



Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano

March 2, 1957 - March 20, 2012

Celeste Ann Rositano, 55, of Watertown, MA and formerly of Utica, NY, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in her home after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by the unconditional love of her family.

Celeste was born on March 2, 1957, the daughter of Leon and Carolyn (Giannatelli) DeBernardis. She was raised and educated in Utica, a 1975 graduate of Utica Free Academy. On February 14, 1976, Celeste was united in marriage to her soul mate and one true love, David A. Rositano, a loving and devoted marriage of 24 years, until his untimely death on May 6, 2000. Celeste's successful career in real estate led to her appointment by Mayor Edward Hanna and reappointment by Mayor Tim Julian to serve as the City Assessor of Utica from 1997 until 2002, when she left her hometown to move to the Boston, MA area to start a new chapter of her life, surrounded by her three living children.

Celeste's children were the pride of her life, sharing a deep connectedness and unbreakable bond with each of them. Predeceased by her second child, Marcus J. Rositano, on February 29, 1980, Celeste overcame an unthinkable tragedy and would continue to lead a life as an example of strength, courage and unrelenting love to the rest of her family. She is survived by three beloved children and their spouses, Matthew Rositano and his wife Sarah, of Natick, MA, Valerie Tomaselli and her husband Mike, of Estero, FL, and Amanda

Rositano and her husband Tony Lawrence, of Watertown, MA. She also leaves three adoring grandchildren, Isabella, Alexis and Charles, with one more on the way. She leaves her parents, Leon and Carolyn DeBernardis, and three siblings, Susan Augusto, Patty Scaramella and her husband Harry, and Leon Debernardis and his wife Mia. She will be missed by several nieces and nephews, whose lives she also touched in a profound and inspiring way. The family would like to offer special thanks to their dear friends, Christine DeMott, of Watertown, MA, who spent countless hours caring for Celeste in her final weeks of life and offering a distinct and special companionship, and to Alan Stevenson, Lauren O'Sullivan and Ben McLellan for the support and friendship that they have continually provided to Celeste and her family. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Monday afternoon from 2-3 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Celeste's Celebration of Life will commence at 3:00 immediately upon the conclusion of the gathering.

Previous Events

Service

MAR **26**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - March 20, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TZ

“ I met Celeste when Patty and I were just kids after a school concert. Celeste was so kind and sweet. I was extremely bashful but she smiled at me as if I were her best friend. It must run in the family; Patty, too, has always been a wonderful person. All said, my sincerest condolences to you and yours. - Tom Peter Zlomek.

T. Peter Zlomek - July 18, 2018 at 11:59 AM

SR

“ Celeste I think of you, David and Marcus often, you guys will always be in my heart!
Love Steven Russo



Steven Russo - January 28, 2015 at 03:16 PM

JM

“ JUDY MILLS lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



JUDY MILLS - March 30, 2012 at 09:45 AM

TS

“ To Celeste's family. We are deeply saddened by the news of Celeste's passing. We remember Celeste as a caring and kind work colleague and friend.

A donation has been made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston in Celeste's memory.

Celeste's many friends at Think Real Estate Services - Newton Massachusetts

Think Real Estate Services - March 28, 2012 at 01:01 PM

TS

“ Think Real Estate Services lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Think Real Estate Services - March 28, 2012 at 01:01 PM

MB

“ *Michael And Debra Brigano lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Michael and Debra Brigano - March 28, 2012 at 01:00 PM

JB

“ *I have very fond memories of my Aunt Celeste. I used to spend the night and hang out just about every weekend with Matt, Valerie, Amanda and she always took such good care of me. She will remain in my thoughts and in my heart for the rest of my life. My heart goes out to my cousins. I am hear for you if you need someone to talk too. Love, John, Genevieve, John Jr., Bruce, Claire, Caydence and Caitlyn.*



John Burdette - March 27, 2012 at 04:48 PM

ML

“ *Michelle Lane lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Michelle Lane - March 27, 2012 at 08:57 AM

SH

“ Sharon Weiler Hext lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Sharon Weiler Hext - March 26, 2012 at 06:08 PM

SH

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Celeste. My prayers are with you at this time. Remember the good times you had with your Mom, sister, daughterthose are the important things to remember. Never forget.....for she was a special part of everyone who knew her. God Bless!!

Sharon Weiler Hext and family

Sharon Weiler Hext - March 26, 2012 at 06:08 PM

BT

“ It has been awful to learn about Celeste's passing. She was a warm and caring person. My condolences to her family. Too bad the granchild who is about to come into this world will never know the comfort of her hug.

Bella Tabansky

Bella Tabansky - March 26, 2012 at 02:07 PM

BT

“ *Bella Tabansky lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Bella Tabansky - March 26, 2012 at 01:59 PM

CD

“ *Carl Donaldson lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Carl Donaldson - March 26, 2012 at 01:25 PM

CD

“ *Celeste Rositano, a wonderful spirit, an exceptional mother, a beautiful person who through out each day displayed more strength that any human being could possibly imagine. She always gave of herself and worried about others notwithstanding her own challenges. With out a doubt a dynamic individual that gave so much love and peace to everyone who she touched with her life. My dear Celeste, through your love, patience and friendship, I am a better person and I could never thank you enough. The gifts of love and life you shared with us all can never be undone because they are of a quality unmatched on this earth and can only come from a dimension far beyond human imagination. Having you in my life was truly a blessing. Although my heart is saddened and cries out as a result of your absence, my soul is comfortable that you are in a comfortable space and time of peace and tranquility. I will always love you and never forget you.*

Carl Donaldson - March 26, 2012 at 01:24 PM

JR

“ *Uncle Lenny and I would like to give our sincere condolences to Celeste's family and friends.*
Regards, Aunt Jeanie

Jeanie Rossi - March 26, 2012 at 11:55 AM

HH

“ *Helen E. Hawthorne lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Helen E. Hawthorne - March 26, 2012 at 11:52 AM

IT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Rositano Family. She was a wonderful person.*
Igshaan Taliep



Igshaan Taliep - March 26, 2012 at 11:39 AM

MK

“ *Michael Kloack lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Michael Kloack - March 26, 2012 at 08:35 AM

MC

“ *Marc Cohen lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Marc Cohen - March 25, 2012 at 10:23 PM

CR

“ *Carolyn, Mary Beth, And Molly Rositano lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Carolyn, Mary Beth, and Molly Rositano - March 25, 2012 at 04:59 PM

AN

“ *Angela DePietro Norselli lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Angela DePietro Norselli - March 25, 2012 at 12:11 PM



“ *Bobby Rositano lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Bobby Rositano - March 25, 2012 at 11:25 AM

RR

“ *An amazing lady who was loved by all. You will be missed Celeste. Love, Rocky and Carol*



Rocky and Carol Rositano - March 25, 2012 at 11:13 AM

SR

“ *STEVEN S RUSSO lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



STEVEN S RUSSO - March 25, 2012 at 10:39 AM

SR

To Celeste's Family: I am very sadden for your lost! Your Mom ,Father and Brother will allways be a part of my life! I will allways keep close in my heart the fond memories of the early years we shared together! God Bless them all! Sincerely,Steven S Russo

steven s russo - March 25, 2012 at 11:05 AM

KM

“ *Katerina Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Katerina Mendoza - March 25, 2012 at 08:07 AM

TT

“ To Celeste's family, I am very sorry to hear of Celeste's passing. I first met Celeste in grammar school with her sister Patty, then she was my customer at Grand Union and in later years, we reconnected through her friendship with my Mom. She was a kind woman who always made my Mom feel welcome, in her home. When she would greet people, she had a smile that radiated. She was very special and I hope that her children will live on, with all good memories of their time with her. Sincerely, Tricia Tomaino-Nistico



Tricia Tomaino-Nistico - March 24, 2012 at 11:31 PM

TT

“ Tricia Tomaino-Nistico lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Tricia Tomaino-Nistico - March 24, 2012 at 11:04 PM



“We are going to die, and that makes us the lucky ones. Most people are never going to die because they are never going to be born. The potential people who could have been here in my place but who will in fact never see the light of day outnumber the sand grains of Sahara. Certainly those unborn ghosts include greater poets than Keats, scientists greater than Newton. We know this because the set of possible people allowed by our DNA so massively outnumbers the set of actual people. In the teeth of these stupefying odds it is you and I, in our ordinariness, that are here. We privileged few, who won the lottery of birth against all odds, how dare we whine at our inevitable return to that prior state from which the vast majority have never stirred?”

---- Some really smart guy.

Goodbye, Celeste. I enjoyed knowing you. You live on forever in the memories of those who loved you.

March 24, 2012 at 03:48 PM



“Marigrace lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



marigrace - March 24, 2012 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ *Judy Rositano lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Judy Rositano - March 24, 2012 at 12:28 PM

SR

“ *Love you.
Steve, Deb & Stephen*



Steve Rositano - March 24, 2012 at 12:05 PM

AF

“ *ANGELA AND JOE FLO OF FLORIDA lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



ANGELA AND JOE FLO OF FLORIDA - March 24, 2012 at 11:37 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Chandler-Carzo lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Lisa Chandler-Carzo - March 24, 2012 at 11:21 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Celeste's passing. She was a wonderful woman and a pleasure to work with. I pray that you all will find comfort with each other and find peace knowing that Celeste is no longer suffering; she is resting in Paradise. Here is a poem that I came across; I hope it will give you a bit of peace...

Safely Home....

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light.
All the pain and grief is over, every restless tossing passed, I am
now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.
Did you wonder I so calmly trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
every dark and fearful glade.
And He came Himself to meet me in that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so surely, for I love you dearly still: try to
look beyond earth's shadows, pray to trust our Father's will.
There is work still waiting for you, so you must not idly stand; do it
now, while life remaineth-You shall rest in Jesus' land.
When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home; Oh
the rapture of that meeting, Oh the joy to see you come!*

God Bless you all and may Celeste rest in peace.

Lisa Chandler-Carzo

Lisa Chandler-Carzo - March 24, 2012 at 11:21 AM

NG

“ *My sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one Celeste Rositano. May the memories of happier times and the love you shared comfort you in the days ahead, God be with you.*

Nancy Weiler Goworek

Nancy Goworek - March 24, 2012 at 11:14 AM

JG

“ *Our deepest condolences for the loss of Celeste to all of Celeste's family: to her parents who are fellow OLOL parishioners, to Patty, friend and fellow teacher at UCSD, to her dear three children, neighbors and friends of our children, we are so saddened to learn of her untimely death. She was truly a joyous and good person who will be sorely missed by all who knew her. We would certainly come to her memorial service if we were in town. To Matt: Do you remember as a teen who palled with our son, Dave, driving with me somewhere, and saying to me: "I will design houses, my dad will build them and my mom will sell them." I never forgot that. I would like to think they are doing just that in Heaven preparing for the rest of us! May their memory be eternal. Jan & Dave, Becky, Dave, Mary and Dan George*

Janet George - March 24, 2012 at 10:54 AM

JG

“ *Janet & Dave George lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Janet & Dave George - March 24, 2012 at 10:27 AM

LF

“ God bless you and keep you Celeste...no more suffering...

Linda Fatata



Linda Fatata - March 24, 2012 at 08:52 AM

AT

“ Allison Trevisani lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Allison Trevisani - March 24, 2012 at 07:51 AM

EW

“ Ed Butch Waszkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



ed butch waszkiewicz - March 24, 2012 at 07:01 AM

EW

*To Celeste`s family,she and I worked in the assessors office .What a wonderful person and friend to lose to cancer.You are in my prayers.
Butch Waszkiewicz*

ed butch waszkiewicz - March 24, 2012 at 07:03 AM

CL

“ *Christine & Dan Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Christine & Dan Lawrence - March 24, 2012 at 06:13 AM

AN

“ *Andres Novillo lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Andres Novillo - March 24, 2012 at 03:25 AM

JT

“ *Joe Taurisani lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Joe Taurisani - March 23, 2012 at 11:42 PM

DS

“ *Diane Shephard lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Diane Shephard - March 23, 2012 at 11:41 PM

DT

“ *Diane Shephard And Joe Taurisani lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Diane Shephard and Joe Taurisani - March 23, 2012 at 11:41 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Saladino lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Lisa Saladino - March 23, 2012 at 10:11 PM

NB

“ *Nevin Berkmen lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Nevin Berkmen - March 23, 2012 at 09:41 PM

NB

“ I loved and respected my dear sweet friend very much. I am shocked and sad to hear she will no longer be with us. Celeste was kind, sweet, full of positive energy and most of all a beautiful person over all. She was my confidant at work during our time in Preservation Properties. We had many hours of chat at her beautiful home over a few glasses of red wine and candles. Celeste always knew how to have fun. I respected her strength and will power to fight under any type of difficulty that came her way... She was a strong matriarch who always talked about her children with such fondness and affection.

I can only think of kind things to say about Celeste. I will miss her very much...

My condolences to her children and family.

My peace be with her.

Nevin Berkmen

Nevin Berkmen - March 23, 2012 at 09:41 PM

AF

“ Adam Farina lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano



Adam Farina - March 23, 2012 at 08:53 PM

MP

“ *Michael Potaczala lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Michael Potaczala - March 23, 2012 at 08:00 PM

DS

“ *Derek Scarlino lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Derek Scarlino - March 23, 2012 at 05:35 PM

PY

“ *Patrick Young lit a candle in memory of Celeste Ann (DeBernardis) Rositano*



Patrick Young - March 23, 2012 at 04:07 PM