



Debra Lynne Leone

March 18, 1962 - April 29, 2019

BRADENTON, FL - Debra Lynne Leone, age 57, formerly of Deerfield and currently of Bradenton, Florida, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 29, 2019 in the comfort of her home.

Born in Utica on March 18, 1962, Debra was the daughter of Antonio “Anthony” Leone, Sr. and the late Dorothy May (LoNero) Leone. She was a graduate of Holland Patent High School/Class of 1980 and continued her education at MVCC where she earned an Associate degree in Graphic Design. She was employed by Chicago Market at their corporate office as a Graphic Designer. At one time, she was married to Peter Mazurkiewicz with whom she shared a joyful and loving union. She also shared in a 10 year relationship with David Fitts; they were truly a blessing to one another and remained friends to the very end.

Deb relocated to Florida to be closer to family, and she continued her career path in graphic design at the Aston Entertainment Company. She then accepted a position working in Management and Customer Relations at the Joan Michlin Galleries at Saint Armands Circle in Sarasota, a business specializing in fine customized jewelry. Lastly, Deb assisted her brother in his corporations and was instrumental in carrying out her responsibilities in all aspects of his business. She was beloved by her brother Antonio for being such a loyal and steadfast part of his life and livelihood. In fact, Debra was the rock that her siblings and family stood upon, especially after the loss of their mother. She was a natural caregiver who selflessly stood by her parents

during her entire life. She was magnetic in her love of family, and because she was so respected, the generations adored her. It was easy to love her because her commitments were real and close to her heart, and she was passionate in caring for others. Deb was the go-to person. She was an admired hostess and a superb cook who prepared favorite family meals for all the special occasions and memorable times. Her siblings followed her lead, and she always had the last say. Debra successfully assumed the matriarchal role of the family with grace and sincerity, and to know that her family acknowledged this through their unbreakable bonds was an honor she held high in her heart.

Deb loved the sandy shores of the ocean and spent time at Bradenton Beach on Anna Maria Island. Her favorite pastimes were freelance photography, being a jewelry collector and antiquing, an avocation she learned from her mom and how proud she was of that! She was a natural at gardening, could be counted upon to be the event planner for any family affair, and was experienced in refurbishing and refinishing furniture. She was truly a woman of many talents! Grounded in her Catholic faith, Deb knew her Lord and relied on him to show her the way.

Debra is survived by her beloved dad, Antonio; her siblings and their spouses, Reyne D. and Raymond Malara, Tryce P. and Craig M. Newman, Antonio “Tony” Jr. and Pamela Leone, and Patrick M. Leone; nephews and nieces, Raymond III and Stacy Malara, Andrea R. Malara, and Deanna L. Malara; Alyce J. Newman, and Derek M. Newman; Antonio Leone III, and Brianna Y. Leone. Aunt Deb loved her great nieces, Desire, Ariella, and Aleena; and her great nephew, Zoleil. She also leaves her aunts and uncles, Mary DiGristina, Angeline “Shirley” and Frank Cannistra, Russell F. and Laura Leone, Violet Leone, Flora Leone, Marie and Henry Terchowicz, and Jack Morse; a host of great and special cousins; and her best friends and extended family, Claribel Rivera, Darlene Fitts and Shannon. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Pasquale and Fortunata Leone; maternal grandparents, Dominick R. and Cicely LoNero; aunts and uncles, Carmella and John

Caputo, Victor C. Sr. and Carmella "Cora" Leone, Rocco A. Sr. and Angeline Leone, Theresa and Al Stivali, Lena H. Bruzzese Papa and her husband Paul Bruzzese and Anthony Papa, Joseph V. Leone, Kathryn A. and Frank Delia, Frank B. and Grace Leone, Pasquale "Patsy" Leone, Charles DiGristina, Blanche and Dominick Neri, and Beverly Morse; and her cousins, Florence R. "Florie" Rizzo, Luke Bruzzese, Mike Neri, Pasquale V. Leone, and Marilyn A. (Guido) Leone. Visitation will be held Sunday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Debra's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:45 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow graveside in Carr Cemetery in Marcy. Any donations in Debra's honor will be shared with a not-for-profit organization supporting children in the foster care system. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Carr Cemetery

Route 291
Marcy, NY

Tribute Wall

CZ

“ *The Ziegler’s will be making a donation in memory of Debra to the All Star Foundation for foster care located in Sarasota Florida.*

cheri ziegler - May 07, 2019 at 09:42 AM

ES



“ *To our dearest Alyce  and family,*

Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss....our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*With love,
Ellen, John, James and Emma*

ellen short - May 05, 2019 at 09:10 AM

NW

“ *I’m so sorry, Carla told me today. I remember many memories as kids. She actually designed my very first business card. I so wish I kept in touch All these years !*

nadine wagner - May 04, 2019 at 09:28 PM

FP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss I remember Debbie as a beautiful young girls and not seeing her in the last few years and reading her obituary and looking at her beautiful pictures brings tears to my eyes. My love goes out to all of you.*

Frances Pavia - May 03, 2019 at 09:00 PM

PP

“ Sorry to hear of Debra's passing. Thoughts and prayers. Dan & Patty Polanowicz

Patty Polanowicz - May 03, 2019 at 02:11 PM

DP

“ My deepest sympathies go out to all the family.
Prayers in abundance.
Love Darlene & the family

Darlene Fitts Pelton - May 03, 2019 at 10:28 AM

DP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Darlene Fitts Pelton - May 03, 2019 at 10:22 AM

CZ

*There is one word to describe Deborah and that is Sweetheart. She was a light to your day. She will be greatly missed.
With Our Deepest Sympathy ,
Steve and Cheri Ziegler*

cheri ziegler - May 03, 2019 at 08:05 PM

DP

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Darlene Fitts Pelton - May 03, 2019 at 10:10 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Darlene Fitts Pelton - May 03, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DP

Deb & Dave always having fun together.

Darlene Fitts Pelton - May 03, 2019 at 09:37 AM

LF

“ Love Darlene (Dar) Fitts Pelton & family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Debra Lynne Leone.



Love Darlene (Dar) Fitts Pelton & family - May 03, 2019 at 09:27 AM

LJ

“ Love Dave Fitts & Jason & Justin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debra Lynne Leone.



Love Dave Fitts & Jason & Justin - May 03, 2019 at 09:09 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Debra Lynne Leone.



May 03, 2019 at 05:59 AM

SH

“ We don't know for sure but together they were either trouble or a real good time! One thing is for sure they made every vacation memorable! They won't be the same going forward!



Santina Hughes - May 02, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Debra Lynne Leone.



May 02, 2019 at 05:52 PM

CR

“ I met Debra at work and I saw in her a creature full of selfless love for others. We became best friends and she was always there for me in good and bad times. We encouraged each other thru trials and tribulations and shared many happy moments. I loved her like the sister I never had. I had the joy to be with her not too long ago on my first visit to Florida after moving to Puerto Rico. She was planning to come visit me this year... I will miss her dearly. I thank God for her existence and the privilege to have met her and her lovely family. She'll be in my heart forever. I'm sure her spirit is with all of us who loved her and was loved by her. We'll meet again my friend, in the meantime enjoy heaven because I know you are there. Love you girl.



Claribel Rivera - May 02, 2019 at 04:57 PM

NP

“ Sorry to hear of Deb's passing. I worked with her @ Chicago Market in the graphics department and later as freelance design partners working on many different projects. Also, I spent many days at their home in Holland Patent. I will always remember her sunny disposition and many talents. A friend and memories I will hold in my heart.

Nancy Pellegrino-Stark

Nancy Pellegrino-Stark - May 02, 2019 at 04:16 PM