



## Donna M. Gazzilli-Coy

July 1, 1954 - July 11, 2006

Donna M. Gazzilli-Coy, age 52, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at her home after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Her loving family was by her side at the time of her passing.

Born in Utica on July 1, 1954, Donna was the daughter of the late Daniel and Josephine (Fanelli) Gazzilli. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. Some years later and simultaneous with her busy career, she resumed a course of academic studies which resulted in her certification as a paralegal. She was very proud of this admirable and rewarding accomplishment as well as of the various honors that she earned for her efforts. On July 7, 2001 she married Jeffrey L. Coy, Sr. with whom she shared a loving union.

Over the years Donna enjoyed a highly successful career as an enterprising businesswoman in various local ventures. At one time she owned and operated R.J.'s Beauty Salon on West St., and she concurrently conducted ceramics classes at that location. For a period of time she was also the owner of Don Michael's Pizzeria on James St. where she took an active role in running the business. More recently, she and her husband have been involved in the operation of the Alaskan Air Conditioning Co. Also, since becoming a certified paralegal, she has successfully pursued a second career path, one that she has undertaken in addition to her business ventures. She was most recently employed with the law firm of Peter M. Hobaica LLC.

Donna was a caring, loving, and compassionate woman whose family meant

everything to her. With her loved ones and friends alike, she was ever willing to listen and to offer her advice and guidance to help others cope with adverse situations or solve problems. A generous and gracious person, she always received greater satisfaction from giving than from receiving. In recent years, her granddaughter Daniella was the “love of her life,” and her greatest joy in life was the very special and rewarding relationship they shared. Donna loved the holidays and especially enjoyed all of the family and seasonal traditions, including the cooking, baking, shopping, gift-giving, and gathering with her loved ones and friends. In her leisure time, she liked to go to the casino with her “Casino Clan.” She also enjoyed playing the lottery, cooking, and various crafts. Donna possessed a strong faith and steadfast spiritual values, character traits which carried her through many rough times, including her illness. She was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Donna is survived by her husband, Jeffrey L. Coy, Sr. Also surviving are her children: Ralph J. Cavo and Joseph R. Cavo, both of Utica, and their father, Ralph Cavo; Allan R. Goodhines of Utica, and his father, Allan R. Goodhines; Dr. Jeffrey Coy of Whitesboro; and Tonya Coy of Schuyler. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Daniella Cavo and Danielle Coy; a sister Josephine A. Hebert of Utica; a brother, Guy D. Gazzilli of Utica; a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; and her mother-in-law, Tharon Coy of Fonda, and her father-in-law, David Coy of Whitesboro. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law, Daniel Hebert, with whom she shared a special relationship.

The family extends special appreciation and gratitude to all the friends and relatives who offered support and who visited Donna frequently and faithfully during her illness, especially Diane Dillabough, Diane Mozzetti, Camille Campola, Sheila Biamonte, Rosalie Anderson, Mary Ann Devins, Peter and Judy Hobaica, Alan and Sarah Nicolette, Maureen Quackenbush, Pat Jackson, Barbara March, Pat and Bill Turczyn, and Michele Misiasek. Thanks also to the staff at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Health Care Center, especially Valerie in the CCU, and Virginia and Wendy, the staff of the

Heritage Home, Dr. Butala and his staff, the personnel of Hospice Care Inc., the ECR International for their support and concern, and the UFD Rescue One for their care and expertise.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Donna's funeral will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 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 take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Yolanda M Dischiavo lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Gazzilli-Coy



Yolanda M Dischiavo - August 12, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ I wanted you all to know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Nicole I want you to know that although I am not there to give you a hug or to give you a shoulder to cry on that you have been in my heart and I am always a phone call away.##imported-begin##Jenny Transou and family##imported-end##

July 16, 2006 at 05:25 PM



“ I first met Donna when I visited utica with john's family. I was a exchange student from south korea of rose's family. Although I was not good at English, she was so nice to me and also tried to listend and understand what I said. she has beautiful soul I have ever seen. I will always remember spending time with you and your family and being kind and nice to everybody. My thought prayer and love will be with you..##imported-begin##jessica B. kim##imported-end##

July 16, 2006 at 12:04 PM



“ *To Donna' Family And Josephine  
We were very sorry to hear about  
Donna passing Our hearts go out to her  
family and Josephine Donna will always be in my memory I Think of  
her often we were friends for many years even though we did not  
see each other very much she was a great person .  
love, nancy @fred###imported-begin##Fred & Nancy  
Piperata###imported-end##*

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July 15, 2006 at 04:24 PM



“ *Throughout the years that I've known Donna we have gotten  
together for very special occasions. Even through we might not  
have seen each other for months it would seem like yesterday. Our  
journey through life takes us on different paths, but we continue to  
meet at the crossroads of gatherings and we greet and are so  
happy to see one another again before we go on. I know myself and  
all those that love Donna will all meet with her again at the final  
crossroad and the joy and happiness to see her and all our loved  
ones who have finished their travels through life will be the most  
exciting and wonderful beginning of a new road we will all travel  
together. Donna will always be there with us on these special  
occasions with the wonderful and beautiful memories that will  
always be shared between her husband, children, grandchildren,  
sister and brother and all the nieces and nephews and dear friends  
that she loved so much. For now we will all miss you, Donna, but  
are looking forward to seeing you again. someday. Love you  
always! Jackie###imported-begin##Jackie Gazzilli###imported-end##*

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July 15, 2006 at 09:22 AM



“ Donna will always be remembered as a loving, caring and good mother. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Allan R. Goodhines##imported-end##

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July 15, 2006 at 07:50 AM



“ RALPH I AM VERY SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR MOM.PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS.##imported-begin##NIKKI AREVALO (SAUERHAFER)##imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 10:05 PM



“ Dear Gazzilli-Coy Family,  
Just a note of sincere sympathy from former neighbors of Neilson St. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. God Bless, Mary DeNigro- Hosey##imported-begin##Mary DeNigro Hosey##imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 04:55 PM



“ Jeff,Josephine,and Family...Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss.Donna was always special !  
God only takes the best!  
Anything I can do please let me know.  
Mar##imported-begin##MaryAnn Deveans##imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 02:09 PM



“ Donna..I will miss you my friend dearly.  
At times distance was put between us but somehow we found our  
friendship always..We always shared wonderful memories of our  
times together since we were just kids.I will forever remember them  
as they are cherished memories.  
Distance is between us again but in time we will meet up as nothing  
can come between an eternity "FRIENDSHIP"  
Your Loved And Misssed My Friend  
MaryAnn###imported-begin##MaryAnn Deveans###imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 01:53 PM



“ Dear Josephine, Dan, Nicole, Gina, Jeff, Joey,Ralph, and Allan and  
Uncle Guy:  
We just wanted to say our thoughts and prayers are with all of you  
during this time of sadness. Donna was a very special person. I  
remember her always smiling. Cherish the wonderful memories you  
all have. She touched everyone in her own special way. - Heather  
and Karen..###imported-begin##Heather Mccartney and Karen  
Griffith###imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 10:35 AM



“ PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT SYMPATHY IN THIS GREAT  
LOSS. ALSO PLEASE CONVEY TO JOSEPHINE MY SYMPATHY  
IN THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND.###imported-begin##DONNA  
MERHIB###imported-end##

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July 14, 2006 at 09:03 AM



“ We will always remember you for your quick wit, your unselfishness, and your dedication, love and devotion to your children and family. You will be missed dearly.##imported-begin##Larry and Laura Goodhines##imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 05:01 PM



“ Josephine and family...There are no words to express your loss.. just want you to know your in my thoughts and prayers...##imported-begin##Therese Laffey##imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 04:13 PM



“ Jeff, and family.

*I know you have been through a lot during all this.. My thoughts and prayers and those of my family have been with you all this time, and we will continue to pray for all of you through all this.*

*I sincerely hope you find peace and strength through this time.*

*My most sincere condolences in this time of sorrow.*

*I am sorry I could not get to Utica as I am in British Columbia right now.*

*Peace be with you all.*

*Mike Breault and family*

*Wallaceburg Ontario##imported-begin##Mike Breault##imported-end##*

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July 13, 2006 at 02:58 PM



“ Jo, the loss of Donna is a travesty. I can't even begin to guess how you are feeling and I can never figure things like this out. This was a woman who mastered empathy, sympathy, kindness and the value of good old fashioned laughter. Even through her own times of illness, she appreciated and exemplified these things. I only regret that I didn't stop by when I was supposed to, so that I might have seen her smile one more time-- because anybody who knew Donna knew that it was no cliché when somebody said the world really WAS a better place with her in it. My deepest sympathies.  
-Cynthia S'Doia##imported-begin##Cynthia S'Doia##imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 02:49 PM



“ Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss. Donna was an exceptionally kind and wonderful person. She put everyone before herself. She was very loving and giving to all. Everyone who knew her was touched by her thoughtfulness. There is a huge void in our world with her loss. Our love and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Tom and Maureen Quackenbush##imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 01:48 PM



“ Jeff and Family, our thoughts are always with you.##imported-begin##John and Carolyn Kuczynski##imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 12:44 PM



“ I first met Donna when I was 10 years old and found out that we were cousins. Although I have not seen her much in the past few years, I will always remember her as being a very friendly, kind and caring person. My heart goes out to Josephine and all of Donna's family in this most difficult time.  
" Donna, May God bless you and keep you in His loving care"###imported-begin###Eileen Schafer###imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 08:58 AM



“ Josephine and Family , We are very sorry for your loss may God heal your hearts and guide you through this very difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Trina and Mike Laffey###imported-end##

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July 13, 2006 at 07:43 AM



“ Im very sorry about your loss. Donna was a very wonderful woman. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. If I can do anything please feel free to call.###imported-begin###Lori Hobaica###imported-end##

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July 12, 2006 at 09:51 PM



“ Our thoughts prayers and love are with you at this time of sadness.  
Donna will be missed  
She was a very special person ,  
Taken so young  
We know God has taken away her pain  
..and just remember  
the good times.  
That she has given to you..  
Memories that will last forever,  
It will be hard as always  
But remember you have family and friends to be there for you.  
always.  
So keep family and friends close  
dont lose them  
.Donna will now be a guardian angel  
watching over you  
God Bless###imported-begin##Marlene & Michael  
Hobaica###imported-end##

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July 12, 2006 at 09:26 PM