



## Janice M. Cerullo

January 15, 1956 - August 31, 2013

Janice M. Cerullo, age 57, passed away on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of her family and friends. Janice was diagnosed with lung cancer 3 months ago and she fought the disease with great strength and her characteristic humor.

Born on January 15, 1956, Janice was the daughter of the late Frank "Whitey", Jr. and Marie C. (LaBella) Cerullo. She was raised and educated locally, a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1974.

Janice was a dedicated worker at the Stonebridge Golf & Country Club for 23 years and currently was employed by the Utica City School District as an Assistant Custodian at John F. Kennedy Jr. High School. Janice loved life and lived it to the fullest. She was blessed with many cherished friends, at times putting them before herself. Whether she was at her job or at her leisure, Janice consistently was a good hearted, strong-spirited friend and kind soul who always tried to make the best of a bad situation. She was a straight talker and provided many people with indelible memories of her laughter and unique humor. Her presence will be missed by everyone whose hearts she touched. Please smile when you think of Janice.

Janice is survived by her sister, Joyce C. Cerullo of Utica who she cherished and always looked up to; her aunts, Lucy Sageer, and Ann C. LaBella; several cousins; her extended family that consisted of many treasured friends and the Gene and Frank Carcone families who treated her as if she were part of their family; and the love of her "chosen sister", Suanne Pristera. Janice was a

lover of dogs, especially her "Harley Ann". She will be welcomed home by her maternal grandparents, Rocco, Sr. and Elvira LaBella; paternal grandfather, Frank Cerullo, Sr; and her uncles, Rocco C. LaBella, Jr., and John A. Sageer. The family extends appreciation to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia for her compassion, patience, and honesty; the nurses and staff of the 6th Floor at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center who were angelic in caring for Janice; and the awesome personnel of the Regional Cancer Center who were outstanding and upbeat while treating her.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Janice's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. By family request, please refrain from flowers. Through the gracious kindness of her many friends and the community, a benefit for Janice was scheduled for October 13, 2013 at the Stonebridge, and it is with great sorrow that it will be cancelled. Graveside services and Inurnment will take place at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ *Rip Janice??*



**angela** - August 17, 2014 at 11:23 PM



“ *Cylinder Ash Holder Key Chain was purchased for the family of Janice M. Cerullo.*



September 10, 2013 at 04:47 PM

MF

“ *Monescalchi Family lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



**Monescalchi Family** - September 10, 2013 at 10:20 AM

MD

“ *I am at a loss for words my Friend. I did not know. God I will always cherish the younger years we spent together laughing and joking .And how many times you made me sauce.RIP Janice*

**Maryann Deveans** - September 09, 2013 at 09:53 AM

PZ

“ Patrick & Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell lit a candle  
in memory of Janice M. Cerullo



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**Patrick & Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell** - September 06, 2013 at 11:37 AM

PB

“ Paulette Borruso-DeSimone lit a candle in  
memory of Janice M. Cerullo



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**Paulette Borruso-DeSimone** - September 06, 2013 at 07:10 AM

BS

“ Janice, I will forever remember your smile and  
your caring ways. Rest in peace my friend.

Joyce, I am so very sorry. Please rely on your  
friends, trust me they will help you through the  
pain.

*Barb Smith*



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**Barb Smith** - September 06, 2013 at 07:07 AM

LV

“ *Lisa And Joan Velletto lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**Lisa and Joan Velletto** - September 05, 2013 at 07:35 PM

LV

*Joyce, We are both very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.. Love Joanie and Lisa Velletto*

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**Lisa and Joan Velletto** - September 05, 2013 at 07:37 PM

FC

“ *Felicia Colosimo lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**Felicia Colosimo** - September 05, 2013 at 06:13 PM

FC

“ *Joyce, I am so sorry for the loss of your sister Janice. Know you are not alone if there is anything you need, you have MANY friends that care about you a lot, especially me. Love you Felicia*

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**Felicia Colosimo** - September 05, 2013 at 06:12 PM

SG

“ *Sandra R. George lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



Sandra R. George - September 05, 2013 at 06:07 PM

SG

*Janice, may your heart, soul and spirit rest in peace in the arms of our Lord.*

Sandra R. George - September 05, 2013 at 06:10 PM

TZ

“ *Rest in Peace my Dear Friend, Rest in Peace.Love Forever. Terry Zangrilli*

Terry Zangrilli - September 05, 2013 at 10:07 AM



“ *Regina Talerico lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



Regina Talerico - September 04, 2013 at 06:06 PM



*Sometimes there are no words.*

Regina Talerico - September 04, 2013 at 06:08 PM

DP

“ Dear J, I loved that you understood me and never was judgmental. I loved that you loved my mother and cared enough about her to be honest (sometimes too honest), but it was all out of love. Listening to all the stories I've realized that you had so much love for everyone you met and made everyone laugh. I can't believe this is real and I have to wait to talk to you, but I know you are happy to be with your mom and Susan. Please give my poppie and nannie a hug for me. I love you :)

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**Diandra Pristera** - September 04, 2013 at 05:55 PM

AE

“ Joyce, I am so sorry to hear about Janice, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.



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**Andrea Espinosa** - September 04, 2013 at 01:48 PM

AE

“ Andrea Espinosa lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo



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**Andrea Espinosa** - September 04, 2013 at 01:47 PM

BA

“ *Janice,*

*I have so many memories going way back that will always make me smile when I think of you. We had way too much fun! I'll never forget when I was introduced to you as the new person at JFK and we both screamed when we saw each other! It was like time stood still. I will miss our talks at the end of the day. God bless you, RIP my friend.*

*Barb*

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**Barb** - September 03, 2013 at 08:32 PM

SA

“ My Dearest Janice,  
You were only 19 years old when you came to MetLife to work.  
The day you walked thru that door was the day all our lives  
changed. The fun, the lunches across the street at Holiday Inn ,  
your silent comments of our seniors would make our stomach ache  
from laughter. Your personality was infectious .  
Then we became good friends and I was adopted by your family as  
another sibling. The days spent with you, Joyce , Mims & your  
father were just days they could never be replaced. I Thank You for  
that.  
As time went on our lives took other paths, but I remained extremely  
close to your Mom, having long talks and lovely visits which always  
ended up talking about her Janice. Now she has you all to herself .  
Joyce and I will always be close, so you don't have to worry, I've  
always told you that .  
You and I have had many memories and wonderful times which will  
always be remembered.  
May God lead you to a place of serenity , happiness , and most all  
pain free. When we look up in the clouds, we know you and your  
Mom are smiling down at us.  
The song by Diana Ross 'Missing You' will be yours .  
Your friend forever  
Sylvia

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**Sylvia Amoroso** - September 03, 2013 at 08:03 PM

DB

“ Joyce, I am so sorry to hear about Janice. she was so young when  
we worked at MetLife. I remember so many nice things about  
her. God has her in his hands and I will always have her in my heart.  
Dorothy Beetz

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**Dorothy Beetz** - September 03, 2013 at 06:35 PM

CM

“ *Janice,  
Many wonderful memories have been shared about you in the past few days and I've reflected on a few of my own spent with you throughout our friendship. You always made everything an adventure, especially whenever you moved. We held tight to a couch perched on the roof of your car with our bare hands more than once. You always filled your vehicle way beyond legal limits. I don't know how but we always got the job done. You were a hard worker and I always admired that about you. By now you've taken charge up there and prepared a feast fit for kings. You've decorated the sky with those crazy colors you like and we will all be watching for the painted skies and rainbows and thinking of you.*  
Candace Millson



Candace Millson - September 03, 2013 at 06:28 PM

GC

“ *Joyce, I am So sorry to hear about Janice. My thoughts and Prayers are with you.*

gina catera - September 03, 2013 at 06:11 PM

LC

“ *Lou Casatelli lit a candle in memory of Janice  
M. Cerullo*



Lou Casatelli - September 03, 2013 at 04:32 PM

AE

*Joyce, I am so sorry to hear about Janice. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Andrea Espinosa - September 04, 2013 at 01:46 PM

MG

“ Michele O'Connor Della Gala lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo



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**Michele O'Connor Della Gala** - September 03, 2013 at 02:13 PM

MA

“ Janice, we shared some great times together at MetLife and outside of work. Did some crazy things, some good, some not so good but they are memories that I will always cherish.

Joyce, for some things there are no words, only shoulders to lean on, hands to hold and hugs to comfort. I offer to you all of these. My prayers are with you!

Marie Robilotto

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**Marie** - September 03, 2013 at 11:31 AM

DD

“ Janice, You have touched so many lives in so many ways, as for mine you help define the person I am today, I have learned to be very strong because of you. Janice, you will always be in my thoughts, I will love you eternally...



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**Debra Dudziak** - September 03, 2013 at 11:21 AM

TF

“ *Tim & Colleen Moylan Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**Tim & Colleen Moylan Family** - September 03, 2013 at 10:52 AM

KC

“ *Janice - Thank you for all the laughter we shared & for making high school such unforgettable fun. The afternoons at Frankfort gorge with Barb, Cindy, Noreen & Diane will always make me smile. I remember the orange barracuda too! Recently you began working with my brother & he too has had the pleasure of your unique wit. He told me how kind & supportive you have been throughout our ordeal too.*

*Joyce - my sincerest condolences on Janice's passing. Her light is much to bright to extinguish...may it live on in all the adventures & stories that people will share with you in the days & years to come. May God give you strength, comfort & peace.*

*Kathy Casatelli*

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**Kathy Casatelli** - September 03, 2013 at 08:16 AM

ME

“ *Dear Janice, thank you for always looking out for Jr.....you will be sadly missed, The Sigbieny family*

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**Mary Ellen** - September 03, 2013 at 06:54 AM

TS

“ To my friend, I will miss you forever and remember all the fun you, me, Michelle and Angela had, you will always be nonni's girl, I will miss are long distance calls and most of your laughter. I love you my friend.

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**Toni Scheri** - September 03, 2013 at 05:59 AM

DG

“ I'd like to share a memory, but I could hardly pick just one.  
I want to share how much I loved you, but I doubt I'd ever be done.  
I want to share how much I already miss you, but that will never end.  
I guess I'll sum it up in the simplest of terms, and say how grateful that I am I got to call you friend.



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**Denise Gregory** - September 03, 2013 at 05:07 AM

PH

God bless you my friend annd I am praying for you and Candace for strength through these tough times I am thankful to have met Janice and for that I thank you.

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**p haithcox** - September 03, 2013 at 01:05 PM

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**p haithcox** - September 03, 2013 at 01:05 PM

LC

“ Always had a good time with janice....it Is truky an end If an era....God bless you

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**luanne castellano** - September 02, 2013 at 08:32 PM

GB

“ *Gina Bossone lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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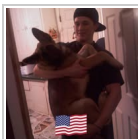
**Gina Bossone** - September 02, 2013 at 08:13 PM

SM

“ *To Janice's Family, We shared some good times together. You could always make me laugh. Rest in peace and don't start any s\*\*t up there !!!*  
*Sandy (Hon) Montalbano*

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**Sandy Montalbano** - September 02, 2013 at 03:30 PM



“ *Helen Swider lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**Helen Swider** - September 02, 2013 at 02:12 PM



“ Janice you were one hell of a good person! I remember when Joe and I would take Christopher with us to pick up things from Stonebridge and Christopher always wanted to stay with you. I know you spoiled him and you always told Joe and I, "Let Christopher stay here with me, don't worry about him, we will have plenty of things to do" How he loved you..in my heart I know that Christopher came to get you and now you both will have "many things to do"..I'll miss your smile, your laughter and most of all I'll miss you..you had a heart of gold and never strayed from the truth. love, Joe and Helen :)

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**Helen Swider** - September 02, 2013 at 02:11 PM

HM

“ Janice, I will miss you so much. We worked together at St. Elizabeth Hospital, you made me laugh daily,the day you came in with your Pj's on and told me something big was going down, I'll always laugh and smile when I think of you. Love you Janice.. Hilda Masi

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**Hilda Masi** - September 02, 2013 at 02:02 PM

FG

“ Dear Janice, you were such a great friend! I will never forget you! Rest in peace!

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**Fran Grates** - September 02, 2013 at 12:44 PM

MI

“ I miss you buddy. I have great memories that I will treasure always. I wouldn't have done half the things I did if I hadn't known you ( good or bad). I have no regrets because it made me the person I am today. I love you J forever.

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**Michele** - September 02, 2013 at 12:12 PM

JC

“ *Janice where did time go and who said you could leave, you were not ready, I will miss you Love always. Joe Cardoso*

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**joe cardoso** - September 02, 2013 at 11:27 AM

MF

“ *Lots of great memories were shared! Always in my heart my friend! Till we meet again. Yr smile never forgotten! May yr sister find peace and be blessed as well as all that you had touched! Rest in peace my friend*

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**mary lourdes furno** - September 02, 2013 at 11:20 AM

MF

*Lourdesie to janice*

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MR

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**Marie Robilotto** - September 02, 2013 at 12:19 PM

MF

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**mary lourdes furno** - September 02, 2013 at 11:20 AM

GA

“ Gina Arcuri lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo



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**Gina Arcuri** - September 02, 2013 at 11:16 AM

LZ

*Rest In Peace Janis until we meet again.....*

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**Laurie Hayes Zammiello** - September 02, 2013 at 01:00 PM

MS

“ Great picture, a classic "Janice" smile. My fondest memory goes way way back to high school. Janice sat behind me in chemistry class and was always talking, always witty. On this particular day, she was whispering funny little remarks in my ear from behind. Our teacher was discussing atoms, energy and matter. He knew Janice wasn't paying attention and tried to embarrass her. he said "Janice, what's matter?!"...She replied with "Nothings the matter with me, what's the matter with you?!" The whole room busted with laughter and he told her to leave and go see the principal. Janice was so unaware of why he didn't get her humor while clearly everyone else did. She was a comedian that's for sure. She cooked for my son's wedding at the Stonebridge and I saw her occasionally at some breakfast places where she cooked. She always took the time to come out and sit for a bit. Loved that girl! And I guarantee you that she already has everybody laughing upstairs. Godspeed my friend.....

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**Melody lankford Surace** - September 02, 2013 at 10:57 AM

RB

“ To Joyce, Family & Friends, I will always remember Janice with a smile :) We had so many good times, laughing & she had a heart of gold. Janice will never be forgotten & surely will be missed :( Love Rosanne

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**Rosanne Bravo** - September 02, 2013 at 10:39 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Janice and what she brought to us while working will never be forgotten. From the constant smile every day she walked into JFK to her jokes and her famous stories, there were all truly one of a kind! She was my co-worker, my friend and one of the toughest women I've ever known! I am deeply saddened by her departure here on earth but I am glad she doesn't have to sit and suffer.



To Joyce and close friends, I am so sorry for your loss. I can't imagine the pain this has brought into your lives. I know the pain this had brought to mine with only knowing Janice a short period of time. Find comfort in one another and think of all the jokes and stories Janice told (we all know how many that was) and laugh and smile, because we all know that is one thing Janice did!

*R.I.P to a wonderful woman, we will love and miss you at JFK!*

*-Nick Devins-*

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**Nicholas Devins** - September 02, 2013 at 09:56 AM

GB

*I agree Nick....so sad....we had some great laughs with her!*

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**Gina Bossone** - September 02, 2013 at 08:12 PM

FP

*i am deeply saddend by janice passing ...but haing known her for over 30 yrs i am happy for the many great memories that i have of her ....rest in peace janice ..if anyone ever deserved to it is you god bless and keep you .....frank palmisano*

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**frank palmisano** - September 06, 2013 at 07:15 AM

JB

“ *Johanna Brenon lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**Johanna Brenon** - September 02, 2013 at 08:52 AM

PG

“ *Sharon, thanks for the great times and all the laughter. This world is a better place because you were a part of it.*

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**Patty Grande** - September 01, 2013 at 08:23 PM

SC

“ *Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Janice M. Cerullo*



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**sharon campola** - September 01, 2013 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ Dearest Joyce, and family , Janice was one of a kind. She had an infectious smile , and laugh. When she walked into a room, she brightened it ....She loved her family and friends with all her heart.. She stayed true to them all... I was blessed to call her my friend. She was always the perfect hostess, cooking up a storm... Always had the coffee on . She was a strong woman, with a Huge heart.... We had so many wonderful, fun times together.... I will hold them in my heart forever.... Janice we miss you so much, but knew god had other plans, he saw you suffering, and took you home to be with your mom. May you know always how much you were love by all.....  
until we meet again..... sleep well angel , you now have your wings , we will help Joyce through this.... do not worry

*Always your friend  
Sharon*

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sharon campola - September 01, 2013 at 04:30 PM

SC

*And when I always think of Janice, I have a smile :-)*

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sharon campola - September 02, 2013 at 09:34 AM