.

Catherine had to quit school very early due to the chaos of World War II. She soon learned to solder smoke detectors, was a great seamstress and began working for the Italian government at the age of 13.

In 1955 at the age of 18, Catherine left Italy behind and immigrated to America with her mother and her sister, Lena aboard the luxury ship the Andrea Doria. They were saddened to hear that the Doria sank a year later off the coast of Nantucket, Massachusetts.

When they reached the U.S., they made the required stop at Ellis Island. Catherine says "Many of the other immigrants were afraid and nervous, but I was not afraid, because I was in AMERICA now". Catherine fell in love with US History and has read numerous books on the Revolutionary War and the bravery of our forefathers.

Her sister, Lena, says Catherine has always been incredibly intelligent. "When

we came to America, not knowing how to speak any English, she enrolled in night school and learned quickly. In fact, she taught herself to read when she was three years old”.

Catherine was a devout Catholic who was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Salisbury.

She married Mario Gentile in 1960 and had 3 children, Sam Gentile and wife Susan, Maria McLellan and husband Brian, Mark Gentile and wife Marianne before moving to North Carolina. She is also survived by her sister, Lena Bergfors and husband Steve and grandchildren, Jonathan and Heather.

The family will speak to friends from 9:30-10:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10:30 AM on Tuesday, June 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. John Eckert, officiating. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

 Maria McLellan

“ *Maria McLellan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile*



Maria McLellan - June 14, 2016 at 06:55 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile.*



June 12, 2016 at 03:32 PM

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“ *Maria McLellan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile*



Maria McLellan - June 11, 2016 at 08:34 PM

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Maria McLellan - June 11, 2016 at 07:03 PM

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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile.*



June 11, 2016 at 05:05 PM



“ *LOVE, MARIO purchased the Dearest One Cask et Insert for the family of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile.*



LOVE, MARIO - June 11, 2016 at 03:24 PM

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Maria McLellan - June 11, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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“ WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU MOM purchased the Divine Grace 50-Bead Rosary for the family of Mrs. Catherine Mancini Gentile.



WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU MOM - June 11, 2016 at 03:18 PM

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Maria McLellan - June 11, 2016 at 02:41 PM