

## Augusta (Gussie) DiMarino



Anthony (L) and his mother Gussie(R) at her home in Ridgewood, Queens.

L'Esperienza Magazine award recipient Gussie DiMarino has moved on to heaven. She turned 109 on September 14, 2015.

She passed away yesterday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

For Mother's Day 2008 we devoted our magazine, the 73<sup>rd</sup> edition, to Anthony's Mom, Augusta...known as Gussie. We were invited to her home for a cup of coffee.



At the time she was over 100 years of age and still with it. Later at one of our diner shows we presented her a surprise award with her son Anthony present and full of joy. One of our youth singers sang her a song as well. Gussie will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

For information contact the Seneca Chapel in Ridgewood at 718 366 1900. Monday November 1 from 2-5 and 7-9; mass on Monday at St. Aloysius Church at 11:30 AM; Please check with the chapel.

Gussie was born in Sciacca, province of Agrigento, Sicily, Italy c. September 14, 1906 based on her birth certificate. Her maiden name was Accursia and she came to the U.S.A. in 1907. She was raised in New York's Little Italy and then moved to Queens.

She loved to take walks to the local Italian bakery, which is about ten blocks away. Gussie showed and shared her favorite recipes with me. She loved watching Rachel Ray on TV. "Eating simple foods with olive oil and garlic-that's what I like" she angelically explained.

"I eat oatmeal for breakfast, here try some of my bran muffins."

Anthony said he loved his Mom's pasta fagioli, eggplant, artichokes and lasagna.

She was able to make us a cup of coffee and share the bakery goodies while making us laugh. Gussie had a great personality and made this the perfect Mother's Day story.

God bless Gussie and Thank You for everything!

My sincerest regards to Anthony, Marianne and the DiMarino family.