



Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney

September 15, 1959 - June 2, 2020

UTICA - Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney, age 60, went home to the Lord when she passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 in the comfort and dignity of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on September 15, 1959, Donna Marie was the daughter of the late Ronald and Marsha (Mazurowski) Baye. She was raised and educated locally. At one time, she was married to Gregory Pinkney, a family-oriented man. He graced her life, and she was grateful for that blessing.

From the age of 16 years old, Donna Marie worked as a Nursing Aid for many years at the Masonic Home, Lutheran Care, and St. Joseph Nursing Home, as well as a Private Duty Nurse caring for clients who remained in their home. She demonstrated the virtues of commitment, competence, and compassion in her vocation, and she was beloved by those under her care. She had a good rapport with people, and a great soul.

Her family was first and foremost, and although she defended her children, at times, it put her in the position to have to “talk junk”. She loved to bake cheese cakes, and when Fidel wanted deviled eggs or mashed potatoes, she whipped them up! She decorated her house in seasonal themes to celebrate Christmas, Halloween, as well as all the other holidays. And she insisted that everyone had a good time! She had a wonderful relationship with her 7 granddaughters and spent much time with her youngest, Jailyn, who was a companion to Donna Marie; her 2 great-grandchildren (including her first great-grandson) captivated her heart and energized her life. Her interests

included reading Danielle Steele novels and she had a vast collection of teddy bears, which ranged from Beanie Babies to Boyd's Bears. She had a number of cats who found a great home and a good life with her. They adored her and she cared for them with love. And, oh, they ruled the house!

Donna Marie was of the Catholic faith and the Lord lived in her heart. The pillar of her family, she encouraged her kids to get up if they were down, live the best life they could, and take responsibility for their actions. She was so proud of who they turned out to be.

Donna Marie is survived by her children and her loves, Danielle Baye Haskins and her husband John, and Linsey Sanchez, and Fidel Abdul Sanchez and Katie Mannella; her grandchildren, Brianne, Keetoyia, Biesha, Kadeesha, and Danielle; Nyasia, and Jaylin; and her great-grandchildren, Aiden, and Mia. She also leaves her sisters, Ronnette Thomas, Kelly Jenkins, Sharon Rucker, and always remembering her late sister, Karen Retamar; her aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her good friend, Lauren Lopez, with whom she shared special times.

The family will honor Donna Marie's life privately with immediate family only. Please take a moment to connect with Donna Marie'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

BK

“ I ‘m sadden just recently heard about Donna’s passing, we met many years ago thru her working as home care person for my mother-in-law, everyone liked her , she had a caring personality, just want to let the family members know that my family is sorry for your loss.



brian kolek - October 05, 2022 at 02:03 PM

IC

“ Donna was a beautiful & fun loving lady. I remember hanging out with her when we were younger. Always had loads of laughs she did. Gonna miss Donna Baye💕 our deepest condolences to the family.



Ida Cook - June 13, 2020 at 12:34 PM



“ Jackie Thomas lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney



Jackie Thomas - June 13, 2020 at 06:18 AM

JD

“ Janet Docko lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney



Janet Docko - June 08, 2020 at 07:33 PM

LJ

“ Lisa Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney



Lisa Jenkins - June 07, 2020 at 05:20 PM

LL

“ I am never going to be the same. God called you home but we need you here. We did so much together my friend, my second mom. Please watch over all of us. ❤️

Lauren Lopez - June 07, 2020 at 12:53 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



SharonRucker - June 07, 2020 at 12:28 AM

CP

“ I would to send condolences and prayers to family.

Cecilia Peppenelli



Celia Peppenelli - June 06, 2020 at 10:48 PM

SH

“ My middle sister who was always up for just about anything with her baby sister.....will treasure our trips to Cooperstown and all the fun memories we shared as kids ❤️ No one could have asked for a more caring Sistermissed the “Happy Birthday” call.....the call you never forgot year after year. Grieving and missing you greatly. Rest In Peace and give love to Ma & Karen from us 🌈

SharonRucker - June 06, 2020 at 06:54 PM

GP

“ I remember her from Jr. High so many years ago...always warm and friendly and laughing...I ran into her years later after school and she was as sweet and friendly as if you had just seen her the day before! So sorry, she is my age and I feel deeply for her untimely loss! She left her family proud! Thanks for the memories, regards,
- Gerald F. Plante (Stockade) Schenectady NY

Gerald F. Plante - June 06, 2020 at 06:40 PM

SH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



SharonRucker - June 06, 2020 at 06:39 PM

RF

“ Sending love, condolences and prayers to all the family especially Fidel and Katie. She and you are in our prayers and thoughts always.

Love, The Ron Mannella Family

Ron Mannella Family - June 05, 2020 at 01:14 PM

PM

“ Dear Fidel and Katie and all Donna's family. Our hearts are with you at this sad time. Love one another as she would want. Hold sweet memories in your hearts.

Peter & Carol Mannella



Peter Mannella - June 05, 2020 at 01:00 PM

JO

“ I would like to Give my condolences to Baye family, as well as her beloved children and grandchildren . I would like to give a special thank you to her daughter Linsey for doing an amazing job for being there by her side until Donna enter the Golden Gates. You're amazing daughter and mother 🙏



Joyce - June 05, 2020 at 09:28 AM

YB

My prayers and condolences fam. I love y'all 🥰

Yulonda Blake - June 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM

CF

“ *In Loving Memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney, Our deepest condolences to the Baye and Pinkney families. You're in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. Her memory will last forever. Rest well our friend.*



Cleon A. & Patricia A. Frazier - Utica, NY

Cleon A. & Patricia A. Frazier - June 05, 2020 at 08:45 AM

BF

“ *Brenda Fudge lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney*



brenda fudge - June 05, 2020 at 07:24 AM

BM

“ *Words are not enough to express the sincere condolences the Griggs family extends to the Baye family. Although years and miles have separated our families, the love still remains. Praying for your strength.*

Brenda (Griggs-Billins) Muhammad - June 04, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney.*



June 04, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ *Ivette lit a candle in memory of Donna Marie (Baye) Pinkney*



Ivette - June 04, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Baye Family...you know you will always be family to me...Donna will be miss..❤️🙏❤️🙏*



VanessaJones - June 04, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ *My deepest condolences too the family R.I.P.Donna*

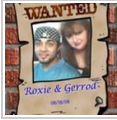


Rochelle Moore Nichols - June 04, 2020 at 07:56 PM

DJ

Kelly I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Donna. My heart aches for you and the rest of the family. Just want you to know we are here for you.

Doris Jenkins - June 05, 2020 at 09:50 AM



I am sorry for your loss. RIP Donna

Roxanne Lanaux - June 05, 2020 at 11:10 AM

JD

I am so very sorry to hear about your mom 's passing. I worked with Donna many years ago at st. Joe's . Her smile and laugh would light up a room . We always laughed when she was with us. Such great memories. Donna, rest in peace in God's arms. Janet. Docko

Janet Docko - June 08, 2020 at 07:31 PM