



## Nellie H Vona

April 19, 1916 - October 21, 2011

Nellie H.(Yates) Vona 95, of North Tonawanda, Friday (October 21, 2011) in DeGraff Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Vona was born on April 19, 1916 to Samuel and Ida (Sebastiano) Yates. Nellie moved to Batavia from Hamilton, Ontario with her parents when a child, she later when of school age moved to North Tonawanda and lived on Oliver St. attending North Tonawanda Schools and graduating from Felton (then NTHS) in 1934; listing in the year book her future occupation as "Playing Basketball". Nellie married in 1938 to Tony Vona, she loved children, she raised her four children with joy helping with her grandchildren and great grandchildren well into her 80's. Throughout her life she was a avid reader and "wordologist", she loved cooking and music, never missing a PBS concert or special, the radio always playing her favorites. She relished life and throughout expressed joy at the simplest of happenings; a beautiful sunset, Spring Robin, a starry night, green garden, and a sweet song. Mrs. Vona was predeceased by her husband Anthony Vona.

Nellie is survived by her children Judith Tripi, David (Patricia) Vona, Barbara (Gerald) Vona-Gangi, Karen Vona-Ceja, grandmother of Maria, Charles (Kathy), Anthony, Mark (Gina) Tripi, Natalie (Wells) Vona-Messersmith, David A. Vona, Shawn A. Gold, Michael Gangi, Sister of James (Barbara) Yates, Martin (Rita) Yates, and the late Dorothy (James) Cleary, also surviving are 12 great grandchildren and 4 great great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 307 Oliver St.

North Tonawanda, where prayers will be held Monday at 9:15 A.M. followed by a mass of Christian burial at 10 A.M. from St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Blvd. Interment Mt. Olivet Cemetery. memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dear Barb, Jerry, Michael & family, We are so saddened to hear about your sweet Mom. She was just an absolute sweetheart. I know you will all miss her dearly. It was a pleasure to know her. Please accept our deepest condolences.*

*Barb & Carm Gabgi*

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**Barbara & Carmen Gangi** - October 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM