



## Judiann "Jude" DeBella

August 17, 1964 - September 23, 2017

NEW HARTFORD - Judiann "Jude" DeBella, age 53, passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017 with her loving family at her side. She was welcomed into the gates of heaven with great celebration, reuniting with family and friends.

She was born on August 17, 1964 in Utica, New York, the beloved daughter of James A. DeBella, Sr. and Angela (Nole) DeBella. She attended St. Peter's Elementary School and John F. Kennedy High School. She began her career working for General Electric, receiving recognition for her work and dedication to the Micro-Electronics Program. She then changed career paths working in the culinary field for many area restaurants for over 20 years, also earning recognition in the Observer-Dispatch newspaper with highlights including The Chef's Corner, Thursday Nite Specialty Dishes, and Restaurant Openings. Judiann was always open to new challenges, and after many years in the food industry she continued on to a career in security. She worked for local security agencies, a job she respected and was extremely dedicated to.

Judiann was a woman of great conviction; she was passionate about her views and never backed down from what she believed in. She spent most of her life documenting and exercising her right to be heard on many platforms, especially on behalf of hardworking middle class people. She was never influenced by taking the easy road; hers was always the road less traveled because she figured it was a challenge. Throughout Judiann's life, she took the time to build and nurture friendships that were the very foundation of her

life. Her friends in turn gave her something more valuable; it was their friendship and love which sustained her. She enjoyed sharing time with family throughout the years, especially with her nephews and nieces who she adored and cherished. She enjoyed tracing family genealogy and was curious about her beginnings as she felt that's what defined her. Judiann's greatest passion in life was writing. She had a style all her own and an imagination that allowed her to write books, poems, and songs. It was her way of expressing her inner person which she hid behind the ink of her pen. She enjoyed music and was an avid concert goer attending the second Woodstock Music Festival. She found an escape from the everyday routine through playing the piano and painting. She was also a loyal Bouckville Antique collector, carefully searching for the perfect treasure, especially any addition to her Popeye collection. She was fascinated by the Civil War period and *Gone With the Wind* was a particularly reflective movie for her. She was inspired to live by the lines spoken by Scarlett O'Hara, "After all, tomorrow is another day".

Judiann is survived by her mother, Angela (Nole) DeBella; her father, James A. DeBella, Sr. (Sharon); sisters and in-laws, Bonnie Tringo-Sanchez (José), Elizabeth Tringo DeBella (Lisa), Jamie DeBella Valenzi (Vaughn); nephews and nieces, Vincent Sardino (Christie), Tiffany Sardino Lupia (Michael), Vito Nicolino Valenzi, Charlotte Lupia, Carmine Lupia and Roman Sardino; aunts and uncles, Carmela Melchiore, Victor and Carol Caprara, Anthony and Shirley DeBella, and Martin DeBella; special friends, Becca, Dawn, and Mary Agnes; many cherished family members and friends, too numerous to mention, including the Nole, Graziadei, Fanelli, and Tringo families. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, Nicholas and Angeline Nole; paternal grandparents, James F. DeBella and Helen Lula; brother, James A. DeBella Jr.; uncle and godmother, Victor and Margaret Nole; and a very special cousin, Christopher Caprara.

Judiann's family would like to thank the entire staff of the Heritage Health Care Center, especially nurses Alice, Ruby, Sheena, and Cotton for the kindness and compassion shown to Judiann and her family during this difficult time;

they were truly angels on earth.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Judiann's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Judiann's memory may be made to Historic Old St. John's Church Food Pantry online at <https://historicoldstjohnschurch.weshareonline.org> or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

"If I leave here tomorrow, would you still remember me?

Cause I'm as free as a bird now and this bird you cannot change".

— Lynyrd Skynyrd

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

BD

“ Merry Christmas Jude, love and miss you 🧑‍🎄 🌲 ❄️ 🧊

Becca Dowsland - December 25, 2017 at 08:07 AM

Sam  
DeBella

“ Sam DeBella lit a candle in memory of  
Judiann "Jude" DeBella



Sam DeBella - October 12, 2017 at 03:13 PM

WD

“ Where do I begin? So glad we became friends-later in my life-but that really doesn't matter, I only wish it had been longer. Our bond was so special. I used to love having you come to my window at the casino. No matter how busy it was-I would light up when I saw you and forget my customers. When I saw you in your security uniform I thought "What a gutsy lady she is! You would come visit me at my new job and the conversation just seemed to flow between us. Our lives had an amazing likeness and I could see and feel your words. Prior to you my friend God had already presented me with your sister Jamie. I have never witnessed such love and caring that this family has for each other! I see your picture now and that is always how you looked when I saw you. That beautiful bright smile. As I look upward at the sun and sky please have peace and know one day many of us shall join you and celebrate. I will miss you. Love you my friend, Wendy Daniels

Wendy Daniels - September 30, 2017 at 08:01 PM

MD

“ Michele Dellerba lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



Michele Dellerba - September 28, 2017 at 08:22 AM

Melanie Clocher

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Melanie Clocher - September 27, 2017 at 10:39 PM

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*You always had my back girl... miss you already..*

Melanie Clocher - September 27, 2017 at 10:40 PM

JS

“ John Sessa lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



John Sessa - September 27, 2017 at 10:19 AM

JH

“ John Harvey lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



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john harvey - September 27, 2017 at 12:37 AM

JH

“ Judi we didn't always see eye to eye on things. But I always respected your authenticity, traditional hard work ethic and your BIG SELFLESS HEART. And those virtues supersede any difference we had. God bless You and I KNOW your are in a place(No more Pain) of Eternal LOVE,JOY and PEACE.

Your Friend(ex coworker)

S/O John Harvey

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john harvey - September 27, 2017 at 12:36 AM

DM

“ My condolences to the DeBella Family and friends of Judi. I worked with Judi at General Electric many years ago. We stayed in touch over the years as well. It is a pleasure to have known Judi. I have good memories of Judi....Donna Murphy

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Donna Murphy - September 26, 2017 at 04:56 PM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.*



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September 26, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *At a loss for words my dear friend. You've definitely left your mark in this world. You taught me how to drive lol. You were a shoulder for anyone and everyone to lean on in our younger years which I'm sure remained true throughout your life. I remember our last conversation that I will hold in my heart. Rest easy sweetheart. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the entire family.*

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**Kimberly LaBarbera** - September 26, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *DeBella family*  
*So very sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of working with Jude for Sodexo Food Service at SUNYIT. she was a great worker and would always help any coworker. My prayers and thoughts are with the family at this very sad time. May she rest in peace.*  
*Deanna Santino*



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**Deanna Santino** - September 25, 2017 at 11:39 PM

MT

“ *Maria & Teddy lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella*



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**Maria & Teddy** - September 25, 2017 at 09:15 PM



“ *I always had fun when I saw Judi.....she was the first to wish me a Happy Birthday each year....may she rest in peace....I so wish I could attend her services but I work out of town.....love and peace to her family.....Luanne Castellano*

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**Luanne Castellano** - September 25, 2017 at 08:46 PM

GO

“ *I am so saddened and sorry to hear about Judes passing. Though we have not seen each other in years I will always remember the time we spent together. Jude rest in peace and you will be missed by so many people.*

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**Gary Ollerenshaw** - September 25, 2017 at 07:44 PM

FF

“ *From Cousins Nick, Gylene , Margaret, & families purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.*



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**From Cousins Nick, Gylene , Margaret, & families** -  
September 25, 2017 at 07:36 PM

GO

“ Gary Ollerenshaw lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



Gary Ollerenshaw - September 25, 2017 at 07:34 PM

AC

“ Aunt Carmie purchased the Healing Tears - Lavender and White for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.



Aunt Carmie - September 25, 2017 at 06:48 PM

LM

“ Lucia Mahler purchased the White Sympathy Flo or Basket for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.



Lucia Mahler - September 25, 2017 at 03:55 PM

GO

“ So many memories of Jude, most memorable is cruising down Genesee Street belting out Neil Diamond tunes, we thought we sounded the bomb!  
"I Am , I Said"

*Prayers to her family.*

Gina O

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Gina Orsaio - September 25, 2017 at 03:31 PM

CL

“ JUDE has been part of my" family " for over twenty years now and always seemed to know when someone needed an extra hand;,be it a hug,a laugh,a meal,whatever..she knew how to be a friend to the end.I have faith that she is in heaven getting pampered by our brother Nook(the hairdresser!),keeping an eye on all of us that they had to leave behind...(toooooo soon,all too soon). She will be missed by many, condolences to her family.thanks for sharing your fine sister with us! connie and john luscomb

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connie luscomb - September 25, 2017 at 03:15 PM

RA

“ Jude had a heart of gold. She would give you the shirt of her back if you needed it. She stayed true to herself and was a friend to all. I will always hold her in my heart. No one could ask for a better person or friend.



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Ray - September 25, 2017 at 02:23 PM

ME

“ *The Human Resources Department at Vernon Downs would like to send our condolences to the entire DeBella family. We are deeply sorry for your loss.*


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**Melissa** - September 25, 2017 at 02:20 PM

BD

“ *Jude and I would always take sunset cruises on the lake. One evening we passed these small buildings in the woods on the edge of the lake. She asked me what they were. Sure, I informed her that they were duck blinds. Jude thought that was so sweet that people built homes for blind ducks!! She proceeded to ask me how the ducks found them if they were blind? I told her they sent out a noise that only they could hear. I never had the heart to tell her what they were really for. You will always be my love Jude. Becca*

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**Becca Dowsland** - September 25, 2017 at 01:16 PM

 Lisa Allen

*If it wasn't for Jude I never would have pursued my passion for cooking. She taught me what being passionate was about. Even if I didn't want to listen at times. She was a true personality. I will forever miss your rants filled with passion, or all the fun times we shared. Rest easy my friend..* 

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**Lisa Allen** - September 25, 2017 at 08:13 PM

 Heather McMahon-mizerak

“ *Jude was always smiling and laughing. She had an amazing way of always making me feel better when I was down. I hope your dancing in heaven. I will see you again some day. I love you my dear friend*



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**Heather McMahon-mizerak** - September 25, 2017 at 12:14 PM

CR

“ Christie & Roman purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.



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**Christie & Roman** - September 25, 2017 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND! XOXOXO



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**Christine Fero** - September 25, 2017 at 10:24 AM

AD

“ Jude although you were my delicate rose you were the strongest woman I have every meant. Fly high my friend. I live with precious memories of the short time we had together. I miss you. Alice.

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**Alice Wines Denigro** - September 25, 2017 at 09:25 AM

HH

“ Sending all my thoughts, prayers, and condolences to Jude's family she was and will in my memory always be a very strong willed individual I'm so sorry for your loss but she is at peace with God now and you can find solace in that all my love Holly Hovey



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**Holly Hovey** - September 25, 2017 at 09:24 AM

DJ

“ JUDY WAS MY CO WORKER AT BOSCOVS AND I REALLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH HER SHE WAS FUN AND EVERYTIME I MENTION CHILDREN SHE WOULD SAY NOPE MILLION DOLLARS I SAID HUH SHE SAID NOPE KIDS COST MILLION DOLLARS NO THANKS 😂 SHE WAS A HARD WORKER AND WILL BE MISSED



Delilah Jones - September 25, 2017 at 09:03 AM

LF

“ I am truly shocked at this devastating news! We had so many good times in yr younger years together! Never will I forget you my friend! Rest In Peace and fly with those eagles and be free! Love you! Prayers to the family during this trying time!

lourdes furno - September 25, 2017 at 08:03 AM

SC

“ Sioban Cullington lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



Sioban Cullington - September 25, 2017 at 02:40 AM

TH

“ This is terrible news. My sincere condolences to all of her friends and family. Jude and I were close the first few years of High School and much of what I have read about her today resonates with my memories of her. She is gone far too soon and she is in my prayers.

Tom Hauck - September 24, 2017 at 10:44 PM



“ Susan Anthony lit a candle in memory of Judiann "Jude" DeBella



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**Susan Anthony** - September 24, 2017 at 09:37 PM



“ Jude, Ju-Ju, Mama. A women that could love and be loved. You are the true definition of a great person, a best friend and a confidante. You held my end through so much and I am honored to have been a part of your life. I promise all of my tears will remain in the celebration of our friendship. I love you, appreciate you and will always keep you in my heart and my mind. ♡♡



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**Michele Vivacqua** - September 24, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ I went to Norte Dame with Liz, but for some reason Judy and I were in the same biology class. Neither one of us were too excited to be there. Somehow we got though that class. I was saddened to hear of her passing. She always had a big smile and people wanted to be her friend. My sympathy goes to her family, especially Liz and Lisa.

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**Mike LaNeve** - September 24, 2017 at 08:11 PM

CE

“ Words will not express the sorrow and loss i feel,my daughter met this wonderful person over 20 years ago,who quickly became a part of my family,all these years she was always there during happy times,(birth of our grandchildren),fun times,(field parties),and most importantly the sad times,(loss of my parents),or just visits,she always knew when to be there,always smiling and comforting,her beautiful presence will for ever be missed,right up to the last days she made us laugh,she was the true meaning of what friendships and family are about,her courage and faith was inspiring,you will live on in all the memories we have,never forgotten,love you Jude,

Chris Eck - September 24, 2017 at 08:04 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.



September 24, 2017 at 08:00 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Judiann "Jude" DeBella.



September 24, 2017 at 05:13 PM