



Dorthea A. (DePerno) Casey

August 28, 1956 - November 12, 2022

FLORIDA – Dorthea A. “Dottie” (DePerno) Casey, age 66, passed away peacefully and with much calmness on Saturday, November 12, 2022. At the time of her passing she was in the comfort and dignity of her daughter Tara’s home in Canandaigua, NY.

Born on August 28, 1956 Dorothea was the daughter of John “Captain John” and Mafalda “Mitzi” (DePastina) DePerno. She graduated from T. R. Proctor High School in 1974 and went on to earn her Associate’s Degree in Accounting from Mohawk Valley Community College. As a part of the DePerno family, she knew from an early age the importance of hard work and hospitality. She, along with her sisters, assisted in the family business Captain John’s Restaurant at Sylvan Beach on Oneida Lake. At one time, she was wed to Mark Casey, and to that marriage came the blessings of their daughter and son.

A very social and business-minded woman, she found her true passion as a real estate agent for Vanderbilt Realty, LLC in Naples, FL. The Florida climate suited her so well and she truly blossomed there. She simply adored the vast ocean, walking on the beach, the calmness of the water, and never failed to be in awe of the beautiful sunsets. All these natural wonders soothed her soul. Dottie was an others-centered person, filled with laughter and happiness. A skilled conversationalist, she was compassionate and sincere. She clung to her solid convictions and didn’t hesitate to speak her mind – but she always did so in a kind way. Her most important role in life was being a mother. Her

children were her greatest blessings and she did everything she could to instill her virtues in them as well. When her grandchildren came into her life, a new chapter of adventures and good times began. She was over the moon in love with her precious grandbabies and they were equally enamored with her. She was simply meant to be a “Nonnie.” Dottie retired early from a position she held as a TSA Agent so she could spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren. She was able to spend the past five years showering her grandbabies with love and enjoying life; she literally saw at least one of her grandchildren most days of the week between Florida and New York! Dottie never forgot her family in Utica and came back to visit as much as possible for get-togethers and holidays. She was always spoiled when she came to town, for everyone showered her with the area’s treats and the good food that can only be found here; she was pleased to take home anything that could fit in her suitcase! She extended her summer stays to Cape Cod, which was an additional sanctuary for her. While residing in Florida, she traveled from the west coast with her mission being mindful of visiting her dad and mom who were snowbirds. She also truly appreciated her time in New Smyrna on the east coast. For Dottie, it was always about family and sunshine. As a true Italian, Dottie cherished and passed on the generational values of loving family unconditionally and being proud of the heritage and what it stands for. Dottie was very active in her various social circles and was always surrounded by many good friends throughout her life. She liked to keep her circle tight! She had a high spirit and a true zest for life. She will be fondly remembered for her many “Dottie-isms.”

A woman of the Catholic faith, her life will be celebrated at her family’s home parish St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Dottie is survived by her parents, John and Mitzi DePerno; and her two children and their loves, Tara and Michael Skidd, and Dr. Justin and Lauren Casey. She will also be missed by her adored grandchildren, Michael, and Thomas Skidd; and Alessandra, and Adriana Casey. Her loss will also be felt by her sisters, Elaine DePerno-Brown and her husband Andy, and Joni

DePerno-Zahas and her husband Scott. She was predeceased by her sister, Marianne Jakubowski, and leaves behind her brother-in-law, Joseph A. Jakubowski. Additionally surviving are her nieces and nephews, Sheri A. and Fidele P. Fanelli, Joseph M. And Katie Jakubowski; Dr. Kristy and Dr. Greg McBride; and Scot Zahas; as well as a host of beloved great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Dottie was honored by many beautiful friendships throughout her life from childhood to the present day.

Dottie's family wishes to thank everyone who made her days brighter and memorable, which is a great many people indeed.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022 from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave., Utica. Dorthea's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will follow at 1:30 PM. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Dottie's name may be made to the March of Dimes online at <https://www.marchofdimes.org/donate>; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

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“and grand-pups) was so fulfilling for her, and gave her what I saw to be the happiest years of her life. She was able to retire and be a full-time grandma. She spent these years just floored with happiness almost every single day.

My final anecdote, is one about my birthday, which was fairly recent. Every year, she'd give me that big birthday hug. She would then, of course, personally sing 'Happy Birthday' to me. This was always followed, by "I'll be thinking of you at 1:30 today, that's when you were born. You didn't want to come, you know, they had to go in and get you." This is not entirely unusual, as we know, that babies want to stay in the warm confines of the womb. There, every need is supplied for them. They'll never be as close to their mother as they are at that time. The world outside it is scary, cold, and unknown. Imagine, though, all the beautiful wonders of the world that actually await that baby. I can't help but think of this parallel with my own experience over the past few months; wanting to hold on to my mom forever, and not let her go. Not wanting her to move on to that next phase. However, one thing I have been able to keep reminding myself of is that, just like the neonate, perhaps I'm mentally trying to hold her back from even more beauty waiting for her at that next phase in the pathway of life.

Thank you all for reading this and remembering my mom with me.

Justin - December 04, 2022 at 01:26 PM

PM

*A beautiful tribute for a beautiful person
God Bless you all with precious memories*

Pam Marrone - December 14, 2022 at 03:02 PM

CK

“ My sincere sympathy to Dorthea's family. We became fast friends 16 years ago in Naples, FL. Through the years we had many good times together in our friendship, Beach days, Sunday Mass, Greyhound Races, Movies, Concerts on the Beach, Baseball Games, Dancing and Breakfast and Dinners together. Our times together extended into many hours as we talked of families and once her grandchildren were born that was the highlight of her life. I will miss our talks together but know that she will be watching her family and loving them from Heaven. RIP Dorthea!

Catherine Klug - December 02, 2022 at 02:21 PM

CF

“ My deepest condolences to the DePerno families. We are snow birds and enjoyed seeing Dorthea in Florida and when she was in Utica. I was looking forward to getting together soon..😞 We shared texts every holiday..She is the sweetest and most beautiful person that I know . Fly high my friend ❤️

Carolyn Faccioli - November 29, 2022 at 08:41 AM

AM

“ Dorthea was a beautiful person!! Her welcoming nature and smile will be missed! My deepest sympathy to her entire family!! Love, Annette Marullo

Annette Marullo - November 28, 2022 at 06:13 PM

WD

“ Went to proctor with dorth was a great person always a pleasure to talk to her, heart goes out to her and her family.dorth fly high sweetie RIP

Wayne dylis - November 22, 2022 at 01:54 PM

FD

“ *May you rest in peace....from your cousin Frank DePastene Jr.*

Frank DePastene - November 21, 2022 at 11:05 AM

CG

“ *Went to proctor with dotti and she always had a smile on her face. Great personality and kind person*

Cindy (gumbs) gentile - November 19, 2022 at 03:43 PM

JJ

I went to Proctor with Dorthea,always a smile on her face.She had a great personality.Condolences and prayers to all her family as well as her friends

John James - November 21, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DK

We are so sorry for your loss of Dorthea. I too went to school at Proctor with her. She was very kind, smart and compassionate. With our prayers, condolences, and sympathy. "MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL"

*God Bless,
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski and Family*

DEACON DANIEL A KLOCKOWSKI KLOCKOWSKI - November 22, 2022 at 02:40 PM

BP

When Dottie joined our accounting firm in Oneida, NY she was a every-day inspiration. Always pleasant and never in a down mood. Such a pleasant person to work with. I think of her every time I reflect back to those days.

*Bob Pierce
Hilton Head Island, SC
10/2/ 2023*

Bob Pierce - October 02, 2023 at 09:04 AM