



Florence Adeline Santilli

February 3, 1928 - October 11, 2020

Florence Adeline Santilli, age 92, of Crystal Falls, MI, passed away on Sunday, October 11, 2020, at the Iron County Medical Care Facility in Crystal Falls.

Florence was born February 3, 1928 in Crystal Falls, MI, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth (Stefani) Fabbri. She was a lifelong resident of Crystal Falls and graduated from Crystal Falls High School in 1945. She attended one year of business college.

Florence married William Santilli on June 5, 1948 at the Guardian Angels Church. He preceded her in death on December 17, 2005.

Florence was a lifelong member of Guardian Angels Parish where for 40 years she volunteered her services as sacristan, a sexton, a caretaker, and was referred to as a “candlelight stewardess.” Her devotion to family, faith, and church was unflinching. Florence was an accordion player for Nancy’s Trio for over 30 years where they provided music for many gatherings throughout the Upper Peninsula. She was an accomplished musician and loved to entertain. She had a passion for cooking, especially spaghetti with homemade noodles and polenta with chicken livers. For decades she arranged meals to be delivered to many elderly and “shut ins” in our community. She lived her life as a true servant of God.

She is survived by her three children, Chris Heiskanen of Marquette, MI, Mary Kudwa of Crystal Falls, MI, and Bill (Sally) Santilli of Crystal Falls, MI; one brother, Chet (Faye) Fabbri of Crystal Falls, MI; five grandchildren, Darrin (Kim) Kudwa, Katie Kudwa, Tony (Lacy) Santilli, Tricia Heiskanen, and Scott (Kristina) Santilli; five great-grandchildren, Kenedy, Kaylynn, Cruz, Quinn, and Mila. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two sons-in-law, Dave Kudwa and Larry Heiskanen; and three brothers, Angelo, Attilio, and Bay Fabbri.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 11:00 am at the Guardian Angels Church in Crystal Falls. Fr. Daniel Malone will offer the Mass of Christian Burial. Interment will take place next to her husband in Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in her memory.

Condolences to the family of Florence Santilli may be expressed online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted to Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Memorial Cemetery

311 Logan St.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guardian Angels Catholic Church
412 Crystal Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Bill and Sally,
Our sincere condolences on the loss of your beautiful mother and
Christian lady,
Florence. When I was Pastor at Guardian Angels, she was a
marvelous witness
and example to so many parishioners about what it means to live
the Gospel.
Eternal rest grant unto Florence, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon her.
May she now rest in the embracing peace of the risen Christ. May
the Lord bless
you and your family with the peace and love only He can provide at
this time of
loss in your lives.
Our love and prayers,
Dino and Dee Silvestrini*

Dino Silvestrini - October 21, 2020 at 05:47 PM

DE

“ *Thank God for your mom's beautiful life and family. Peace to you all.*

Diane and Rob Emo - October 18, 2020 at 10:11 AM

JN

“ *Mary, Bill, Chris, and family.*

Florence was a wonderful lady. Her commitment to her family, the Lord, and her church was amazing and beautiful. The kindness Florence and Bill showed me when I moved to Crystal Falls will always be remembered. May you cherish the wonderful memories.

*God Bless!!!
Joe & Michelle Nash*

JOSEPH P NASH - October 16, 2020 at 12:11 PM

TE

“ *Tilli, Chris, Sount, and family,
Your mom was like family to us. It didn't matter what time of day or night, she was there! She was there to do what ever was needed, and for me it was saying prayers so I would go back to sleep. God has a mighty angel with him.*

❤️🙏 Teresa (Hautala) Gribble

teresa - October 15, 2020 at 10:21 PM

 RD
Johnson

“ *Bill and family,*

Sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

DJ

RD Johnson - October 15, 2020 at 02:12 PM

BP

“ Tim and I are very sorry for the loss of your Mother. I remember Florence from way back when she and my Dad's family, the Cailotto's, were very close.. Nancy's Trio actually played at our wedding. When I went to Medicare to lead the rosary, I would stop and visit her. Her mind was so sharp!! She always had a rosary in her hand and I considered her a very HOLY woman. She will certainly enjoy Jesus's promise to us of a heavenly home with His Father. Prayers for your strength during this sorrowful time..

Bonnie Peruzzi

Bonnie Peruzzi - October 15, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I have memories of your Mom from school days many years ago with Chris! Hugs to you all.

—*Barb Stromberg DeLuca*

Barb VanConant DeLuca - October 15, 2020 at 08:35 AM

DM

“ Flo(Nonnie) will always be in our hearts. I am forever thankful for her unselfishness and showing cup frequently to help clean house when I worked long hours, teaching me Italian recipe especially gnocchi and the stories she shared. I smile today thinking of her often telling me “when Bill played Flo prayed” and her warm huge smile. A true ANGEL gained her wings and will watch over her family and friends now. Love and prayers to the entire family. Rest In Peace “Nonnie” 🙏🙏😭❤️

Dawn Margoni - October 15, 2020 at 08:18 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of your families loss. I Moved to Crystal Falls 10 years ago this month Mrs. Santilli was the most welcoming person to me when I attend church she was the first friendly face that I met in Crystal Falls and always said hello to me when I attended church on Saturday evenings. A genuine welcoming individual. Prayers to your family.

Mike McCarthy - October 14, 2020 at 09:40 PM

MH

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Flo. She was a wonderfully kind lady. I remember bringing yellow tomatoes over to her; she was the only person I knew who liked them as much as I. We would have a little talk, and I often reminded her that Nancy's trio was the favorite band for my parents to dance to. There were pictures of her, Bill and Nancy in our old family album. She had a contagious smile that lit up her face and a good and kind heart. She will be missed.

Dale and Wee Hawks

Marion Hawks - October 14, 2020 at 04:55 PM

MS

“ I'm sending hugs to you all. She was a sweet heart.

Michelle Smokevitch - October 14, 2020 at 04:22 PM

MK

“ Bill, Sally and the rest of the Santilli family..... sending our deepest sympathy to you all and your families.... may she rest in peace...

Marie Konoske - October 14, 2020 at 04:03 PM

CJ

“ *My sympathy to all the family; whom I know loved her so much.*

Chrissie Johnston - October 14, 2020 at 02:22 PM