



## Rachel C. Grapentine

June 13, 1926 - February 4, 2014

Rachel C. Grapentine, age 87, a longtime Utica resident, passed away Feb. 4, 2014 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Troy. Beloved wife of the late William E. Grapentine. Dear mother of William Sally Grapentine, Jr., John Wanda Grapentine, Rebecca Samuel Beals, Ruth John Hagen and the late Jane Elizabeth Grapentine. Loving grandmother of 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Karl Evelyn Hyypio, Paul Nancy Hyypio and Ida Stanley Michaelson. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica on Friday from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Funeral service Saturday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica where she will lie in state from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. time of Service. Interment Cadillac Memorial Gardens East. Memorials suggested to The William & Rachel Grapentine Scholarship. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

RU

“ Dear Kelley, Thank you for the beautiful remembrance of my mother. In just a few words, you captured her spirit so well! Those were wonderful days! And, yes, she did enjoy watching our antics! You were a great neighbor, and, always have been, a great friend of our family. Thank you for the wonderful memories and your prayers for our loss. We do miss her! But we are happy for her joy with Christ at last! Love to you and your family!

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**Ruth** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. As the days and weeks pass, and you return to life's routine, may you be comforted by our ...God and Father of our Lord... the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God". 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4. Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. Please also find comfort in the following: John 11:11 where Jesus said, "...Lazarus our friend has gone to rest, but I am journeying there to awaken him from the sleep." Our Heavenly Father holds out the hope of the resurrection and the ability to see our loved ones again.

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**Mrs Higgins** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I am sorry for your loss and send my sincere condolences. A scripture that brings me hope in times of loss is Revelation 21:3, 4 where God promises that in the future "death will be no more". Our loving Creator also promises a time when "there is going to be a resurrection". Acts 24:15. Looking forward to the fulfillment of God's promises for the future brings peace, comfort, and hope.

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**Teresa Burnett** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was truly a pleasure and an honor to care for Rachel. Our thoughts and prayers. Pamela Davis FirstLight HomeCare

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**Pamela Davis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ To Rachel's beloved family . . . Rachel and Bill were our friends in Florida for the past 40 years and no one could ask for better neighbors. Rachel was loving and caring. We have missed her being in Florida but she wanted to be near her family in her autumn years. Our condolences to all of Rachel's family. Son Bill and his wife Sally are continuing to be good neighbors.

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**Pat & Roger Zona** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Dear Family of Rachel Grapentine, We were all deeply touched and saddened by your message. We know how difficult this is for you. You are in our thoughts. Rachel was a nice, gracious Lady. We are delighted to have found Rachel as a friend. We had little time with Rachel, this time was a very, very nice. Very sincerely Christel & Eckhard Baier Daughter Anja with family & son Uwe with family Germany

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**Familie Eckhard Baier** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I have such wonderful childhood memories of the Grapentine family especially Mrs. Grapentine always taking the time to be a part of our fun and games she had such joy! May your own memories bring a smile and make your heart joyful. Prayers to all for the loss of a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Sister.

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**Kelley Stephens** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Dear Family of Rachel Grapentine, We send our deepest sympathy on the passing of Rachel. We will all miss her dearly, but know that she is now at her final destination with her Mother, Father, Sister and Brothers. We will always remember her beautiful smile and soft laughter. May she rest in peace with God, Our Heavenly Father. Light and Love, Brother Paul and Nancy*

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**Paul and Nancy Hyypio** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM