



Eileen F. Murphy-Zurek

October 26, 1947 - February 27, 2013

Eileen F. Murphy-Zurek, age 65, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Connecticut, NY on October 26, 1947, Eileen was the daughter of Joyce Murphy O'Brien and the late Patrick Murphy. She was raised and educated in Carmel, NY. For nearly 40 years, Eileen shared a loving, joyful relationship with Bart Zurek; he was a thoughtful mate, sensitive, and he made Eileen feel content and complete.

Eileen worked in housekeeping and caregiving at St. Luke's and Faxon Hospitals, at the Golden Age Home, and lastly at the Masonic Care Community of NY, the position from which she retired. She was sensitive and understanding, especially to those who had emotional challenges. Eileen was a diamond in the rough, that rare person who accomplished more than three people could in a lifetime. The difficulties that she overcame made her stronger and set an example for her children to understand what real courage is. Her grandchildren gave her great joy and many special magical moments. Eileen possessed a unique

sense of humor, and others did not always know how to respond to her wit. She was, however, straight up, and very intuitive. She also had a penchant and passion for lottery tickets.

Eileen is survived by her soul mate, Bart; her mother, Joyce; her children and their spouses, Michele and Thomas Anderson, Renee Guardado, Robert Adams and Yvette Guzman, Debra Zurek and Dwayne Morse, and Kimberly Zurek, all of Utica; her grandchildren, Travis and Jenna Anderson, Aireanna Anderson, the memory of her grandson, Thomas M. "TJ" Anderson who preceded her in death; Santino and Carmelita Guardado; Dwayne Jr., Marquez and Trazell Morse; Xavier, and Isabella Ramos, and Thomas Zurek; and her great-grandchildren, Gabby and Bella. She also leaves her sisters, Christine Youngs, and Louise O'Brien; her brothers and sister-in-law, Carl Murphy, and Kenny and Carla O'Brien; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and members of Bart's family; and Ruth Gaffey, her longtime friend, who she has known since their children were young.

The family appreciates the efforts of the paramedics of Utica Rescue 1, and Concetta Reginelli of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Medicine Department for their consideration and kindness.

The family will honor Eileen's life at a private time. Relatives and

friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday afternoon at 12:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass.

Tribute Wall

RG

“ *Renee Guardado lit a candle in memory of Eileen F. Murphy-Zurek*



Renee Guardado - March 04, 2013 at 08:07 AM



Michele Anderson

“ *Mom, I wasn't ready for you to go home, especially the way you went. I miss you and I willl always love you! You were all we had growing up. I know in my heart you did the very best you could with what you had and i love you for that, for your strength and your firmness I am strong because of you. Pleaae take care of TJ and go easy on him. He loved you! We will remember you everyday with laughter as we go through life until we are all together again in paradise.*
Love Michele



Michele Anderson - March 04, 2013 at 07:15 AM

RT

“ *Bart and family, we are deeply saddened to hear the news of Eileens passing.we have such beautiful memories of her to treasure a life time. although we havent talked in awhile everytime we would run in to her she was the same happy woman i remembered. Her and my mom together was the life of the party.She will be greatly missed!! May god give you and the family the strength to get through this difficult time.Rohelle Torres and family*

rochelle torres - March 03, 2013 at 09:51 AM

JD

Bart and family, it saddens me so to hear of your loss. Our prayers go out to you. I have tried to locate you guys on my NY trips without avail. Lord knows I would be there if I could. Feel free to call me any time. 734-637-9609 Joe Bell-Dzwo

Joseph Dzwonkowski - March 03, 2013 at 10:58 PM

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JC

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Jennifer Coughlin - March 02, 2013 at 10:18 PM

AS

“ *Anna Sardina lit a candle in memory of Eileen F. Murphy-Zurek*



Anna Sardina - March 02, 2013 at 04:55 AM

VI

“ *Bart and family,
I am very sorry for your loss and thank you for calling to tell me this sad news. It was a pleasure to meet Mrs Zurek and get to know her this past summer and ill always remember that afternoon sitting on Robs back porch talking with all of you and thinking what a strong and wonderful women she is. We all have our crosses to bear in this life and i know Mrs Zurek has had more than her fair share of lifes circumstances to contend with. With that being said rest assured that she will be blessed countless times over for the love and understanding she gave to all of you and i know she wants you to be strong for eachother as she was for you. I will keep Mrs Zurek and the family in my thoughts and prayers and may all of you find peace in this sad time.
God Bless and love,
Vinny*



Vinny - March 01, 2013 at 02:40 PM

GC

“ *Gina Carcone lit a candle in memory of Eileen F. Murphy-Zurek*



Gina Carcone - March 01, 2013 at 12:10 PM



Michele Anderson

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Michele Anderson - March 01, 2013 at 08:59 AM

TB

Michele, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Terry Boehlert - March 01, 2013 at 05:22 PM

JC

Michelle, My Dad passed away quite a few years ago and things just havent been the same. You just lost your son also, so I cant even begin to imagine the pain you are going through. But just being around you these past few months I know you will get through this with TJ and Gabby guiding youiYou are one of the most strong hearted people i have had the pleasure of knowing!Stay strong Baby Girl!

Jennifer Coughlin - March 02, 2013 at 10:15 PM

JC

To Bart and the whole fam know we all love you and are thinking of you all!!!!Jim, Jen and Boys!

Jennifer Coughlin - March 02, 2013 at 10:17 PM

JD

God Bless you Michele, Rene, Deb and family. Joe Dzwonkowski, Gaffey

Joseph Dzwonkowski - March 03, 2013 at 11:00 PM