



Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley

July 27, 1943 - May 18, 2015

Mrs. Elizabeth B. “DeDee” (Raiano) Nackley, age 71, went home to the Lord when she passed away unexpectedly at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center on Monday, May 18, 2015. At the time of her passing, she was in the hearts of her family and those who loved her dearly.

Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on July 27, 1943, Elizabeth was the daughter of Luke Raiano and the late Beatrice (Steinberger) Raiano. As a young child, she and her family relocated to the Utica area. She was a graduate of New Hartford High School/Class of 1961. On October 16, 1965 she married Mickey E. Nackley; they were looking forward to celebrating 50 years of marriage this October. DeDee and Mickey were a team; they had each other’s back and were always attentive to one another’s needs.

DeDee was employed by the Commercial Travelers Insurance Company and was proud to have worked for the Utica City School District as a member of the Cafeteria staff at J.F. Hughes Elementary School, Kemble Street School, and T.R. Proctor High School. This was a uniquely appropriate job since she literally loved to feed people and she had an understanding and affection for youth. In time, it was her adventuresome side that brought her to the ownership, with her husband, of the Pizza Cafe in the New Hartford Shopping Center. Once again, she would be able to serve people with a generous heart. She then entered upon another business venture, Gourmet Emporium, also located in the New Hartford Shopping Center, where she was able to put into practice her creative and colorful flair for the display and sale of specialty food

and gift items. DeDee sold the operation in 1998 and completed her working career at Blessed Sacrament School catering to students in the cafeteria. She loved her vocation because it involved serving meals and providing hospitality to people. DeDee was delightful, witty, kind-hearted, and generous. She was a matriarch who made it possible to keep everyone connected. Her home was colorful and welcoming and she was happiest when it was filled with family, friends, and an abundance of food on the table. With DeDee at the helm, the party got underway and memories were made. Her culinary knowledge and knack for preparing palatable cuisine were amazing. She was well-known for her simple yet savory salad dressing and her desire to enjoy a glass of white merlot as a means of relaxation. She was an avid kindle reader, and music lifted her spirit as she played it loudly with attention to the lyrics. Traditions, love, and family filled her spirit and made her happy even in the face of failing health. Her great strength of character was clearly seen during her 33 years as a breast cancer survivor, a victory of which she was so proud. She became an advocate and supporter of other women who were afflicted by the disease. Even though sickness was a part of her life, it never got her down. All in all, she had a wonderful life, and her children brought her joy. When her grandchildren came along, they led her to a new path and she began to live again in a different way. She loved them with all her heart.

DeDee was a member of the American Legion Post #1376/New Hartford Women's Auxiliary. As a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, she had a heartfelt concern for the benefit and wellbeing of her parish.

DeDee is survived by her husband, Mickey; her father, Luke; and her children, Michael L. Nackley and Colin Brown of Provincetown MA and Palm Springs CA, Christine M. Nackley of East Syracuse, and David J. and Becky Nackley of Clinton. Always in her heart was the memory of her infant son, Thomas David, who she never forgot and with whom she is now reunited. Also surviving are her grandchildren who kept her going for whom she attended every and any event possible, Athena C., and Angelina M. Thomason; and Willow R. Nackley. She will also remain in the hearts of her sisters and

brother-in-law, Laura “Lolly” Buczek of San Diego CA, and Linda and Nick DeAscentis of LasVegas; and her half-brother, Luke Raiano II and his wife Kari Gibson Raiano. Her extended family includes her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, “Za” and Chet Banek, and George and Theresa Nackley, and a host of friendships formed through the years, some for each season of her life, with special mention of Linda Gozy, and Jennifer and Dennis Nicotera. She was predeceased by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Fred and Florence Nackley.

The family wishes to thank the nurses and staff of the St. Luke’s Allen Calder wing at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center for their kindness and concern during her last moments.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Her family will remain until all visitors have been seen. DeDee’s family will graciously accept flowers for that was one of her favorite pleasures. Her funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday 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 offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

KV

“ Mickey and family. We are so very sorry for your loss. Butch and Kathy (Sangiaco) Ventura

Kathy Ventura - May 23, 2015 at 09:09 PM

AR

“ So many wonderful memories of DeDee. We are thinking about you all and send our love and prayers.

Love,
Butch and Jill Raiano

Andrew Raiano - May 22, 2015 at 07:55 AM

JC

“ Dear Nackley Family, We had so many great times , so many memories, and so many laughs. She made hockey season fun. Our prayers are with your family through this time, remember now you have an angel watching over your family. Love Joe, Joanne Joseph and Jeffrey Cardarelli

Joanne Cararelli - May 21, 2015 at 11:32 AM

TF

“ The Syracuse Nets Families purchased the Multi color Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



The Syracuse Nets Families - May 21, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.*



May 21, 2015 at 09:55 AM



“ *Tom, Diane, and Danielle. purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.*



Tom, Diane, and Danielle. - May 21, 2015 at 08:19 AM



“ *Words cannot describe how much I will miss her... Whatever it was~ a cooking question or medical question she was the first person I called. She was my second mom!!! And will forever be in my heart!!! Lizabeth... This "Gozy girl" will be forever grateful for your love and friendship xxxx*

valerie starczewski - May 21, 2015 at 05:34 AM



“ *Dear Mike Christine David and Mr. Nackley, It's been so long but I will never forget what a fun lady your mom was... You guys are such a wonderful family. I remember when you guys had the restaurant at the New Hartford Shopping Center. Your mom was always happy cooking and talking with people. Love to you all... Michele Stagliano Kelley*

Michele Stagliano Kelley - May 20, 2015 at 09:51 PM

LM

“ Dear Mikey, Mike, Christine, David and family,
Our words could never express the sadness that we feel for all of you. I will truly miss you Dee, my good friend. As the tears flow down my cheeks, my head is filled with such wonderful memories. We are so blessed to have had you in our lives. We love you, Lisa and Dick

LISA MILLER - May 20, 2015 at 07:56 PM

JH

“ Your amazing hugs could always cheer us up! Your laughter brightened a room and you were always cooking something whenever someone came over.

Julia Herring - May 20, 2015 at 06:13 PM



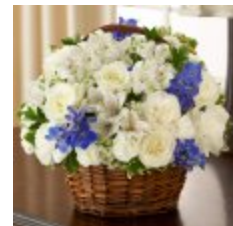
“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



May 20, 2015 at 06:10 PM

LI

“ Luke's colleauges & friends at IBM purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



Luke's colleauges & friends at IBM - May 20, 2015 at 11:19 AM

CW

“ Mickey,
We are so sorry for your loss. May all the beautiful things I just read
about your wife give you comfort through this time of loss.
Dan and Candy Wisnoski

Candy Wisnoski - May 20, 2015 at 07:57 AM

JP

“ Joyce Oster Palmer lit a candle in memory of
Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley



Joyce Oster Palmer - May 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM



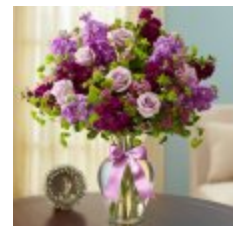
“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased
for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano)
Nackley.



May 19, 2015 at 10:47 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of
Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



May 19, 2015 at 09:59 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



May 19, 2015 at 08:48 PM



“ *DEAR NACKLEY FAMILY, I WISH I WAS THERE TO HOLD YOU ALL CLOSE.MY HEART IS HURTING. AS ALL OF YOU ARE SUFFERING.PLEASE KNOW, I AM WITH YOU ALL IN SPIRIT ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.IT WILL NOT STOP THEN BECAUSE I WILL THINK OF ALL THE HEARTWARMING TIMES WE HAD TOGETHER.YOU ALL CAN NOT THINK RIGHT NOW, BUT THEY WILL COME IN TIME. BLESSINGS TO EACH AND EVERYONE. DOLORES REILLY*

DOLORES REILLY - May 19, 2015 at 08:11 PM



“ *Michele (Fox) Marr lit a candle in memory of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley*



Michele (Fox) Marr - May 19, 2015 at 03:22 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Red* was purchased for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



May 19, 2015 at 10:59 AM



“ *Though we didn't know DeeDee as long as the rest of the Starczewski's, we knew right away that she was a loving, caring person. The few times we were with you, either at the Legion or at Aaron & Tracy's, she was always laughing and smiling. She had an infectious laugh and a beautiful smile, one that will be missed dearly. Our deepest sympathy to you Mick and the rest of your family.*

Kevin and Stephanie Starczewski

Stephanie Starczewski - May 19, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.



May 19, 2015 at 08:36 AM

CB

“ *Oh Brown Eggs! You will be missed. How many years has it been since the weekends in hotel rooms for hockey tournaments? I will forever see you as the hockey mom who hugged, smiled, and shook that gallon jug of pennies for all she was worth! I will think you of you every time I see a brown egg.*

*Much love to the whole Nackley family.
Carolyn Kiesel Bice (Brown Eggs)*

Carolyn Bice - May 19, 2015 at 07:26 AM

MD

“ *Michelle D. purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs Elizabeth B. (Raiano) Nackley.*



Michelle D. - May 19, 2015 at 06:09 AM

TT

“ *One of the funniest and beautiful person that we ever met. . It was a pleasure to be in her presents because she made you forget all your troubles. When Dee Dee smiled or let out her famous laugh we all smiled and laugh with her. I wonder if we would be able to hear her laugh from Heaven. God Bless her ! She will be dearly miss by all !*

Terry & Gail Tesak

Terry Tesak - May 18, 2015 at 07:59 PM