



ESTHER ELVIRA STIGLIANO

July 3, 1928 - April 25, 2019

Esther Elvira Stigliano, 90, of Syracuse, NY, went to be with her heavenly Father on April 25, 2019. Known affectionately by many as “Aunt Esther”, she spent the most treasured period of her life travelling the country with her Kids Crusades, in which children and adults were delighted by her Bible stories and songs. For several years, she worked as a secretary for the Salvation Army in Sharon, PA, where she would annually assume the role of Miss Christmas, passing out gifts to the needy. She also worked for the Bair Foundation, which provides support to children and families in New Wilmington, PA, taught Christian education at The Rochester Bible Institute in Rochester, NY, served as a popular speaker for the Women’s Aglow Fellowship and managed the Christian Education Department of the Sacred Melody Bookstore in Syracuse, NY.

Her favorite past times were spending time with family and crocheting. Her beautiful afghans, baby items and linens can be seen in homes of family and friends throughout the country and won her first prize at the New York State Fair.

She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Elizabeth (DePizzo) Stigliano, of Sharpsville, PA, and siblings, Mary (Thomas) Pantalone, of Niles, Ohio, Rita (Anthony) Sabella, of Middlesex, PA, Dominick (Eva) Stigliano, of Niles, Ohio and Theresa (Joseph) Rubbo, of Bayside, NY.

She is survived by a sister, Sarah (Joseph) Chiodo, of Sharpsville, PA and dozens of nieces and nephews, including many grand and great-grand nieces

and nephews, all of whom she held dear.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Hermitage, PA. Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Hermitage. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay, has care of local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Child Evangelism Fellowship, www.cefonline.com.

Please share online condolences and tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *ESTHER ELVIRA STIGLIANO*

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Aunt Esther was "Aunt Esther" to many, many people over the years but I was always proud to say she was REALLY, my Aunt Esther. When my brother, Vince Stigliano was stricken with polio at the age of 6, Aunt Esther came and stayed with us for many months as Mom went to Children's Hospital every day to be with Vince. Aunt Esther gladly filled in for Mom with Jerry and me. I also remember when I was older and working, Aunt Esther would take me with her on some of her Kid's Crusades! She was a wonderful storyteller and had such a way of inspiring both kids and adults! She was Maid of Honor at my wedding in 1967. She had a great way of making people feel comfortable around her, no matter who they were or where they came from. She was a real blessing in my life!!*

Elizabeth Stigliano Crognale - April 29, 2019 at 09:13 PM



Sounds like she has been sending love to many many folks for her whole lifetime. What a legacy.

Hank Szymczyk - April 30, 2019 at 07:51 PM



Betty, Thanks for sharing memories. Aunt Esther, also my real aunt, made Christmas for Sally & me. She would sneak in on Christmas eve and put presents under the tree for us. (From Salvation Army where she worked)

Rita Chiodo - May 04, 2019 at 06:54 AM

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She made our 1st 5 or more Christmases.

Rita Chiodo - May 04, 2019 at 06:57 AM

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Without her we might not have had Christmas.

Rita Chiodo - May 04, 2019 at 06:58 AM

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“ *To the family of Esther Stigliano....remember her with the Kids
Krusades, faithful to the end. God's comfort to the family.
Stella & Nick Calvelli, Malaga, NJ*

Stella Ciapanna Calvelli - April 28, 2019 at 04:10 PM