



Doris A. "Dorie" Bolanowski

August 10, 2021

CLINTON - Doris A. "Dorie" Bolanowski passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 with her sister by her side.

Born in Utica, Doris was the daughter of the late Henry J. "Baldy" and Charlotte (Lenczewski) Bolanowski. She attended Holy Trinity Elementary School, graduated from St. Francis De Sales High School, and continued her education at MVCC where she earned her Nursing degree and her New York State License as a Registered Nurse.

Dorie enjoyed a lifelong career as an RN that began with patient care at the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center and then a well-deserved promotion to the position of Utilization Review Coordinator. She was proficient in her duties and responsibilities and was held in admiration by administration and peers. It was a job she loved, particularly because it was all about patient care which was a most important aspect to her as a patient advocate. Dorie was an amazing woman graced with so many fine attributes, most notably her loving, empathetic heart.

Her family was paramount, and she shared an incredibly close relationship with her sister, Sue, who lives in Northern Virginia, and though miles apart, they spoke each day as if they lived next door. Sue and her husband Dave shared such a bond with Dorie that when their children came along, they knew Dorie as a second mom. Although they called her "Cioci Dorie", a Polish endearment for "Aunt Dorie", she was so much more than that. When both her niece and nephew married, their spouses came to love Dorie as well. When

the little ones came, she was over the moon, and “Cioci Dorie” once again, had joy in her heart, and more to love, ...and it was mutual. From the beginning, holidays and family gatherings were so important because their Polish traditions prevailed, with an abundance of favorite ethnic foods prepared with love.

Fun-loving, caring, honest, and kind, Dorie formed many friendships over the years, including some who became fast friends in moments. She truly enjoyed life, vacations (especially cruises), great adventures, too many to count, and nostalgic times shared with her friends. But, the epitome of her travel experience was cruising on the Queen Elizabeth II! When she relocated to Cherrywood Community in Clinton, Dorie had the opportunity to have her home built to her individual specs which was so rewarding because she provided herself with a comfortable setting done in “Dorie’s style”. Also, the Cherrywood Community activities were very well planned in their social gatherings and she had the hospitality of hosting neighbors in her own home. She enjoyed spending time in different social circles, dining out, and keeping in touch through Facebook with friends from all walks of life. She was a member of the Retired Public Employee Association and remained socially active in it. Doris was of the Catholic faith.

Doris is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Susan and David Anderson. Sue was her best friend and her brother-in-law Dave’s main purpose in life was to make her laugh! Dorie poured her heart into the blessing of her niece and nephew and their children as if they were her own: adored nephew, Justin and Cheryl Anderson and their children William, and Desi; and niece, Valerie and Dan Cashman and their children Kaitlyn, Ethan, and Caleb. She was truly an animal lover and lived for the companionship she received when she adopted, and rescued her late canine “Angel” and fostered her late feral cat Frankie “blue eyes.” She also leaves her aunt, Stas Smith; cousins, Jackie and David Romano, Joe Giannatti, Don and Diane Lenczewski, and especially cousins Linda Lubey and Paul Romano who were instrumental in the coordination of important concerns during this difficult time which was great

comfort to Susan and her family. Dorie was blessed with many friends from different walks of life including Barbara Sowich and daughter Lisa, Cindy Buck, her Cherrywood family, and the many friends from her professional life. She is now back with her parents, her cousin Carol Giannatti, and longtime friend JoAnn M. Lupia.

The family extends their gratitude to the physicians and nursing staff at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center 3rd Floor/Special Care, Cardio-Thoracic ICU, and ICU who treated Dorie with so much dignity and compassion. As a nurse herself, she recognized the generosity of spirit and sensitivity that made a difference; and Nurse Practitioners Amanda Steward, and Melissa Abruzzi who were so wonderful in helping her make the journey as if she were family. Visitation will be held Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner Hammond Ave. Doris' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning, August 16, 2021 at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered.

Dorie loved animals and she had an affinity for April the Giraffe and the birth of April's baby, Azizi who both tragically passed away which saddened Dorie tremendously. In deference to her passion and support of God's creatures, especially the giraffes, and in lieu of flowers, contributions in Dorie's honor may be made to the Animal Adventure Park, 85 Martin Hill Rd, Harpursville, NY 13787; envelopes will also be available at the service. She will be laid to rest in Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Holy Trinity Cemetery

1500 Champlin Avenue
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church
240 Bleecker Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6159
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall

GS

“Dorie was a very special friend and neighbor. She was always smiling, happy and very kind and considerate. We always enjoyed when Dorie and Loretta would stop in after their shopping trips to Syracuse. She loved her family and always spoke of them very lovingly. Dorie will be missed by her family and her many friends. RIP Dorie in the Hands of God. Love, Gene & Jim Schreck

Gene Schreck - August 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM

CS

“My deepest sympathy for the passing of Doris. I knew her from work at MVPC. I remember her most for her always smile and being so helpful. Wishing Doris peace and comfort to her family.

carol szatko - August 15, 2021 at 01:05 PM

KE

“Dorie and I went to DeSales together, and I reconnected with her upon my return to the Utica area in 2017. Mostly phone calls, and the occasional lunch. She provided recommendations to me to share with a friend who's sister was suicidal, and that was my one opportunity to observe the professional side of her. She also shared w/me the name of a favorite white wine, and we had a telephone wine chat ;-). We ran into each other occasionally as we were both receiving physical therapy at the same site. I remember that whenever I offered to pick her up or take her home, she always had 'her people' doing that for her already. I always enjoyed listening to her cruise stories. There was never a doubt in my mind that she had an immense circle of family and friends...who are now grieving our loss. Say hello to Larry for me.

Kathy Ten Eyck - August 14, 2021 at 05:53 PM

KE

Kathy Brown Ten Eyck

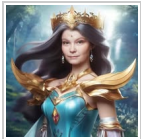
Kathy Ten Eyck - August 14, 2021 at 05:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris A. "Dorie" Bolanowski.*



August 14, 2021 at 11:46 AM



“ *Memory from the QE2. I will miss her greatly.*



Linda Greeley Rahn - August 14, 2021 at 11:21 AM

FW

“ *Doris was a great friend, had a bubbly personality, and was always willing to help out her friends. As a nurse at MVPC, she was centered on her patients and forever checking on them, for their well-being. She was a great person and a friend to all. May you find peace in your new home and know that your life here meant a great deal to many. God love you. Fiora Wilson*

F. Wilson - August 14, 2021 at 09:29 AM

LI

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Linda - August 13, 2021 at 07:26 PM

KM

“ I was a classmate of Doris at St. Francis de Sales and remember her always smiling. She is surely smiling down on all her family and friends now. Take comfort in knowing Doris is surrounded in peace. My prayers and sympathy are with you. God bless.



Karen Moylan - August 13, 2021 at 12:30 PM

LP

“ Doris was a beautiful soul on this earth, kind, a gentle person. My condolences to family. I had the privilege of knowing Doris at work .Rest in peace. Linda Phillips.

Linda Phillips - August 13, 2021 at 07:24 AM

GF

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Doris was truly a class act with a great sense of humor. She's a tremendous gain for the angels.

Gert Lentz and Heather Freeland - August 12, 2021 at 04:48 PM

LM

“ Susan and family I have lost my drinking buddy and my 20 or so cruising buddy. We always had the best of times and the memories will always be in my heart. I will be praying for you at this time and Dorie is now with the Angels at a better place waiting for us.
Loretta Marks Charlotte NC

Loretta Marks - August 12, 2021 at 12:20 PM

DH

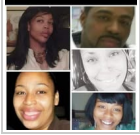
“ I am so sad. So many good memories of you all next door to my grandmother's house. The summer's I used to spend there and your mom and Dorie inviting me over for a slice of ice cream cake roll. Sitting on the chairs laughing with Dorie, your dad and my grandfather in your backyard. Sending my heartfelt love and prayers for comfort.

Dawn Hurlebaus - August 12, 2021 at 11:41 AM

BB

“ My sympathy to Doris' family. Dorie introduced me to cruising. I went on my first cruise with Doris and we went on the Queen Elizabeth II. Doris was such an avid cruiser we were given early on board passes and champagne was in her room. I also worked at MVPC and Doris and I would talk often about our Polish heritage and traditions. I am saddened that we lost her, but Heaven gained an Angel with a very loving heart. Rest In Peace Doris.
-Brenda General Barrett

Brenda Barrett - August 12, 2021 at 05:51 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Doris family. I worked with this beautiful lady at M.V.P.C. So sorry for your loss*



Dawn Winston - August 11, 2021 at 08:52 PM

JM

Sincere condolences to Doris's family. She was a gentle kind lady always willing to help her brothers and sisters of PEF.I also worked at MVPC . RIP Doris.

Jeanette St Mary - August 12, 2021 at 10:47 AM

JD

Condolences to Doris's family. She was a pleasure to work with and always had a kind word for staff and clients. Heaven has gained a loving angel. George and Jill Dangler

Jill Dangler - August 12, 2021 at 12:37 PM

LJ

My sympathy to Doris's family. She was a very kind and caring person as well as the Queen of Cunard cruising-our QEII cruise to Bermuda was the bomb—Harry Belafonte anybody? Heaven surely has gained a beautiful angel. Linda Johnstone

Linda Johnstone - August 12, 2021 at 01:28 PM

LK

i am heartbroken to see this. We reconnected a few years ago and picked up where we left off after high school. Just occasional calls and text messages. She was a wonderful, caring friend. I will miss herso much.

Linda Krauza-Diskin - August 12, 2021 at 08:26 PM

JA

Condolences extended to Doris's, she was my mentor in Utilization Review. I enjoyed our daily morning office meetings. This is truly Heavens gain. Julie Aikens

Julia Aikens - August 12, 2021 at 09:52 PM



“❤️ *Best Friends Forever* ❤️



Lisa Sowich - August 11, 2021 at 07:03 PM

MS

My family has known Doris for many years - always a sweet person and happy in spite of her recent health issues. I know her best as my Aunt Cindy's constant sidekick. The two could make a good time together no matter where they went or what they did. Rest in peace, dear lady. Mary Ann and Tom Serwatka and Janet Hallak.

Mary Ann Serwatka - August 18, 2021 at 09:34 AM