Viscogliosi, Anna

Anna (Marcuccilli) Viscogliosi, 66, of Vernon, Connecticut, beloved wife of the late Giovanni Viscogliosi, entered into eternal life on Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Anna was born April 20, 1940 in Detroit, daughter of the late Gaetano and Marianna Marcuccilli of Santo Padre, Italy. Anna was an amazingly caring, loving mother and grandmother. She lived her life filled with laughter, dignity and grace. She had a very quick wit and always a good story to tell. She was everyone's counselor, imparting timeless wisdom while striving for peace and good humor. Blessed with God's grace, her ability to relate to people on their terms was extraordinary. Her greatest joys in life were her husband, children and grandchildren. The virtues she taught her loved ones were those of family unity, unconditional love, optimism, peacefulness, inner strength and faith. Anna's love, wisdom, and compassion bestowed upon her a graciousness which was rare and beautiful. She was a member of the Manchester Historical Society, the Italian American Club, of Livonia, a communicant of Sacred Heart Parish of Vernon, Connecticut. Anna owned and operated Ann's Pub in Wayne for 18 years with her late husband, Giovanni. Anna is survived by her daughter, Lori Calabrese and her husband, Andrea, of Vernon, Connecticut; three sons, Tony Viscogliosi and his fiancée, Paula Lajaunie, and her daughters, Sophia and Aurianna, J.J. Viscogliosi and his fiancée, Deborah Bocchicchio, Marc Viscogliosi and his wife, Paola Andrea, all of New York, Her love surrounds forever her grandchildren, Angelica, Arianna, Giovanni and Francesco Calabrese and Isabella Viscogliosi. She is also survived by her brother Tony Marcelli and his wife, Cynthia, and their children, Jennifer and Marc: a nephew, Elio Viscogliosi, as well as many nieces and nephews in Italy. A funeral procession will gather by 10 a.m. on Monday, September 18, 2006, at the Small & Pietras Funeral Home, 65 Elm Street, Vernon-Rockville, Connecticut to Sacred Heart Church, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut, for a Mass of Christian Burial to be conducted at 11 a.m. Anna will be entombed beside her late husband in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield, Connecticut. Visitation will be from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. The family will also receive relatives and friends from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Small & Pietras Funeral Home, 65 Elm Street, Vernon-Rockville, Conncticut. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Memorial and Honor Program, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, "In Memory of Anna Viscogliosi"; or Make-A-Wish Foundation of Connecticut, Inc., 126 Monroe Turnpike, Trumbull, Connecticut 06611, "in memory of Anna Viscogliosi"; or Sacred Heart Church, 550 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecicut 06066, "in memory of Anna Viscogliosi". For online condolences or directions, visit www.smallandpietrasfuneralhome.com.