

Ada DeMare, 92, of Niles died at 12:39PM Saturday, June 11, 2011 at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Youngstown, Ohio.

She was born November 16, 1918 in Bagnara Nocera Umbrea, Italy the daughter of Alessandro and Angela Gaspari Marchini. Ada later moved to Rome where she met and married her husband Phillip DeMare who was stationed there serving with The United States Army during World War II. Ada then gave birth to their daughter Mary Ann before the family eventually moved to The United States. She was employed for five years at Kings Department Store, a homemaker, member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church in Niles, Mt. Carmel Society, and The MCEU Radio Club.

Ada enjoyed bowling as she belonged to three leagues for thirty years and made many tournaments. She also enjoyed golfing, ceramics, painting, and loved to crochet afghans and baby dolls, one of which Vanna White from Wheel of Fortune received and made Ada so happy.

Her husband Phillip J. DeMare whom she married June 15, 1944 died October 27, 1972.

She will be deeply missed by two sons Anthony A. DeMare and his wife Kathi of Niles and Angelo P. DeMare with whom she made her home, a daughter Mary Ann Jacobi and her husband Ted III of Port Washington, New York, a brother Olivo Marchini of Nocera Umbrea Italy, six grandchildren, Leslie Ann Collins and her husband Peter, Christina Bernstein and her husband Aaron, Michael Jacobi and his wife Maria, Andrea Sigley and her husband Bob, Kellie Ford and her husband Aaron, and Anthony DeMare, 2 great-grandchildren Reilly Jacobi and Whitney Sigley, several cousins still in Italy, and a cousin Maria Del Fem in Massachusetts.

She is preceded in death by a brother Dante Marchini.

Friends may call from 5 to 8PM Tuesday at The Joseph Rossi and Sons Funeral in Niles where the Mt. Carmel Society will conduct prayers at 4:45PM and the Mt. Carmel Bereavement Ministry will conduct prayers at 7:30PM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 9:30AM Wednesday at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church with Fr. Larry Frient officiating, preceded by a 9AM prayer service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in St. Stephen Cemetery.

Friends and family can view this obituary, sign the guestbook, and send e-mail condolences at www.josephrossifuneralhome.com.

Funeral for Ada DeMare

Born: Nov. 16, 1918 Died: June 11, 2011 Age: 92

Funeral: June 15, 2011

Gospel: John 15:9-12

Homily:

All of you closest to Ada have the prayerful support of the people of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. I join them in expressing my condolences to you. Ada was a member of our parish for a long time. You have our sympathy and support.

So many images of the things Ada enjoyed fill your minds.

You think about her as a young mother moving to this country from Italy in the 1940's. How important it must have been for Ada to rely on her faith to enable her to embark on that journey! How important it is for us this day to rely on our faith to help guide Ada's journey from this life to the life hereafter.

When Jesus ate with His closest friends the night before He gave His life for us, He encouraged them to live on in His love. We heard this message proclaimed in the Gospel Ada's children and I chose for this morning's Mass of Christian Burial.

Your memories will lead you to live on in Ada's love, a love that reflected the love of Jesus, a love that has now led Ada to be invited to accept the fullness of joy.

You will think of her as a loving mother and grandmother.

You will fondly remember the many meals she cooked. You'll think of the tomato sauce, the pizza, the way she taught those closest to her to cook, and all of the love that was the most important ingredient in every way she nourished you.

You'll remember how she loved bowling, ceramics, painting pictures, crocheting, and playing BINGO.

Many of you will remember the Afghans and slippers she lovingly made for you.

Your hearts will be touched when you think of the gorgeous baby dolls she made, especially how she sent one to Vanna White from Wheel of Fortune and how Ada so enjoyed receiving a reply and autographed picture from Vanna.

You'll thank God for the many ways Ada put the teachings of Jesus into practice.

She took care of her ailing aunt in Rome before coming to this country.

She shared her love with young dance students who came to know her as "Grandma."

You'll remember this very special woman in your lives who was not quite five feet tall but touched your lives in such enormous ways.

Our faith pleads with us to live on in the love of Jesus, and to give thanks for the many ways this love was shared by means of Ada's life.

Our connection with people of every time and place leads us to pray not only for us gathered here today, but also for all other relatives living far away from here that could not join us in person but are with us in spirit.

It has been such a long time since Ada was with her beloved husband Angelo. She met and married him in Italy before coming to this country. He passed from this life more than thirty-nine and a half years ago. Now our faith tells us that they are reunited in God's care along with so many other relatives and friends who passed before Ada was called to be with the Lord on Saturday afternoon.

May the Lord strengthen us during this time of need and assure us that not even death can sever the bonds of love.