



Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano

April 15, 1948 - September 11, 2014

Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano, age 66, passed away on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side.

Born in Utica on April 15, 1948, Donna was the daughter of the late Douglas and Dorothy "Dot" (Pierce) Campbell. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1965. On September 6, 1978 she married Vito A. Valenzano with whom she shared 36 years in a blessed union graced with a unique love; they supported one another, especially in times of need.

Donna was employed for 38 years at the Marcy Psychiatric Center, now the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center, as a therapy aide and later as an LPN, a license she received at BOCES where she graduated as Valedictorian of her class. She subsequently worked at the St. Luke's Hospital Psychiatric Unit as an LPN, retiring in 2003 to care for her first granddaughter which was one of the most pleasurable and precious times of her life. Donna was a woman of great character – honest, outgoing, and compassionate. She was selfless in so many ways, especially during her illness, and she remained helpful to others with great devotion. As a mom, she was her children's best friend, attentive listener, and their hero. She was remarkably resilient and was blessed with unbounded energy enabling her to spend time with those she loved. She had a natural, creative talent in the areas of arts & crafts, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and decorating. She looked forward to all holidays, but

her favorite was Halloween, a time when she decorated her house from top to bottom for the costume party she hosted where her guests had to perform the character of their costume. She found serenity at her summer home in North Bay, sitting on the porch with her dogs, admiring the lake and the beautiful sunsets. She appreciated nature and all of its beauty. She enjoyed watching birds, and had a special fascination watching the hummingbirds. Donna believed in the Lord and he guided her through her good days and her troubled times.

Donna is survived by her husband, Vito; her children and their spouses, Rick and Nicole Campbell of RI, Kimberly and Chris Schachtler of Deansboro, Vito and Stacy Valenzano of Westmoreland, and Patricia and Mark Deubel of Albany; and her grandchildren, Mackenzie, Mitchell, and Charlie Campbell; Ashley, Abigail, and Hunter Schachtler; Donato, Vito "Cross", and Anthony Valenzano; and Alyssa, and Victoria "Tori" Pape. She will also be missed by her sister, Sandy Delia of Schuyler; her brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Pamela Campbell of Rome; her step-mother, Ellie Campbell; her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and her in-laws, Rose and Henry Simard. She was also blessed with many wonderful friends and adored her canines, Freido, and Oscar. She was predeceased by her sisters-in-law, Vita L. Ritzel, and Marie D. Valenzano.

The family is grateful to the numerous physicians, especially Dr. Atul Butala who Donna adored; a special Nurse Practitioner, Laurie Aiello, a person who aided in so many wonderful ways; the entire staff of the Regional Cancer Center, the Emergency Room, Critical Care Unit, and the 2nd Floor West at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center – they were outstanding in rendering care to Donna and her family. A note of thanks is extended to Donna's niece, Rosie Aldi, for the time she shared with her aunt during her final days.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Donations may be made to the Regional Cancer Center; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. A Remembrance Service will be offered on

Monday at 7:00. Private interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP **15**. 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

AN

“ *To the Family*

I would like to express my deepest sympathy to each of you. May the God of all Comfort comfort you.

He hates and views death as an enemy. (1 Corinthians 15:26) He has a longing to conquer that enemy, undo death by means of the resurrection. He yearns to bring back those who are in his memory and to see them live again on earth. (Job 14:14.15)

Annette - September 18, 2014 at 07:06 AM

DB

“ *Dominick & Linda Bonamassa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano*



dominick & linda bonamassa - September 17, 2014 at 02:01 AM

DO

dear vito, family and friends, please accept our belated sympathies as we learned only today. if there is any way we may comfort you, or help you, please do not hesitate.

dominick & linda bonamassa

ps: vito, you have always been a special friend to me even since I first met you while working at st lukes. then you met my husband, and worked side by side at midstate. linda

dominick - September 17, 2014 at 02:09 AM

KI

“ My mother was the most loving and forgiving person I know. She was strong, enthusiastic about life and most of all took care of many of us. She hid the pain to focus on others, never once complaining how she had cancer. Never said why me, why not others, instead she held her head up high for 3 years and said "I'm gonna fight!" She was kind, warm hearted and most of all my hero. I not only will be missing a mother, a grandmother for my children but most of all I'll miss my best friend. Although your not here visually anymore mom, you'll always remain in my heart. I love you tooooooooooo much and will never forget you. I will cherish all we had together and what I've learned from you I will pass down to my children. Watch over us my angel for now there is no more suffering and pain. Til we meet again mom, I love you.
Love your loving daughter,
Kimberly Rose

kim - September 15, 2014 at 10:01 PM

DL

“ I worked with Donna and she also would cut my hair for me. She was a great person with a bright personality, sunny smile and she approached life with an enthusiastic energy. She had a creative mind and her ability to touch others will be missed.
Sincerely,
Deana Lafferty

Deana Lafferty - September 15, 2014 at 03:01 PM

MB

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy to all of Donna's family and friends. I worked with Donna for many years and remember her lovingly for her spirit and enthusiasm; everything she did she did to the max; be it her nursing duties, her concern for others, her crafts and her friendship. I hope your happy memories of Donna will bring you peace and comfort. RIP my friend. Maureen Back*

maureen back - September 15, 2014 at 07:06 AM

PG

“ *Vito and Family, We are So sorry and saddened by the passing of Donna!! She was a Beautiful Person inside and out!! May she RIP!! You All are in our thoughts and prayers!! Sincerely, Patti and Ken Goodman*

patti Goodman - September 14, 2014 at 09:34 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano.*



September 14, 2014 at 08:03 PM

EO

“ Vito & Family

Your Angel got her wings. She is out of pain and can soar high with the Angels. May God Bless all of you and help you through your grief for your loved one.

Norman & Elaine O'Connor



Elaine OConnor - September 14, 2014 at 07:35 PM

MB

“ Vito, So terribly sorry for your great loss. Take care, God Bless, love, Marie and Frank Bravo

Marie Bravo - September 14, 2014 at 03:05 PM

LF

“ Vito and family, Our deepest sympathy goes out to all of you. Your family are in our prayers, Donna was a beautiful lady.
Love, Ron and Linda Fazio

linda fazio - September 14, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano.



September 14, 2014 at 11:06 AM

LT

“ With deepest sympathy. Rest in peace, Donna. Lisa (Donabedian) & Allen Tafel.

Lisa Tafel - September 14, 2014 at 09:27 AM

LP

“ With deepest sympathy in your time of sorrow. I knew Donna for many years, worked with her and laughed with her and discussed many life issues with her. May she rest in God's arms. Sincerely, Linda Phillips

Linda Phillips - September 14, 2014 at 08:12 AM

MG

“ MaryJo Gill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano



MaryJo Gill - September 14, 2014 at 06:12 AM

SL

“ Donna was a close Family friend. Will Miss her jokes and laughter rip Donna you'll be missed!!

sarah lapaglia - September 13, 2014 at 10:38 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Donna G. (Campbell) Valenzano.*



September 12, 2014 at 11:39 PM



“ *Worked with her a couple times, very nice person who will be missed . My she rest in Peace.*



Donna Donhauser - September 12, 2014 at 06:00 PM