



Bette Ann Beatrice Mammone

March 5, 1956 - June 26, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Non-profits, Fundraising, Philanthropy, Grants, Annual Giving, Volunteer Management, Planned Giving, Community Outreach, Community Development... and the list goes on, just as the spirit of Bette Ann Mammone's legacy should go on, through us, the living. This was her life: Bette Ann Mammone, age 61, was reunited with her parents when she passed away on Monday, June 26, 2017 at The Pines at Utica Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation. At the time of her passing, she was amid the love and support of her family.

Born in Utica on March 5, 1956, Bette Ann was the daughter of the late Frank P. and Antoinette (Tomaino) Mammone. She was a graduate of Utica Catholic Academy/Class of 1974 and continued her education at Elmira College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism. She had an abiding love for her Alma Mater and during her junior year she studied at Oxford University in England. She graduated cum laude in 1978. She began her post-graduate work at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI where she was awarded a Master of Arts degree in Journalism in 1981. She then relocated to Chicago where she enjoyed her employment and learned to love city living. From Chicago, her travels took her to New York City and then to Cornell University in Ithaca, NY where she was appointed Assistant Director of Planned Giving, and in her own words, "had the opportunity to flourish and learn with the nation's premier planned giving experts about the true meaning behind giving". She said it was "an amazing beginning to a blessed career in

philanthropy.” Her next move was to Syracuse University where her talents for fundraising continued in her position as Director of Development/Regional Development. Bette felt that it was not only an outstanding professional opportunity but also an extension of the legacy of her father Frank P. Mammone whose affiliation with Utica College of Syracuse University spanned more than 62 years. Utica then became her home again while concurrently commuting to her job as Chief Institutional Advancement Officer of Cazenovia College. She then accepted a position with the Utica City School District as a Program Developer and Grant Writer. She said that Utica was the turning point for her, where all that she had worked for in individual giving was shattered by the reality of how poverty burdens the child’s ability to learn, flourish, and hopefully pursue a college education. She was instrumental in creating and implementing a funding program for the District that continues to this day. Then, a dream came true as she established her own company, opening as Mammone Enterprises and Training in Funding Strategies where she worked on internal projects and embraced a mission that followed the ideas of her great-grandfather Gaetano. She found in herself the ability to appreciate that the needs of each person should be recognized, and for the people who needed a voice, hers was clear and never wavered. She flourished when working with those in need and with faith-based organizations. Higher education was instrumental in giving her a clear vision into her life’s work.

During the past ten years, Bette Ann found a niche in the insurance industry with the love of her life, John “Gianni” Del Buono, at the Del Buono Agency. They also worked together in the community in collaboration with fundraising and charitable events. Prominent among Bette Ann’s accomplishments were: the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church at Ground Zero in New York City; Grand Rapids, Michigan YMCA, site of the first certified universal access building, in the world!; Field of Dreams Sports Complex in Schuyler; Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia fundraising; and the establishment of the Equine Center at Cazenovia College. In 2005, she received the Mohawk Valley

Business Journal's Woman In Business award. Bette Ann served on numerous boards and was an advisor to many organizations, her baseline for meeting people in unique settings. She knew the politics of business, and her intelligence was stellar and admired, but her best blessing was her kind soul that inspired all her efforts to uplift the lives of those less fortunate.

Her camp at Cedar Lake was her private sanctuary. Throughout her life she collected countless teacups and tea pots and noted that "Each one had its own story to tell". She enjoyed the comfort and pleasures of pampering herself and was nicknamed "Barbizon Bette" by her sisters. She was congenial and presented herself with style and grace. She had a sense of humor and a generous heart. Dining out was a pleasurable time, especially when she was in the company of the many good people she knew. Saint Joseph was her patron saint and each year she held a dinner in his honor... and the proceeds were given to a charitable cause. Bette Ann was extremely strong and determined, always filled with hope and faith, and never gave up her battle. Bette shared a relationship with John "Gianni" Del Buono that spanned more than 20 years. Throughout the years in all instances and occasions, they were always there for each other and sharing their special love.

Of all of her accomplishments, she was most proud of her daughter Anna Beatrice Mammone-London who was her reason for living. Their strong bond and dedication to each other could not be broken. Together they shared similar joys in life, laughter, and commitment to family.

In addition to being survived by her daughter Anna Beatrice of Chicago, IL, she also leaves her beloved fiancé Gianni and his children who she loved as her own, Amanda, Matthew, and Nicholas; and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Jo Ann and John Mox, and Diane and T. Christopher Mumau. Also left to cherish her memory is her nephew, Thomas Frank Mumau of whose accomplishments she was so proud; her uncles, Frank and Carol Tomaino, Paul Meyers; numerous cousins, especially acknowledging Donna Jean Meyers; her in-laws, Robert and Angela Del Buono; and brother-in-law, Bobby

Del Buono. She cherished her relationship with her former husband, Stevie London, and his husband Jon.

She will be missed by her circle of loyal, longtime friends who meant the world to her, including Laretta Weller “Roomie”, John Maya “Little Brother”, Ken Hicks, Sue Martelloto, Jennifer Spring, Sue and Tom Keeler, and all their families, and Jay and Gina McFarland. She had the good fortune to be loved by Dr. Patricia Laino who was her adopted mother. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Joseph and Beatrice Tomaino; paternal grandparents, Anthony and Elizabetta Mammone; uncle Albert “Albie” Tomaino whom she adored; and her very best and closest friend, Albert Circelli.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Nicole LeBoeuf and Dr. Anna Dewan of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, compassionate professionals that Bette called her ‘champions’; Dr. Daniel Welchons, Judy Balch/NP, and second floor staff at The Pines at Utica who were so kind and caring, as well as the empathetic Palliative Care team.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:30-12:30 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church, 520 Rutger Street. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Dana–Farber Cancer Institute online at <http://www.dana-farber.org>; envelopes will be available at the service. Bette Ann’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 at the church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Amadeo Guida. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving”— Mother Teresa

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church
520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

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520 Rutger Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mammone family,

I was saddened by the news of your loss. I knew Bette but for a short time while she worked at the UCSD. She was a lovely, warm woman who could make a person feel welcomed and accepted upon meeting her.

God bless you all.

Lorraine Laurino

Lorraine Laurino - July 08, 2017 at 01:20 PM



“ *I met Bette, just barely forty years ago, in Oxford England. She stood out amongst all those from across the globe, with intellect second to none. She was a beautiful person, kind and very generous, with a sharp sense of humour. I remember a young lady with a deep sense of family values, which she spoke to me about in the past few years; about her father who not long ago passed, and her daughter of whom she was very proud. My very heartfelt condolences; I know for our friends, and me, we were the better for knowing her.*

Salah Maletan

Eannace Funeral Home - July 03, 2017 at 12:12 PM

MM

“ Dear Joann & Diane,

*We are so sorry to read of Bette's passing.
Wishing you peace to bring you comfort, courage to face the days
ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart.*

Gary & Mary Mancuso

Mary Mancuso - July 02, 2017 at 07:04 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the
family of Bette Ann Beatrice Mammone.*



June 30, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the
family of Bette Ann Beatrice Mammone.*



June 30, 2017 at 08:08 AM

GZ

“ So young...so sad.. We will sorely miss our dear friend. She will remain in our hearts always. Words cannot express our sorrow but our thoughts and prayers remain with you as you grieve. Please let us know if there is anything we can do for you during this difficult time.
Jay & Gina

gzm - June 29, 2017 at 04:01 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Bette Ann Beatrice Mammone.



June 29, 2017 at 01:39 PM

NS

“ Dear Anna: We have never met but I was friends with your Mom at Elmira. She was one of the kindest, funniest and most caring people I have been blessed to know. I cannot imagine the heartache of losing your Mom as a young woman, especially a Mom as special as I know she was...Please know that she will watch over you every day as your Guardian Angel. The entire EC family has wrapped its arms around you.
Nancy Agris Savage '79, Natick, MA

Nancy Agris Savage - June 28, 2017 at 11:04 AM

KF

“ Anna, I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Kelly Flynn

Kelly Flynn - June 28, 2017 at 07:54 AM

AF

“ Dear Anna, Diane and JoAnn,
We are so sorry to learn of Bette's passing. Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers. Anne and Michael Flynn

Anne Flynn - June 28, 2017 at 07:29 AM

JS

Anna and John,
What can I say? I'm so glad that you guys reached out to me and as a result I got a chance to visit with her last month. Although we knew this day would be upon us, it is still in most difficult reality to face. Bette Was so full of life. She was a vessel of optimism for so many. Because of who she was and what she did for people, this is a particularly tragic loss. Bette was a mentor to me. She was a consummate professional, talented writer, and had the gift of true vision. This gave her a unique understanding regarding her clients' needs. She further had the ability and the drive to help others and make their dreams come true. Bette spent professional and personal in service to others. There is no higher accolade that I can bestow on a person. Selflessness is the highest of virtues. Bette lived up to that virtue every day. May God Bless her in the next life as we were blessed to have her in this life. God's speed my dear friend.

Jerry Stucchi - June 28, 2017 at 04:28 PM

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Jerry Stucchi - June 28, 2017 at 04:31 PM

SJ

“ *Bette Ann has taught me so much during her lifetime. We have been friends 47 years. I will always treasure her love and wisdom. I am blessed I was able to see her frequently this past year before she passed from this life to eternal life.*

*The love she had for you Anna and Johnie was so deep, so intense. You two were her world. "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure". Keeping you two and all her family in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.
Susan Martellotto Januszewski UCA Class of 1974*

Susan Martellotto Januszewski - June 28, 2017 at 05:14 AM

JB

“ *Anna, I will never forget your special Mom, she made such an impact on everyone she touched, all of our lives are so much richer* ❤️ *She had so much love in her heart for you, her most loving and beautiful daughter (inside and out)! I watched daily as you made her life so rich, always putting Mom first! I would be so proud to have a daughter like you! You and John had such special relationships with her and she told me everyday how much she loved you! I will Love you forever with Betteann in my heart* ❤️

Always in my heart, Judy Balch

Judy Balch - June 27, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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Jerry Stucchi - June 28, 2017 at 04:33 PM

MF

I am so very sorry for your loss. Bette and I shared grand times together many years ago. I am so sorry we lost touch. I will never forget her laughter and her intelligence was always so very impressive. It is my experience that love never dies. She loved you dearly Anna, and no doubt you will feel her love live on through you. My deepest condolences to you and your family.

Marla Frees - June 29, 2017 at 07:09 PM