



## Mrs. Harriet Algozzine

September 14, 1917 - December 31, 2015

Harriet Algozzine, 98, died suddenly at her residence on December 31, 2015. Born in Catskill, one of four daughters to the late Frank and Harriett Pflagl. Harriet loved reading, knitting and her grand and great-grand children. Harriet was predeceased by her husband, Philip, daughter Phyllis Antonelli, granddaughter Karen Ann McCarthy and her sisters Mabelle Zeh and Margaret Hack. She is survived by her son Chris (Bea) and daughter Marie (David) Garcia, son-in-law John Antonelli and her sister Virginia Smith. She is also survived by her grandchildren Christopher (Bonny), Thomas (Heather), Kimberly Antonelli Rizzo (Mathew) and Edward McCarthy (Susan). She is also survived by her 9 great-grandchildren, Andrea, Zachary, Lillian, Colin, Ian, Nicholas Rizzo, Maddison Rizzo, Alexandria Rizzo and August McCarthy. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and their families. Harriet was a life member of the Cairo Hose Company Ladies Auxiliary and the Meeting House Hill D.A.R.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross St. Cairo, on Wednesday, January 6, 2016 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, January 7, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. at the funeral home, with Rev. Johanna Tipple of The First Reformed Church in Catskill officiating.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The Cairo Cemetery.

Contributions in her memory may be made to The Cairo Hose Company

Ladies Auxiliary, Railroad Avenue, Cairo, NY, 12413, and The Meeting House Hill D.A.R., C/O Robin Stapley, Regent, 56 Route 145, Cairo, NY, 12413.  
Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Cemetery Details

## Cairo Cemetery

County Route # 84  
Cairo, NY 12413

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo  
P.O. Box # 383  
29 Bross Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
(518) 622-9503  
[info@richardsbradysfh.com](mailto:info@richardsbradysfh.com)

## Funeral

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ I have such fond memories of "Miss Harriet". When my parents moved to Cairo in 1980, their neighbors were The Algozzines. The Algozzines were the wonderful types of neighbors that would lend you an emergency cup of sugar, the types of neighbors that always had a friendly wave and greeting, and the types of neighbors that cared about how you were doing.

After Mr. Phil passed away, Miss Harriet asked my father to teach her how to drive. That cemented our families' friendship. My husband and I still use the electric griddle that she gave us as a wedding gift over 25 years ago. My two children always enjoyed visiting "the red haired lady" when they visited Cairo. Such a caring woman.

I saw Miss Harriet several years ago in Catskill. She was proudly wearing her Presidential Service Lifetime Award. Obviously it was just not our family's life that she touched.

*Donna Gibson-Obeldobel*

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**Donna Gibson** - January 09, 2016 at 08:05 AM

EP

“ Chris, Marie and families;

*As you know I had the pleasure of working with Harriet while she was my Dad's legal secretary for a number of years. I know he would have said she was a tremendously dedicated and hard working person and I know he appreciated her greatly. I will always remember the great rapport Harriet shared with Doris Tew and Mildred Mangels at the office when I used to visit on the way home from school and later on when I worked there for a short while. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*Ernie Puglisi*

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**Ernest J Puglisi** - January 05, 2016 at 07:07 PM

PP

“ Chris, Marie and families, I just wanted to let you know I remember your mom with such fondness. She and Dad were such good neighbors to our Mom after Dad died and she moved to Cairo. Praying these days to come bring good memories and stories to share as you celebrate your Mom's life!

*Peggy (Lester) Pitcher and family*

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**Peggy Pitcher** - January 05, 2016 at 12:33 PM

LL

“ Linda Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriet Algozzine



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**Linda Lawrence** - January 05, 2016 at 12:01 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Harriet Algozzine.



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January 05, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ Oops, Forgot to add Bobby's name to the list of us 12 nieces and nephews. Not to worry, please, guy, I signed your name to the mutual flowers' card with everyone else's name.

*Aunt Harriet would have tapped her knitting needles, tch-tch' d at me, and reminded me that I'd left you out!*

*Am sure all of us have spent the past couple of days recalling times we spent with Harriet, from our childhood thru our growing up years, and now right up to today.*

*May Chris & Bea, Marie & Dave G & Eddie & Susan, Johnnie A. & Kimmie & Matt, Tommy & Heather, Bonny & Chris Jr., all know how highly we keep our thoughts of their mom, grandmom, in our minds, hearts. She made us a family.*

*Everyone who met her, worked with her, knew her, became her family. People who have that talent of giving love out are rare.  
Johanna,*

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**Johanna Zeh** - January 04, 2016 at 11:35 PM

“ Our memories of Harriet cover years--our whole lives. Always, she was there, and always we could rely on her totally, for affection, comfort, help, love and , yes, often for some very practical common sense. Her nickname on years of phone calls was "Hello, Favorite Aunt!!" -- and you could almost hear her think it over, before she said hello! , right back to you., and laughed a little..?

*All 12 of us nephews and nieces are making sure that either flowers (more are being sent, from all of us), or donations to the two groups that she was so proud to belong to, will grace the services--it's what little we can do, to try to brighten up the next couple of days for Chris, Marie, Johnnie A., and for the grandchildren (you all know who you are!), for their spouses, and for all the great grandkids. Harriet's affection for her whole family was special. Like the air we breathe--it made us all better people, for knowing her.*

*We will miss Aunt Harriet as much as we constantly recall and miss our own parents. That's an understatement? And yet we'll know, maybe, that somewhere, somehow, a small red-headed, kind, pleasant, spunky, good natured personal family "angel" entered our lives and stayed, and made sure we were loved, right from the time we were born. Every family should have an Aunt Harriet--we're all glad we know her. And I am sure everyone she met will say that their times with her , were just as special, as ours were. Harriet didn't discriminate, she just plain old liked people, and it showed.*

*I remember doing crossword puzzles with her. Together we both could get one completed--in speedy time. (She'd consult a dictionary, but would not cheat.) Or her being proud of her jobs, and learning computer skills to keep working, well after she could have retired. Did anyone else know she'd go to hear Uncle Phil play, with his band, back in what, the 1950s or 1960's? Every back road around Cairo was in her memory, and one couldn't take her out to lunch without bumping into people she knew, on the sidewalks, who had to say hello.*

*Her laugh was infectious--made you happy to be alive. Love to her friends, and immediate family, from 12 of us, and together, we have memories galore, of Harriet, that would fill a book or two, a lifetime or several?*

*Johanna (& Dave D), Art in Arizona, Nancy (& Ray), Frankie, Grant (& Helen), Dickie & his wife (sorry, guy, us older ones remember you as way younger & with a nickname, before you were called John Richard?), and from Linda, from Peter, Roger, and from Gary & Jerry, the Catskill guys.*

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**Johanna Zeh & Dave Dethmers** - January 04, 2016 at 10:50 PM

JA

“ *Jerry, Gary, and John(Dickie) Algozzine purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Harriet Algozzine.*



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**Jerry, Gary, and John(Dickie) Algozzine** - January 04, 2016 at 06:56 PM

GA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with my cousins Chris and Marie for the life and memories of Aunt Harriet. Her smile and outgoing personality were always special at every family gathering. My cousin Jerry and I shared a special visit recently in Catskill, the first words out of her mouth, was "what are you boys doing here" and it ended with " you both made my day". To a special aunt, God Bless Aunt Harriet and all the family, love Gary.*

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**Gary Algozzine** - January 04, 2016 at 06:45 PM

JA

“ I will always remember my Aunt Harriet with a smile on her face. I saw that same smile recently when me and my cousin Gary went to pay her a visit. As soon as the elevator doors opened and we stepped out I saw her waving to us from the cafeteria. It totally blew my mind how she spotted us from that distance. I would have never seen her if she wasn't waving at us with a big smile on her face. God Bless Aunt Harriet !

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**Jerry Algozzine** - January 04, 2016 at 05:23 PM

BR

What a pleasure it was to get to know "Cousin Harriet" along with all the Pflegl girls (we called their mother "Aunt Hattie" and their grandmother "Aunt Margaret" to keep the re-used family names straight!). And when I cooked for Wolff's Maple Breeze and Phyllis was a housekeeper there, we'd catch up on all the Pflegl and VanOrden extended family news, as well as hear stories of when the Pflegl girls were growing up at the boarding house in earlier times. The last time I saw Cousin Harriet was a few years ago at my mother's funeral, when my much younger sister asked who those cute little red-haired ladies were! Harriet was always so kind and friendly, with a twinkle in her eye, a smile and such a loving spirit. Much love, Barbara VanOrden Randall and family

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**Barbara V. Randall** - January 05, 2016 at 05:16 PM

EP

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As you know I had the pleasure of working with Harriet while she was my Dad's legal secretary for a number of years. I know he would have said she was a tremendously dedicated and hard working person and I know he appreciated her greatly. I will always remember the great rapport Harriet shared with Doris Tew and Mildred Mangels at the office when I used to visit on the way home from school and later on when I worked there for a short while. My prayers and thoughts are with you all.

*Ernie Puglisi*

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**Ernest J Puglisi** - January 05, 2016 at 06:32 PM

PC

*I am sorry for your loss-to the entire Algozzine family- Marie, Chris, (David and Bea), etc. I am also sorry that the world has lost one of its best as well. She was such a generous, friendly, good spirited, smart, funny, multi-talented person. In my youth, she was such a bright spot in my life. She had a way of making you feel so welcome in her home, at her table. I am pleased to say, however, that her warmth and welcoming lives on in her two remaining children, Chris and Marie, in her grandchildren, etc. Her heart still shines through them.*

*Pat Bone Cominos*

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**Pat Cominos** - January 07, 2016 at 11:03 PM

HE

*Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Harriet. Sincerely, Carlene and Monica at HearUSA.*

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**HearUSA** - January 11, 2016 at 03:22 PM

NP

*Although I never had the honor to meet Harriet, I understand she was quite a lady. Please accept my condolences to Harriet's family for their loss. Nancy Pawlikowski, New York State Chaplain, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.*

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**Nancy Pawlikowski** - January 15, 2016 at 10:28 AM