



Casey L. Gilbert

February 25, 1961 - May 29, 2020

UTICA - Casey L. Gilbert, age 59, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 29, 2020.

Born in Rochester on February 25, 1961, Casey was the daughter of the late Terrance D. "Terry" and Carol M. (Cornelius) Gilbert. She was a graduate of Whitesboro High School/Class of 1979 and attended the Mohawk Beauty School where she obtained her NY State License as a Hairstylist. The majority of her career was spent at the Styling Gallery in Whitesboro on Roosevelt Drive where her clients trusted her, became friends, and were an important part of her life. She practiced all phases of hairdressing and was beloved by patrons who shared a bond of gratitude, loyalty, and friendship with her. In both her professional and personal life, Casey was a fun-loving, and graced with the ability to have a genuine connection with many people.

One of her greatest privileges was being the primary caregiver for her mom, Carol, and sharing a home with her during her life's journey. They were best friends. She loved her brother, sister-in-law, and their family and the memories of the many summertime gatherings around the pool. Being with family on the holidays was a must for Casey, traveling to Rochester for Thanksgiving, and Utica for Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Every autumn, Casey would reserve a week to rent a cabin in the Adirondacks for a retreat, a time to rest and read! She enjoyed movies at home and the theater. She also had an affinity for animals, especially felines and canines. She leaves her two furever companions Gus and Oliver. Casey was also a faithful supporter of the

Abraham House, not only participating in their fund-raising events, but also contributing to the “Bird’s Nest”. She practiced her faith at St. Mary of Mt. Caramel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Terrance C. Gilbert, II and his wife Cherie Nappi-Gilbert; her niece, Danielle Cozza-Whiteley and her husband A.J.; great-nephews and great-niece, Albert “AJ” Whiteley, Geno Whiteley, and Amalia Whiteley; and her aunts, Jan Cornelius, and Audrey Cornelius. She also leaves her cousins, David and Laurie Eaton, Chad and Victoria Eaton, Nancy Sanders (late Greg Sanders), Matthew and Jessica Sanders, and Brittany Sanders and fiancé Michael Cortina; Faye Nappi and family, Jené and Daniel Rossi and daughter Willow; Danny and Leslie Nappi and their children Isabella, and Harper Nappi, and special lifelong friends who shared her life and supported her throughout the years, Kathy Calidonna, NY State Assemblywoman Marianne Buttenschon, Becky Sears, Linda Sarcone, Melanie Zurek-Miller, Lisa Cosimeno, and Grady Faulkner. She was predeceased by her aunt, Delores Willer; and uncles, Donald Cornelius, Joseph Cornelius, and William Willer.

Memorial donations may be directed to either the Abraham House in honor of the end-of-life care given to Casey’s mom, Carol, online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org> or by mail to the Abraham House, 1203 Kemble St., Utica NY 13501, or to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swann.org> or by mail to Stevens-Swan Humane Society, 5664 Horatio St., Utica NY 13502.

Please take a moment to connect with Casey’s family through the “Memories” section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

Tribute Wall



“ *Light Blue Rose with White Daisy was purchased for the family of Casey L. Gilbert.*



June 07, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *It has been along time since I saw Casey. I worked with her at JCPenny hair salon. We became friends and every Wednesday we would all head to packy,s pub where she introduced me to my husband. That memory of her sticks to this day. Rest In Peace Casey you will be missed !!*

Debra Lynch - June 05, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ *To Terry and your family... I want to express my sadness on the passing of your beloved sister. Casey was a student in my Sociology class and, as so many messages have already expressed, was a dynamic, loving, intelligent, compassionate, joyful and wildly funny person. She was an excellent student who made our class so special. She always offered to help me with anything I needed. We joked about her role as my assistant, and I joyfully appreciated and enjoyed having her help. I regret that we never reconnected after her senior year. I, too, will always remember her for being a special presence in this life. I hope that knowing how well loved and appreciated Casey was will forever comfort you.*
Johanna Battista

Johanna Battista - June 04, 2020 at 07:45 PM

JE

“ So shocked and saddened to see this. Casey was such a positive, loving, caring, person who you can talk to about anything. I loved working with her at Dunkin Donuts! She will be missed. Terry and family I’m so sorry to hear about Casey.

Jeff Evans

Jeffrey Evans - June 04, 2020 at 10:54 AM

KC

“ To Terry and your family--I am so very saddened to learn of Casey's death. I came to know Casey when she was in my English class at Whitesboro, where she was an active and intelligent contributor to our class. I especially remember her happy and fun-loving personality, which added much to the class dynamic. She was an excellent student, but my happiest memory of her was the one Halloween, when she and her friends came to school as a box of Crayolas. So very creative, so like Casey.

Later, Casey became my hairdresser, where her intelligence and skill added to the pleasure of a visit to the hair salon. Sadly, as she moved, and I moved, so did our appointments, but the memory of her remains with me.

I know how very important you, Terry, and her family were to her, and it is my hope that the sadness you now feel will soon be replaced by loving and happy memories of your dear sister.

Katherine Chester

Katherine Chester - June 04, 2020 at 09:29 AM

SU

“ I first met Casey when I was at the salon. She did have a contagious laugh. We did have a falling out but reconnected about 7 years ago or so. She was a very nice & caring lady. May she Rest In Peace & my condolences to the family for their cherished loss ❤️💔
🙏

sue - June 03, 2020 at 10:02 PM

MC

“ Terry & Family,

I'm so sorry for your loss. I've known Casey for over 30 years as my hairdresser & as a friend. She was a wonderful person. We had some interesting conversations about everything & anything. I will miss her dearly. RIP Casey, you are with your Mom again. Take care of each other in Heaven.



Mary Ann Crane

Mary Ann Crane - June 03, 2020 at 02:28 PM

JM

“ Terry, Cherie and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Jeanna Marraffa

Jeanna Marraffa - June 03, 2020 at 01:27 PM

JS

“ I've known Casey for over 30 years as my hairdresser and friend. I loved going to see her and talking about everything. She will be missed by so many, but she joins her mom and they can look down and be the guardian angels of the family. Prayers to all of you.

Julie Ann Synakowski - June 03, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DO

“ I had many wonderful conversations with Casey over the years while she performed her “MAGIC” on my hair. She will be truly missed. Dorene

Dorene - June 03, 2020 at 10:32 AM

MA

“ My dear Casey, my heart is broken. I met you thru my mom when you did her hair for a family wedding. 25 years of haircuts every eight weeks....more than that...laughs, catching up about family, sharing laughter and heartbreak. In later years, we lost touch which I will forever regret. I remember walking in the salon one day, and your big dog was there, and you laughed so hard because of how scared I was. I will remember your laughter. We always think we have more time to reconnect, and sometimes we don't. Rest in Peace dear Casey. Mary Ellen Andreski

Mary Ellen Andreski - June 03, 2020 at 09:58 AM

CP

“ To Casey's family and dear friends; my deepest sympathies to everyone. Casey was my hairstylist for 25 years who became a friend and I will so miss our visits every 5 weeks. Big heart, wonderful laugh, beautiful smile, she will be so very missed. I will remember her always and think of her with love.

Chris Phelps

Christine Phelps - June 03, 2020 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ Terry, Cheri, and the entire Family of Casey! My deepest condolences on the loss of an exceptional women. Casey was a joy to be around both in and out of work. Her upfront, kind, and comical personality was among the best. She will be always be remembered for that. My prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. God bless .

Michele Morawiec - June 03, 2020 at 07:01 AM

TM

“ Terry,
I'm sorry for the loss of your sister, Casey. Although I didn't know her well, I do respect how you and her took care of your mom while she battled her illness. I'm also sorry that your lost your sister just a few years after you lost your parents.

Ted McCarthy - June 02, 2020 at 11:02 PM

LM

“ Dear Terry, and family,
We are so, so, very sorry for the loss of your beautiful sister. There are no words to describe your broken heart. Death is not a pleasant thing to deal with, especially when it comes unexpected. We ask ourselves so many questions of why someone so young could be taken away from us so soon. But dear Terry there are no answers. We pray that the love and strength of your family, and friends, will see you through this very difficult time. Please know that Mr. Mahanna, and I hold you close to our heart, and will be praying for you and your famy. With all our love and deepest sorrow.

Carl @ Lena Mahanna.



Lena & Carl Mahanna - June 02, 2020 at 06:45 PM

MA

“ To Casey’s family please accept my sincere condolences. Hearing of Casey’s passing was a shock! Casey was more than my hairdresser, She had been cutting my hair for over 30 years and we formed a friendship. I remember a time when she moved out of the area and I had a very hard time having someone else cut my hair. I was so relieved and grateful when she moved back. We shared a love of dogs and books . We often recommended titles to each other. She watched as my daughters grew, left for college, got married, had babies. I truly looked forward to every appointment just so I could catch up and fill her in on my life. My heart is heavy my friend!! You will be missed and never forgotten.

❤️ Michele Achin

michele Achin - June 02, 2020 at 05:37 PM

KA

“ Terry, Cherie and family! Casey spoke of you often. We are so sorry for your loss. We have known Casey for 25 years when she started to do everyone in our family’s hair. We became friends and have shared high and lows over the years. But Casey was always there with compassion or laughs..She was such a good person with a heart of gold. We will miss her beyond words. Our heart is broken. You and your family are in our prayers. May Casey Rest In Peace.

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John and Karen Waters

karen - June 02, 2020 at 11:34 AM

CL

“ God bless you Casey. You were a little younger then me in high school but I so enjoyed reconnecting on Facebook. I will miss your humor, you positive posts and your love for all creatures. Sending love and prayers to Terry and all of your beautiful family and friends. Xo

Cheryl Partyka LaValley - June 01, 2020 at 10:48 PM

MA

“ Casey your kind heart, contagious smile, and thoughtfulness will forever be missed.

marianne - June 01, 2020 at 09:58 PM

SN

“ Casey ... we met in high school, where we had many good times with Hess Lago. We laughed a lot. We never lost touch and always greeted with a hug. You were a positive force in this scary world. You will be very truly missed. Know that you were very loved... Sue

susan Newton-McDaniels - June 01, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JR

“ Terry, Cherie, and Family: We are so very sorry for your loss. Casey was a lovely person! Sincerely, Bill & Jody Roberts



Jody Roberts - June 01, 2020 at 07:27 PM

LS

“ Terry, Cherie and family. My heartfelt condolences go out to you and your family. Casey was a great person and a great friend for many years. I will miss her very much. I will never forget the day I walked into the Styling Gallery with a beautiful chocolate lab puppy. Casey held her and said “ Casey is Good Name” She was so right. Love from me and her namesake. I will never forget you my friend.

Love you,
Lori Stenske ❤️

Lori Stenske - June 01, 2020 at 06:25 PM

PD

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Terry, Cherie and the family. We are sending you our prayers thru this difficult time. Love to you all. RIP Casey. You will be missed!

Pete and Amanda Dinardo - June 01, 2020 at 04:26 PM

KS

“ My heartfelt condolences to Terry, Cherie and family. Casey was more than my hairdresser she was my friend and I am just heartbroken. She was truly a beautiful person who always made me laugh sometimes thru tears. I will always hold her close to my heart. Rest in Peace my beautiful friend. Dear God hold her close.... Peace



Karen Suppa - June 01, 2020 at 02:49 PM

JA

“ Terry,, Cherie, Danielle and family,
Sending prayers for comfort ❤️🙏



Jeannie & Meaghan (Pawelek) Alexis - June 01, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RM

“ Terry, Cherie, and family. So very sorry for
your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with
you at this very difficult time. Bob & Jeanie
Meyers



Robert Meyers - June 01, 2020 at 02:23 PM

MS

“ Terry ,Cherie and family so sorry for your loss we will keep you in
our prayers and thoughts. With Deepest Sympathy Maryrose,
Jimmy Schiavetta

Maryrose Schiavetta - June 01, 2020 at 01:54 PM

BS

“ Casey was so much more than our hairdresser-she was our dear
friend & confidant. We loved her so much & deeply admired her
compassion for animals, her devotion to her family & friends & so
much more. Our prayers are with her family & friends & her beloved
Gus & Oliver. She will always hold a very special place in our hearts
❤️

Barbara & Kathy Smith

Barbara Smith - June 01, 2020 at 01:52 PM

MC

*Casey was more than just a hairdresser, she was a great friend. May she rest in peace
Prayers go out to her family and friends. She always be in heart. Mary Champney*

Mary Champney - June 01, 2020 at 02:14 PM

MM

“ *Green will always be “our favorite color”. See me- see you, Casey, until we meet again.*

Melanie Zurek- Miller - June 01, 2020 at 01:33 PM

JG

“ *Terry and Cherie , I’m so sorry for your loss. We are all just devastated. The shop will never be the same without her. I’ve known casey since our early days at j c penny. I will truly miss her. My heart is broken. Love Joe Gatto* 📍🙏🥹

Joe gatto - June 01, 2020 at 11:43 AM

JK

*Sending my deepest sympathy to Terry and family,you're in our thoughts and prayers.g
God Bless*

John Klein - June 05, 2020 at 08:35 AM