



Aida Carolyn Ellis

March 7, 1917 - March 18, 2014

Aida Carolyn Ellis was born in Chicago on March 7, 1917. Her parents, Francesca and Restituto Pattara immigrated from Italy, settling in Chicago where they raised a large family of four sons and four daughters. Aida is survived by her sisters, Laura, Jennie, and Marie, a grandson, Eddie, three great-grandsons, and numerous nieces and nephews. Aida's childhood and youth in her large, boisterous, and loving family was never boring and provided memories she treasured throughout her life. Aida met her husband, Frank, in at a sock hop. According to her, he approached her as she stood with some friends, made a wise crack or two, got a good laugh, and walked away. She remembered saying, You know, I think I'm going to marry that guy! And a year later, she did. Aida and Frank lived in St. Gabriels Parrish in a neighborhood in Chicago called Back of the Yards. Later, when their children, Frank Jr. and Patricia were born, they moved to Evergreen Park on Chicago's South Side and lived there for 25 years. At times it was a struggle to make ends meet. When the children were school-age, Aida took a job as a bank teller, which she quite enjoyed. What she passed on to us was a consuming, boundless love for her family, friends, and her Church. She was very active in Church activities in Chicago and when she and Frank moved to Bend, Oregon, they became members of the Saint Francis Congregation. Aida worked for many years in the St. Francis Thrift Shop and was notorious for lowering prices for her customers who were in dire financial straits. Eventually, Aida and Frank had to make a reluctant transition from their Bend home to the

Bend Villa Retirement Center where they enjoyed a caring and efficient staff and friendly residents. Franks piano playing and gregarious personality combined with Aidas sense of humor and equally outgoing nature made them cherished by all. The essential key to who they were is simply that they were interested in and truly cared about everyone they met.

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