



## Bobbie Mary (Balch) Spina

March 4, 1951 - August 21, 2021

HINCKLEY, NY - Bobbie Mary (Balch) Spina passed into the light August 21, 2021, surrounded by family and friends.

Born in Little Falls, NY on March 4, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Beverly (Silliman) and Robert Balch. From a young age, Bobbie loved to travel, living abroad for periods as a child in Mexico and Panama, but no home was dearer to her than her family's six-generation home in Hinckley, NY, residence of her cherished grandmother, the late Margaret (Droyer) Silliman Lloyd.

Bobbie was a spirited adventurer, perpetual optimist, and dedicated caregiver—she walked many paths effortlessly, including modeling, writing/storytelling (owning a small newspaper in Texas), and her most beloved pursuit, nursing. Bobbie graduated from Holland Patent High School, Miami International University of Art & Design, and Utica School of Nursing.

Bobbie's true calling was caring for others, and as a nurse, her deepest purpose revealed itself through administering hospice and palliative care. As a hospice nurse, her incomparable compassion, kindness, and shining bright personality, paired with her astute medical instincts, eased so much suffering and profoundly touched so many fragile, precious lives.

Our 'Bubbie' had a passion for life. She loved kayaking (especially lakes and rivers of the Adirondacks); hiking in nature with her dogs; creating magical worlds through story and song for her grandchildren; and adventuring with her family in Florida, New Hampshire, Vermont, the Dominican Republic, and,

most of all, Boston, where she spent her time enjoying every precious moment she could with her grandsons, her daughters, and their families. Bobbie is survived by her adoring husband Ronald Spina; daughter Erin-Kate (Spina) Greeley, son-in-law Benjamin Greeley, grandson Bodhi Greeley; and daughter Carrie-Beth (Spina) Lucchino, son-in-law David Lucchino, and grandsons Jackson and Hayden Lucchino. Holding Bobbie forever in their hearts are many other beloved family members and treasured forever friends. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Bobbie's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. In lieu of flowers, donations are most welcome in her memory to: Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. of the Mohawk Valley at <https://hospicecareinc.org>; Abraham House at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org>; or Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society at <https://www.anitas-sshs.org>. Her infinite love, beauty, kindness, selflessness, grace, strength, bravery, and humor will live forever in our hearts.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

This obituary was lovingly written by Bobbie's family.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Bobbie was so kind and loving. I became a better person as soon as I met her. I am often reminded of what a wonderful woman she was and how grateful I am to have known her. Her kindness lives on.*

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**Anna Singh** - March 04, 2022 at 04:02 PM

AW

“ *Dearest Bobbie, I sent a letter to you months ago that I believe was lost in the mail and you never received. I wish I could have shared with you how much you inspired me as a new nurse in the ICU. I was terrified at first at the thought of knowing what to do when I had a patient that was dying. When that time came, I thought of you and it gave me the strength to be brave enough to be present with my patients. I could picture you with your patients and that brought me comfort. I'm also thankful for your sweet family that has treated and loved me like part of the family. I love your girls dearly and will forever be friends with them. I look forward to hearing sweet stories about their Bubbie. Thank you for your dedication to helping others. You will never be forgotten. Rest In Peace. Love, Anne*

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**Anne Woodard** - September 15, 2021 at 01:11 PM

CO

“ You will never read this but I want to say this to the heaven and all that listen.

*My heart is heavy and happy for you. For reasons I'm not sure I was left to stay in Texas and not kiss you one last time. I've never left you never. No one will ever know or understand the commitment, friendship and parts we know that no one will. You are stronger than anyone I know and now all that loves you knows what I know. We will never be apart. Our party and love is only known by us. We are more than anyone ever knew and actually more than we knew. I've tried to be brave and strong and I have been I think. If we could be together as we always wanted to be our smiles would say it all. I love you Bobbie past our life, past your death. Forever we are us. I love you. ❤️ 🙏*

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**Connie** - September 12, 2021 at 05:32 PM

TK

“ Dear Ron, Erin-Kate, Carrie-Beth,  
Please accept our heartfelt sympathy and prayers at the passing of Bobbie. She was an amazing woman and giving person. She always made us feel special, and we had such wonderful times when we were able to visit and share time at family gatherings. We are sad that distance kept us apart these past years. Please know that Bobbie remains part of us and all of you and your growing families which we know she adored.

*Love, Tom, Kim, Devon, Grant*

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**Tom & Kim Kennedy** - September 05, 2021 at 10:07 AM

DY

“ Our sincere condolences to you Ron and your family. We were just thinking of you and our memories of working at Howard Johnson's. So sorry to hear of the loss of your wonderful wife. David and Debra (Solida) Yaddaw

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**Debra Yaddaw** - August 29, 2021 at 05:02 PM

KE

“ We will miss you forever Bobbie ❤️

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**kathi & chuck eselin** - August 29, 2021 at 10:45 AM

FC

“ I was truly saddened when I learned of Bobbie's passing. I worked with "Bobbie Jo" (my pet name for her) for many years at Hospice. She was one of the kindest, most compassionate people I have ever met in my life. Her gentle care of the patients and her genuine concern for them was beyond compare. She was a delight to work with. My sincerest condolences go out to her entire family. We have truly lost someone special. From "Franky Joe" (her pet name for me!). May she rest in peace.

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**Frank Calaprice** - August 29, 2021 at 09:44 AM

TM

“ Dear Ron, Erin-Kate, Carrie Beth, and grandchildren: I remember waiting on Bobbie at the Bradford House, in the 70s, then the Northern Villa. She was always very nice and,, well, bubbly. I don't think I ever saw her without a smile on her face. I am so sorry for your loss.

*Terry Marshall*

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**Terry Marshall** - August 29, 2021 at 09:08 AM

RL

“ To the Spina family,

*I am so, so sorry to learn of Bobbie's passing. She was a beautiful person that was full of light. I will miss interacting with her and her dog when they would walk to the post office to pick up mail. May she rest in the arms of the angels and the memories of her bring you comfort and healing.*

*Renee Leininger*

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**Renee Leininger** - August 29, 2021 at 08:09 AM

CM

“ So very sorry for your loss, she truly was the kindest most gentle soul! Sending prayers and positive thoughts to all of you!! I'm blessed to have known her and worked with her at hospice

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**crystal merrill** - August 29, 2021 at 05:56 AM

TA

“ Bobbie was truly such an Amazing Nurse. I have had the pleasure of working long side a beautiful , Caring woman for 4 years. She had tough me so many thing. I am so glad i was able to talk with her one more time before she passed. It was so wonderful to hear her voice. We had some great times together, We loved Searching in the where's Waldo books together, Helping with the computer and sneaking Cake lol She loved her sweets. I am heartbroken to have lost such an amazing loving person. So long Bobbie until we meet again My Friend

*To Bobbie's family i am so very sorry for your loss*❤️

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**Tabatha Armstrong** - August 28, 2021 at 10:58 PM

JM

“ *Bobbie was the true Spirit of Hospice. She will be missed by many in our Hospice Family. Thank you for welcoming us into your home and being part of her final journey .*

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**Julie Milograno** - August 28, 2021 at 10:26 PM

MN

“ *Dear Ron and family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Such wonderful memories from Fourth Lake, Lyon and Hartford Place, Bobbie was a beautiful person inside and out. Always a smile on her face.*

*Thinking of you guys,  
Michael Nassar*

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**Michael Nassar** - August 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM