



## Carmen "Millie" Ragonese

April 3, 1920 - October 5, 2024

Carmen "Millie" Ragonese

Chili: Peacefully, on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at age 104. Predeceased by her husband, Frank; daughter, Patricia Bradt; sister, Ida Trovato; and brother, Frank Dee. Survived by her son, Thomas; grandchildren, Christina (Ryan) Ewanow, Lisa (Bryan) KinCannon, David Bradt and Maria (Thomas) Conradt; great-grandchildren, Madeline, Sophia, Ethan, Alexander, Rory and Skylar; sister, Fran Hughes; sister-in-law, Lillian Dee; son-in-law, Ronald Bradt; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Millie was born on April 3, 1920 in Rochester NY. She graduated from Franklin HS in 1939.

Her parents immigrated from Italy for a better life and settled in Rochester NY. In December of 1943 she married Frank Ragonese, they had a long loving marriage and were together until his death in 1997.

Frank was a Lieutenant in the Army during WWII. She traveled with him on his various assignments, they lived in Norfolk VA and Carlisle, PA during his time in the service. She took on administrative jobs in the military during this time. They returned to Rochester NY after the war to raise their family.

She was a stay at home mom much of the time but did have some part time jobs, including working at Michael Sterns and for The American Lung Association.

During much of the 1960's she lived in Utica NY for her husband's job but they returned to the Rochester area in the early 1970's and settled in Chili NY were

she lived the majority of her life.

She was a magnificent cook and enjoyed cooking for her family, her recipes have been handed down and made throughout the years between all of her grandchildren.

She also enjoyed gardening and regularly volunteering at St. Christopher's church which she was an active member of until her death. She helped with the altar flowers, pot luck and after services dinners along with various church festivals, fund raisers and where ever the need was.

She was loving and supportive of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and loved to spend as much time with them as possible watching them grow in life.

She always set a positive example for them by the way she went about living her everyday life.

We always joked how popular she was amongst the community she lived in, but that is just attributed to the kind heart she had towards people.

In her 104 plus years of life she experienced so much, but always handled herself with grace and kindness and was generous, caring and supportive to whomever she came across.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Thursday 4-6pm. Funeral Mass Friday 10am at St. Christopher's Church, 3350 Union St. N. Chili, NY 14514. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Golisano Children's Hospital or Gilda's Club.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

2461 Lake Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14612

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

OCT **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
2771 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 426-7830  
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com  
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

OCT **11**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Church  
3350 Union St.  
North Chili, NY 14514

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will truly miss Millie. Back when we all lived in the “Hillary subdivision “. We used to walk together. She was such a beautiful woman inwardly and outwardly. I will miss speaking with her. I moved to Tennessee but we continued to talk.  
God Rest Her Soul.  
Barbara Durham

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**Barbara Durham** - October 15, 2024 at 03:23 PM

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“ Michele Vecchio lit a candle in memory of  
Carmen "Millie" Ragonese



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**Michele Vecchio** - October 11, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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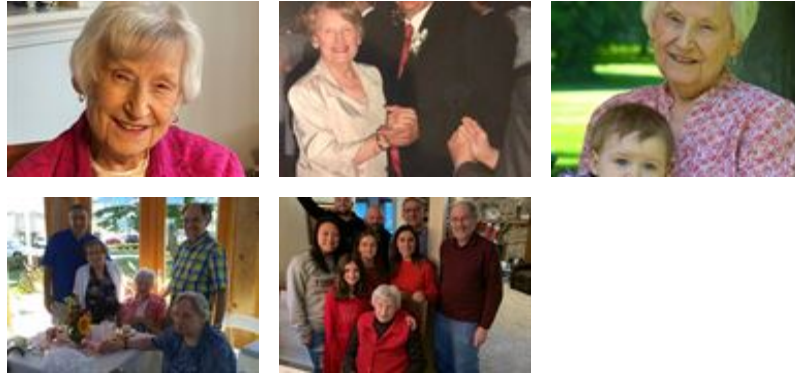
God Bless you Millie...You will be terribly missed by many...I enjoyed caring for you and our special talks...God Bless your family n friends during this time... Rest In Peace Millie 🙏❤️ L

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**Michele Vecchio** - October 11, 2024 at 11:53 AM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home** - October 10, 2024 at 10:02 AM

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“ *I lived at Crimson Ridge along with Millie. She was a wonderful woman - always happy and smiling! We shared many activities and meals. She told me stories of early years, her wonderful family and every day happenings. She often filled me in on current events! She was a great roll model. I will definitely miss her.*

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**deborah spinelli** - October 07, 2024 at 05:45 PM

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*Millie was so sweet lady that I took care of her at Crimson ridge. And remodel. She will definitely be missed ❤️ rest in peace Millie we love you*

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**Karolin Sarkisian** - October 09, 2024 at 11:17 AM