



Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura

October 19, 1947 - February 8, 2017

DEERFIELD - Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura, age 69, passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 after her courageous battle against cancer for over 8 1/2 years. She fought with grace, faith, and fortitude, and the Lord answered their prayers — Joanne passed peacefully in her home with family by her side.

Born in Utica on October 19, 1947, Joanne was the daughter of the late Frank A. and Florence C. (DiPillo) DePastene. She was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1965 and attended the Utica School of Beauty Culture. She then earned her license to practice as a Hairdresser and Cosmetologist. On May 25, 1974 she married Michael Dziura with whom she shared 42 inseparable years graced with endearing love and mutual respect. Mike knew he married the love of his life.

Joanne worked as a hairdresser alongside her mother Florence at the Cut & Curl Beauty Salon. Concurrently, she held a position with the New York State Teamsters as a secretary and claims adjuster, a job she performed with proficiency and dedication for 26 years. She went on to work at the Hartford Insurance Company, and lastly at Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Company. Joanne was an efficient employee who added to the congenial culture and climate at each workplace.

Joanne was adored for her simplicity, purity, and great warmth. She could light up a room with her genuine smile. She was truly a class act, always on the arm of her husband, adorned with her leopard print outfits, right down to the

jewelry, purses, and shoes.

Joanne and Mike shared an unwavering loyalty and unity in raising their children. She had pride in her marriage and was a best friend to each of her children. They were the light of her life and she adored them. She was inspired to be an even better mom by being the best “Nonnie” to her grandchildren. They loved her and she was privileged to watch them every day. She had a great impact on them and they will remember her love and protection. She was always with her family either going shopping, out to eat, or spending the afternoon baking her famous cookies and cassata. Holidays were celebrated in her unique style and her home was well adorned with sentiments of her family and her eclectic style of decorating. She always made everyone feel like family and was affectionately known as “Aunt Joanne”.

Joanne was a communicant of Historic Old St. John’s Church and had a deep faith and a love for her Lord. She was a faithful participant of numerous prayer groups. These faith filled friends were such an inspiration to her and she knew of their continued love and prayers. Mike and Joanne would say “We are forever endeared to you Jesus,” because Joanne and her family trusted in the teachings of the Lord. All are comforted in knowing that she is in the arms of the Angels, at home with Jesus, and reunited with those who have gone before her.

Joanne is survived by her devoted husband, Mike; her children and their loves, Michael T., Jr. and Nicole Dziura, Megan and Steve Fiorentino, and Mallory and Eugenio Mercurio; her grandchildren, Olivia, Cooper, and Kensington Dziura; and Benjamin and Mia Fiorentino; and her brothers and sister-in-law, Frank DePastene, Jr. of Colorado, and James and Kim DePastene of Deerfield. She also leaves two very special sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Rose Ann and John Caporusco of Fayetteville, and Kathleen Mosca of Utica; her cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, including Patty Talerico, and Karen DiMetri; and her aunt and uncle, Mitzie and John DePerno. She held dear the memory and closeness she

shared with her late cousin, Maryanne Jakubowski. She was blessed with many treasured friendships throughout her life, but she held close: Anna, Marilyn, Patti, and Lorraine... the 'every dayers', the Proctor girls who shared a monthly gathering of love. She was preceded by her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Theodore and Jane Dziura; her Tringo cousins, especially Danny "Danny Boy" LoConti; they truly adored one another.

The family is grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia for her comforting bedside manner and professional demeanor; each and every staff member of the Regional Cancer Center who attended to her and couldn't wait to see what she was wearing; the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. who allowed Joanne to remain home with love and dignity and exceeded all the family's needs; and to all those who offered support and prayers that were heartfelt and a source of support for Mike and family members with special mention of Lisa Piazza Dillon.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-8:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church, 240 Bleecker Street. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joanne's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

NI

“ Dear Mike, We are so sorry for your loss. Wish we could be there for you at this time. Our deepest condolences and sincere prayers go out to you and your family. Nick & Lorraine Dominick, Marco Island FL

Nick - February 25, 2017 at 08:09 PM

JT

“ Mike and Family...we are so very saddened by the loss of Joanne...she truly was a person who always had a smile on her face...since we were in Florida and returned a few days ago, we are sorry we weren't there at the time of your loss...the world is going to be a lot less without her and heaven is truly more beautiful with her...She will be missed very much but always remembered in our hearts forever...Jim & Patty Tebsherany

JIM TEBSSHERANY - February 23, 2017 at 10:07 AM

CV

“ Mike and Family my thought and prayers are with Joanna and all of you. I am truly very sorry for your loss Joanne was a beautiful lady who always had a smile I will keep her and your family close in my thoughts and prayers. may the good Lord give you strenght and comfort during this time.

God Bless,
Chris Viti

Chris Viti - February 19, 2017 at 05:43 PM

UP

“ Mike & family our thoughts & prayers are with Joanne & all of you. May you all find comfort in your faith. Your friends at Urbanik's Paint

Urbanik's Paint - February 14, 2017 at 07:20 AM

AC

“ Mike We are So Sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayer are with you and your family! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - February 13, 2017 at 10:12 AM

MD

“ Very sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you all!

Mike and Heather Delia

Mike Delia - February 13, 2017 at 09:35 AM



DM

“ Michael and Family,

I knew Joanne from working with her at the New York State Teamsters and she was such a happy person and was always willing to help others. May. God bless her and keep her safe always.

Delores Heck Moschetti.

Delores Heck Moschetti - February 13, 2017 at 08:00 AM



VJ

“ Mike

I'm so sorry for your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time.

Val Jadhon

Val Jadhon - February 13, 2017 at 06:41 AM

LL

“ *I would like to send my condolences to Joanne's entire family. Especially Mike Sr, Mike Jr, Megan and Mallory. I am glad I got to know your mom she was such a wonderful person. Rip...🙏*
Love, Linda Lacy and Family!!

Linda Lacy - February 12, 2017 at 06:41 PM

TA

“ *We are very sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers and love to your families. Don & Tina Ambrose*

tina ambrose - February 12, 2017 at 06:09 PM

JO

“ *Mike and family I am so very sorry for your loss . Sincerely, Joyce Asselta*

joyce - February 12, 2017 at 06:03 PM

PT

“ *My cousin, Joanne, truly a compassionate, courageous and charismatic lady. I will never forget our childhood memories at Lake George and my visits to the salon. Through the years we shared our family's milestones. You will forever remain in my heart.*
Patty Talerico

Patricia Talerico - February 12, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JJ

“ *Mike all our prayers.*

Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr.



Janice and Samuel L. Russo Jr - February 12, 2017 at 01:45 PM

PS

“ *To Mike and family;
We are truly sorry to you and your family for your loss. May she rest in peace.
Sincerely,
Carol and Philip Scampone*

Philip Scampone - February 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM

JB

“ *Mike, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this terrible loss. I know that God is sustaining you now as he has during your long fight with this disease. Joyce (Williams) Burke*

Joyce Bure - February 12, 2017 at 11:30 AM

ST

“ Sheri Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Sheri Thrasher - February 11, 2017 at 08:19 PM

TF

“ The Plante-Thrasher Family lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



The Plante-Thrasher Family - February 11, 2017 at 08:18 PM

DD

“ I remember when I was 13, I would allways go over to Aunt Joanne's house, little Mike would want me to spend the night. After he would go to bed and uncle Mike would come home they would let me drink a beer while we would watch Hill Street Blues. Just one of the great times and wonderful memories of Aunt Joanne. I miss you so much. I love you

David DePastene - February 11, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MR

“ Dear Mike and family,
Joanne was a beautiful lady inside and out! I am so sorry for your loss. It was nice knowing her and her wonderful family. I have fond memories of bowling with her and her mom and my mom. I enjoyed my visits with the family when she cut my hair. She was so faithful, strong and courageous. May she rest in peace and enjoy eternal happiness in heaven with her Lord and her loved ones. God Bless!
Love and prayers
MaryLynn Rebisz

MaryLynn Rebisz - February 11, 2017 at 11:19 AM

MM

“ Mrs Joanne M (Depastine) Dziura sorry for you leaving us to go to a better place we will miss you love you you were so beautiful. peace be with you....

mary Raspante malachowski - February 11, 2017 at 09:36 AM

MM

You and mike were a beautiful 🥰 couple and. Loved each other so much and so lucky to have each other.god bless you both and be so thankful that you had each other..two beautiful people

mary Raspante malachowski - February 12, 2017 at 12:15 PM

DG

“ Mike and family...Our hearts ache for your loss...for this entire communities loss...Joanne was a beautiful woman inside and out...all who knew her, loved her...it seems we all had some, even if it was small, a part, a memory of this beautiful person...I, for one, will never ever forget the happiness, the consolation, the wonderful faith you both shared with my Mom...What you both gave her was truly beautiful, and you know what I am talking about. Joannes memory will not only live on through her family, but through this community..My heartfelt sympathy to you all. God Bless all of you...Jo's with the angels now.
we love you,
Denise & Jim Giruzzi and family...and Vinny (Poppy) Pristera

denise giruzzi - February 11, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JT

“ Joe & Teddi sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Joe & Teddi - February 11, 2017 at 09:06 AM

JT

On the wings of the Holy Spirit dove right into the arms of Jesus.. What a beautiful blessing

Joe & Teddi - February 11, 2017 at 09:08 AM

TS

“ *My children and I are so sorry for your loss. I'll always remember her beautiful smile. Prayers and love from Theresa Salerno Sokolowski and family,*



theresa sokolowski - February 10, 2017 at 06:56 PM

DT

“ *Dorothy Tringo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura*



Dorothy Tringo - February 10, 2017 at 06:54 PM

VG

“ *Virginia Gigliotti has lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura*”



Virginia Gigliotti - February 10, 2017 at 06:40 PM

GB

“ *Gina Benzo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura*



Gina Benzo - February 10, 2017 at 12:56 PM

RZ

“ Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell - February 10, 2017 at 03:33 AM

PF

“ Pam Flemma lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Pam Flemma - February 09, 2017 at 10:17 PM

MC

“ Joanne A Beautiful Lady. So Kind And Loving. I will always cherish the memories. What A Beautiful Angel Heaven has gained. May You Rest In Peace.



Mallory, Mike And Family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. My Prayers And Thoughts Are With All Of You.

Mary Jane Costa

Mary Jane Costa - February 09, 2017 at 09:14 PM

ED

Joanne, our fun loving cousin...always so stylish, sweet & smiling! My sis Marianne & you will be looking over all of us and filling our hearts with warm memories. Love & comfort to your beautiful family, Cousin Elaine & Andy

Elaine DePerno-Brown - February 10, 2017 at 10:15 AM

MA

“ Mike & Family, We are so sorry for your loss she was a beautiful person ., We will keep you in our prayers . Jimmy & Maryrose Schiavetta & Roz Mazza

Maryrose - February 09, 2017 at 06:47 PM

CL

“ Mike I am so very sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife / mother and grandmother. She fought the battle of a warrior for 8 1/2 years. She never complained or lost faith. You my friend was her greatest support and caregiver. She is at peace in the company of the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Mother. My prayers and rosaries are now for you and your family as well as all the friends who must now continue the journey of life. I love you my friend, God bless you. Always your friend, Chet Lebert.

Chester Lebert - February 09, 2017 at 06:38 PM

DS

“ Although no words can ease the loss that you feel just know that no matter where you are or what you do your wife /mom will never be far away. All you need to do is close your eyes and know she is at peace. Joanne you are truly "unforgettable ".

Donna Schram

Donna Schram - February 09, 2017 at 05:27 PM

RL

“ Mike , I don't where to start or what to say...We are so very sorry for your loss of a wonderful woman, wife and mother. At this time my friend, let the good Lord and savior show you the light and the way , for he is with you always at your time of sorrow ! May he comfort you and your family at your time of need ! Rick and Linda LaClair

Rick LaClair - February 09, 2017 at 04:23 PM

RP

“ Mike and family.....Joanne is with Jesus, Our Lady, and all the saints....The came to welcome her into Paradise, her true home. Although your loss is great and you who all loved her and cherished her very much will miss her physical presence, she is HOME. Wee know our two special Angels Jackie and Deanna met her in Heaven. The prayer group has another Golden Hail Mary for her. Our deepest and profound condolences. Ralph, Rosemarie Paladino.

Ralph Paladino - February 09, 2017 at 04:20 PM

RV

“ Michael and family, We are so saddened to hear of your loss, she was such a sweet and loving woman, a great Wife, Mom, and sister We are out of the area for the winter but our thoughts and prayers are with you and yours.

Rick & Marylou Vellone - February 09, 2017 at 03:40 PM

MF

“ To Mike and Family we are very sorry for your loss! Your family is in our thoughts and prayers!



Mr and Mrs Steven S Russo & Family - February 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

BC

“ My friend Joanne , beautiful inside and out ,
She was a woman of strong faith , a devoted
wife and mother , grandmother , a friend to all
who knew her ,, A lady with Grace and Class ,
down to earth ,, I have many fond memories
of My friend , She will never be forgotten ,she will live In the hearts
of all of us , A strong lady who fought the fight , I always admired
her courage and she passed her courage on to me ,,



*Mike, Megan, Michael, Mallory I'm so sorry for your loss , During
your time of sorrow , may the gentle presence of friends and the
caring love of family help to comfort you, May the God of all comfort
surround you with peace as you walk through this time of sorrow ,
Our prayers and thoughts are with you always ,*

love Beverly and Ed

Beverly Castello - February 09, 2017 at 02:03 PM

RH

“ Dear Mike and family,

We are so very sorry for your loss of Joanne!! What a blessing you all had in her....and she will continue to watch over you and share in all of your special moments as time goes on. We don't know why our loved ones have to leave so soon, especially when there is still much time to be spent...but God has a plan for her and for you all. Imagine all the glorious beauty that she is now surrounded by....it must be amazing!! Loving someone so much makes it that much harder to lose them, especially someone of Joanne's personality and character.....but as the old saying goes, it is better to have loved and lost than to have never loved at all....although it hurts so bad! Of course, she will be watching over you all, scooting you away from harm's way, gently whispering in your ear or talking to your heart in order that she may still guide your decisions! We pray that God bless you all and comfort you through this very painful time in your lives. May you be at peace knowing that she is no longer suffering and is now enveloped in the arms of our heavenly father and blessed mother! Please know that we are here for you if you should need anything!!

*With loving and prayerful thoughts,
Rick and Denise Hensel*

Rick Hensel - February 09, 2017 at 01:50 PM

AF

“ *Amanda Falange lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura*



Amanda Falange - February 09, 2017 at 01:44 PM

DO

“ Mike, Michael, Megan, Mallory & Family,

You know how much I loved Joanne and cherished our friendship. Please be comforted knowing how many people loved her and thought so much of her in life and will never forget her.

Don Oyer - February 09, 2017 at 12:30 PM

JZ

“ I worked with Joanne at the Teamsters. She had a good heart.

Joyce Zongrone - February 09, 2017 at 11:39 AM

DZ

“ Dana Zito lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Dana Zito - February 09, 2017 at 11:03 AM



“ Roseann Delia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Roseann Delia - February 09, 2017 at 10:37 AM

SJ

“ Susan M. Januszewski lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Susan M. Januszewski - February 09, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JD

“ Mike our (Matt and I) hearts and prayers go out to you and your family in this time of lose. I'm so glad I got the chance to know her. I didn't get a chance to see her often outside of work but I remember she always had a kind word to say about people. She will be greatly missed.

Jeannine Deforest - February 09, 2017 at 10:03 AM

JM

“ Mike our heart and prayers go out to you and your family. No one can replace a wife, a mother and a grandmother such as Joanne. She was special and God knew it. She will be sorely missed by all.

Joe & Elaine Madia

Joseph Madia - February 09, 2017 at 09:52 AM

RB

“ Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura



Rosemary Brown - February 09, 2017 at 09:48 AM

RB

*Dear Mike and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Please know our thought and prayers are with you all.*

Love, Rosemary Chambrone Brown and family

Rosemary Brown - February 10, 2017 at 06:38 PM

SP

“*Mike, I I only knew Joanne a short time. Meet her at the Tuesday Rosary and she was a beautiful person. May she rest in peace. My prayers are with you and family.*”



Sally Gigliotti Pugliese - February 09, 2017 at 09:10 AM

HV

“*Megan and family- I am so deeply sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*”

-Heather {>

Heather VanEtten - February 09, 2017 at 07:56 AM

JJ

“ I know that words are inadequate at a time like this but I wanted you to know how very sorry I am for your loss. The loss of a spouse is a tragic event and I know the pain and suffering you are experiencing.

It is times like this that our faith is put to the test. We know that we must accept her passing and give thanks for the wonderful life she lived. As sad as it will be, we will always have the memory of her to hold in our hearts.

The Bible reminds us that "Blessed are those that mourn for they shall be comforted." I pray that this will be especially true for you as you mourn your loss.

I pray that God will give you the strength to see you through this sad and difficult time. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.
Joseph Jakubowski

Joseph Jakubowski - February 09, 2017 at 06:53 AM

BH

“ *Bernie Hughes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joanne M. (DePastene) Dziura*



bernie hughes - February 09, 2017 at 06:39 AM

FF

“ *So sorry Mike*
We send prayers for your wifes immortal soul and for you and the rest of the family. Frank and JoMarie Faccioli, North Fort Myers, Florida

Frank Faccioli - February 09, 2017 at 06:17 AM

RS

“ God received an AMAZING ANGEL... It was an honor to meet up with you after all these years from high school at the Regional Cancer Center... Forever in my heart.
Michael I will pray for you remain strong for yourself & family. Love,
Roe
Love,
Rosemary Cuda Stedman

Rosemary Stedman - February 09, 2017 at 04:55 AM

DL

“ My beautiful Aunt, I love you so much. Heaven has a beautiful new angel. What a blessing it was having you in my life! I love you and I will always rock that leopard in your honor. ♡♡♡♡♡♡♡♡
Love your niece,
Diane

To Uncle Mike and kids,
Cherish all your special memories of your beautiful wife/mom and know that she is always going to be watching over you. what a blessing you all shared. I love you all ♡

Diane Lacy - February 08, 2017 at 11:00 PM

SA

“ Dear Mike & family,
My sister & I send our deepest sympathies. Joanne was a beautiful woman inside & out. Always had a smile for everyone.
God Bless her with peace & happiness in heaven.

Sincerely,
Maria Elena Heck
Sylvia Amoroso

Sylvia Amoroso - February 08, 2017 at 09:13 PM

K(

“ Where do I start. Heaven has definitely gained an angel by receiving this beautiful women. My aunt, my friend. My heart is so heavy. You are now at peace, you will never be forgotten sleep in peace. Love you
Your nephew Kenny Lacy❤️❤️

Kenneth Lacy (Nephew) - February 08, 2017 at 09:13 PM

GS

“ To Mike and family very sorry for your loss. I remember all the good times that we had on Saturday night bowling and at the banquets. Will remember that God now has another angel with him. From the Salem's

George and Sandy Salem - February 08, 2017 at 08:54 PM

CH

“ Joanne.....you were one of God's angels on this earth. Never complained about anything and was always such a happy good person. You now have earned your wings. Forever in my heart.

Cindy

Cindy DePerno Hobaica - February 08, 2017 at 08:00 PM

PL

“ Aunt Joanne, there may never be another person like you. Thank you for who you were, are, and always will be to all of us. We love you and will miss you dearly. - The Lazzaro's

Paul Lazzaro - February 08, 2017 at 06:33 PM



“ *I have lost my sister and best friend. Rest In Peace.....*

Frankie

Frank DePastene - February 08, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ *Aunt Joanne, you are forever loved and will be dearly missed.*

Mike DePastene - February 08, 2017 at 06:15 PM



Mike and Family, I bowled years ago and was lucky to meet Joanne. She will always be remembered as a loving, caring and smiling friend. She was truly an angel to everyone she came in contact with & God and the Blessed Mother will welcome her with open arms in heaven. God Bless you and your family at this difficult time and know how much she was loved by all who knew her and will be sadly missed.. She will always be with you and yours in spirit.. Only in the form of an Angel

Sending prayers

Jeannie Collea

Jeannie Wafer Collea - February 11, 2017 at 08:32 PM