



Colleen M. Piacentino

March 16, 1952 - November 20, 2017

Colleen M. Piacentino, age 65, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Together, her children embraced her farewell with much love in their hearts.

Born in Utica on March 16, 1952, Colleen was the daughter of the late Paul P. and Olga J. "Alice" (Bulat) Piacentino. Raised and educated in Deerfield, Colleen was a graduate of Whitesboro High School/Class of 1971. At one time, she was married to Darrell Withers, Sr. and they shared the blessing of six children. Darrell passed away on October 1, 2016.

Colleen worked as an office assistant at her dad's business, Paul Piacentino & Son Excavation Company. When she became a mom, she dedicated herself to caring for her family. Blessed with a benevolent heart, she found peace in helping others and was an inspiration to her children. She overcame many adversities in this world and did so with courage. Most people could not have met all the challenges she did and still have the heart and will power to extend herself to those who needed her help. She was grateful to the Lord for giving her the strength of spirit.

Colleen had a sarcastic wit that you grew to love, and she had a phrase to fit each moment. She was proud of her Italian heritage and often spoke the lingo in concert with the body language to express her feelings. She did her best to prepare for the holidays, and when she could, she paid it forward and volunteered to help out at the Hope House. She was a window shopper and rarely purchased anything for herself, but she always found a way to find the

perfect gift for everyone. Colleen was proud that her children grew to be good people and that at the end of her life, they were all by her side. Her grandchildren held a special place in her heart and renewed her passion to persevere. Her faith sustained her life and her rosaries graced her favorite pictures. She prayed for the wellbeing and peace of those she loved.

Colleen is survived by her children and their loves, Daryl E. Withers Jr., Sandra "Sandy" Withers, Jason King and Melissa, Maryalice Ervin, Natalie Marie Piacentino, and Christopher Ellis; her grandchildren, Selena; Keaveia, Navear, and Jayden; Zaryona, and Akasha; Jacob, Michaela, and Gage; and Lucas James. She was preceded by her grandson, Draquan. She also leaves her great-granddaughter, Analize; her sister, Jane Paula Piacentino; her brother, Paul Anthony Piacentino; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. The Linen family were always there through thick and thin, as well as Paul Henessey, a good friend who she appreciated. She was predeceased by her brother, Perry P. Piacentino.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center/Intensive Care Unit, and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially Olga, for the dignity and kindness they provided to Colleen. Thanks also to Colleen's neighbors, Cathy and Delores, who watched over her with compassion and love.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 3:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Colleen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday evening at 5:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Elizabeth Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

RE

“ *It's been 2 years since you and Wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories you will forever be missed. Rest in Peace. Love Rebecca Willis and Family*



Rebecca - November 21, 2019 at 10:00 PM

Sandra Withers

“ *Sandra Withers lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino*



Sandra Withers - February 03, 2019 at 01:16 PM

Sandra Withers

“ *I love you mom❤️❤️. I miss you so much😭 The kids and I talk about you often and How we wish you were here. I'm not sure why but it's been really hard for me lately. Harder than the day we said good bye. People say that if I talk to you, you can hear me but it's not the same. I've tried and it hurts me even more. I remember after I lost Draquan I felt like life was over. I went you for comfort and you were the only person I could talk who understood. And now I feel like i'm alone. I miss you mom. I really do❤️😭💔. I love you*



Sandra Withers - February 03, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *Sandra Withers lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino*



Sandra Withers - November 26, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *My Condolences to my brothers and sisters from another mother . May she Rest In Peace .we love you Colleen . Until we meet again watch over is like the Angel you are 😭 may your hearts heal in comfort*

nita - November 25, 2017 at 03:11 PM



“ *Very sorry to hear of Colleen's passing. We enjoyed many family memories, especially at Christmas. Sincere sympathy to Colleen's family. Pat and Marilyn*

Pat & Marilyn - November 24, 2017 at 11:19 AM



“ *Claudette McGowan Jones lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino*



Claudette McGowan Jones - November 24, 2017 at 10:20 AM

JH

“ *Jasmine Horstead lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino* ”



Jasmine Horstead - November 22, 2017 at 05:41 PM

YT

“ *Yolanda Trombetta lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino* ”



Yolanda Trombetta - November 22, 2017 at 05:37 AM

JE

“ *Jennifer Ellis lit a candle in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino* ”



Jennifer Ellis - November 22, 2017 at 02:42 AM

JE

“ *Jennifer Ellis sent a virtual gift in memory of Colleen M. Piacentino* ”



Jennifer Ellis - November 22, 2017 at 02:41 AM

JE

“ *My deepest condolences to the family!! I have so many memories with Colleen we would sit and talk for hours! I love you ! R.I.P until we meet again!*

Jennifer Ellis - November 22, 2017 at 02:38 AM