



Joanne G. (DePerno) McBee

October 4, 1937 - February 3, 2010

Mrs. Joanne G.(DePerno) McBee, affectionately known to family and friends as “Nonnie”, age 72, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center with her loving family by her side. Born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on October 4, 1937, Joanne was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mafalda (Procopia) DePerno. Raised and educated locally, she attended Whitesboro High School and later graduated from the Utica School of Commerce.

Joanne was employed as a payroll clerk at the Utica City School District for 21 years, retiring in 1997. At work and at home, she always had a smile upon her face when greeting co-workers or loved ones. Joanne always looked at the bright side of life and offered everyone encouragement and an optimistic perspective. A spirited woman, she was the life of the party and a peacemaker to all that sought her advice. She was blessed with a generous and loyal nature, and will be remembered as a person who “exemplified goodness”. Her grandchildren were the light of her life and offered her extraordinary strength during her illness. Joanne enjoyed creating handmade crafts, especially ceramics, which she used to decorate her home during the Christmas holidays. She loved a good game of cards or dominoes, and her home was a gathering place for coffee and conversation for both family and friends. She was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Joanne is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Howard Baye of Utica; her sons and daughters-in-law, Robert “Bobby” and Claudia McBee

of NC, Sammy McBee of Utica, Skie McBee, and Michael and Heather McBee, all of FL; her grandchildren, Tiffany, Brian, Jason, Erik, Alyssa, Sammy, Lisa, Amy, Skie, Jr., and Michael; and her 9 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include her aunt, Mary Buttita, her uncle and his wife, Johnny and Mitzi DePerno; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Glenda DePerno of FL. Joanne also leaves many dear and cherished friends, too numerous to mention, who were a special part of her life. She was predeceased by her sisters and brother-in-law, Elizabeth "Betty" DePerno, and Ida and Fred DeGiglio; and her brother, Joseph DePerno, Jr.

The family expresses heartfelt appreciation to the nurses and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, the CCU, and the 3rd floor personnel for all the care and attention shown to Joanne and her family.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Joanne's honor to the Strong Memorial Hospital Liver Transplant Unit; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joanne's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joanne G. (DePerno) McBee



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ i'm deeply sadden by you loss##imported-begin##danielle beebe##imported-end##

February 13, 2010 at 07:57 PM



“ Tammy & Family,
My condolences on the passing of your mother. I remember how you were such a wonderful daughter to her. Always there when she needed you. God Bless and Keep you always.##imported-begin##Colleen Ancona##imported-end##

February 08, 2010 at 07:50 PM



“ Tammy,
I am so sorry to hear about your mom. Always hold on and remember the wonderful memories she left. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Linda Cianfrocco##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 11:22 PM



“ Skie and Sammy, I am sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She will always be in your hearts and thoughts..
Love Carol, Norberto, Carlos & Bobby##imported-begin##Carol Hobbs (Williams) ##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 05:05 PM



“ Tammy,

I am sorry to hear of your mother's passing. Let your wonderful memories sustain you in your hour of need. She was a wonderful woman. My prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Sue Arcuri##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 04:49 PM



“ Sammy and family, we are sorry for your loss and are thinking of you always.
love, raylene, samantha,candace,sadie,macie and david##imported-begin##Raylene ##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 09:52 AM



“ Sam, Tammy and family...I am so so sorry for your loss. There is no love like a Mother's. May your memories fill your hearts with remembrance. Keep the faith, knowing that she is just on the other side waiting until the day you see each other again. My apologies for not making calling hours, but Sammy...I want you to know I was there in heart and spirit. You are all I thought about last night. God Bless you all and keep you close.##imported-begin##Melody Surace##imported-end##

February 06, 2010 at 08:59 AM



“ Tammy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Your Mom was a lovely woman. God Bless during this time.
Teresa Joseph###imported-begin##Teresa Joseph###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 07:06 PM



“ Our prayers are with you, Aunt Joanne and your family. We love you and we'll miss you very, very much! Mike and Mary
Hallatt###imported-begin##Michael Hallatt###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 01:32 PM



“ Sam, Skie & family,
Sorry to hear about your moms passing. Thoughts & prayers are with you and your families.
Tom Moylan family###imported-begin##Thomas Moylan###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 01:22 PM



“ Dear Tammy and Family,
Your Mother was one of the kindest, loving people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Her Laughter was infectious, smile so bright, and a heart of gold. I will always remember our visits on Howard ave. She had a special way about her, she made you family even if biologically you were not. Tammy, you are a direct reflection of your Mother. She was the epitomy of what every Mother strives to be. Although she will be grately mssed, she is an angel watching over you and your family. I will never forget the incredible woman I refurred fondley to as " Nonnie".
Sincerely, Celeste D'Alessandro Prendergast###imported-begin##Celeste Prendergast###imported-end##

February 05, 2010 at 05:33 AM



“ Goodbye my friend. I have cherished our friendship and I will cherish my memories of you for the rest of my life. We were blessed to share so much time together. You are part of my heart and now that you are gone, there is a part of my heart missing. It has gone to heaven with you. I will miss you forever. Goodbye my friend. Go dance with the angels.###imported-begin##Roseann Petronella###imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 10:07 PM



“ To Tammy and the McBee family. Words can not express the loss we are all feeling. Joanne was one of my dearest friends. She was always there for me when I needed a shoulder to cry on. We also shared alot of good times. Her words of wisdom were always a comfort to me when it came to Ron. She will be greatly missed by me and my family. RIP Joanne I love you ...###imported-begin##Nancy & Ronald Darling###imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 09:09 PM



“ Tammy and Family,
I was very saddend to learn of your sweet mother's passing. She was not only a great co-worker, but a wise, intellegent friend to everyone who had the good fortune to know her. She and I celebrated the same birth date and laughed because I was the "older one".
Joanne went much too soon but I'm sure she is keeping them laughing in Heaven.##imported-begin##Marilyn Ling##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 03:14 PM



“ mrs mcbee she was the high school mom i remember mike and i and all of our freinds always going over there to play our games all night long mrs mcbee was always great to us then when were kids and continued all the way through adulthood we will miss her god bless##imported-begin##richard perna##imported-end##

February 04, 2010 at 09:31 AM



“ I can't express how much my heart hurts for the McBee and Baye families. Joanne was there for me when I needed her so much. She was always patient, kind, funny and loving. Tammy, you are your mother. God blessed me with your mother when I really needed her and he blessed me with you as my lifelong friend. Take care and God Bless. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Cathy Massoud##imported-end##

February 03, 2010 at 06:46 PM