



Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan

May 9, 1958 - December 16, 2019

UTICA - Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan, age 61, passed away on Monday, December 16, 2019 at the Abraham House in Rome. Her loving family was by her side after a meaningful life and courageous battle.

Born in Utica on May 9, 1958, Kathleen was the daughter of the late Carl J. and Patricia E. (Neary) Talerico. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1975. Shortly after graduation, she ventured to Norfolk, Virginia for a period of time where she experienced all the vessels and attractions the city had to offer. Ultimately, she returned to Utica where she was just as happy. On October 20, 1984, before Mayor Louis LaPolla, she and Bernard H. "Bernie" Meenan, Jr. were wed. They were partners in love, life, and parenting their children. They were spiritually motivated to have their union blessed through the sacrament of Marriage in the Catholic Church, and on October 29, 2018 their commitment was consecrated. Following the ceremony, family and friends celebrated with them at a party, and it was the "best day, ever" for Kathy and Bernie.

In the world of work, Kathy had a passion for retail merchandising. She held jobs at the Dress Barn, at her favorite place, the "All-For-a-Dollar" store, and at the Salvation Army as a Manager always paying forward and watching out for people's needs and helping others. Talented, self-taught, and tenacious, her last position was at the office of Dr. Lawrence Marks, DDS, P.C. Oral Surgeon where she worked as a dedicated, trustworthy professional assistant. Kathy's home was a highlight of her happiness. It was a comfortable, happy,

safe space for her family, and that was paramount to her. Kathy and Bernie decorated their house together in various themes. Currently, it was “country” where the “Rooster Rules”, and they achieved the unique look of their “lived-in-home” with flair inspired by HGTV. The Christmas season especially called to Kathy’s creative talents, and right after Thanksgiving, because she was a Christmas “junkie”, she transformed her home into a winter wonderland where her Christmas tree proudly held her “special” ornaments in a priceless display. She frequented flea markets for treasures and remembrances of past years, especially the Regional Market in Syracuse where she made friends with the vendors. Kathy was fond of boating on the canal, and although she was afraid of water, she had a fancy for fishing at the “honey hole”, always returning the fish to their home and always with a radio on board tuned in to “Big Frog 104” with country music filling the air. She and Bernie often resorted to moving to the music on the gunwale of the boat, holding on to each other while dancing slowly. A favorite pastime for Kathy and Bernie was visiting the Casino, finding the right machine, dining at the Emerald Room, and meeting up with her BFF’s. They had the greatest of times with her sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Tony.

Kathy was a Catholic and a crusader for the needs of people with disabilities, a cause close to her heart. She served on several boards. Her son was the reason for her need to become involved and advocate for the rights of people with physical or mental impairments. Kathy felt blessed for the privilege of bringing children into the world and bringing them up with old-school traditions. Her kids knew their mom’s goodness and appreciated the values and virtues she passed on to them, and they also knew how proud she was of them. She was the bond that held her family together.

Kathleen is survived by her devoted husband, Bernie; her sons and daughters-in-law, Jason Meenan and Heather Meenan, and James and Dr. Justyna Meenan, DVM; her adored grandchildren, Christian, and Adriana Meenan; and Annabelle Meenan; her sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon Henkle, Debbie and Bob Williamson Jr., and Donna and Tony Gerardo; and

her brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony “Tony” and Patricia Talerico, Michael and Christine Talerico, Richard and Kathy Talerico, Thomas “Tom” Talerico, and Edward “Ed” and Trish Talerico. She was preceded by her wonderful big brother, Carl Talerico. She also leaves her nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, uncle Bud Neary; in-laws, Charles and Lynda Cooper, Cynthia Meenan, Ida Bonanza, Kevin Meenan, Donald H. “Joe” Meenan, Kathleen and Frank Zammiello, Haynie Jurkowski, and Raymond Wells; her longtime and treasured family friends, George and Sandy O’Dell; and a multitude of friends who have graced her life including Robin, Lucille, Nancy, and Carol. She was predeceased by her maternal grandparents, James and Eleanor Neary; father-in-law, Bernard Meenan Sr.; mother-in-law, Nellie H. Jurkowski; and in-laws, Theresa I. Wells, Clifford A. Jurkowski II, and Robert Bonanza, Sr.

The family is grateful to Dr. Jeffery J. Kirshner, MD who was always encouraging, yet honest with Kathy, and the kindness and compassion of the volunteers and staff at the Abraham House in Rome will never be forgotten. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to the Hematology/Oncology Associates (HOA) of Central New York online at <https://www.hoacny.com/news-events> in Kathy’s honor. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Kathleen’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Sunday at 5:00 immediately upon the conclusion of visitation.

“Mom was genuine in all aspects of her life, and thus beloved by many.”

...Thoughts from her sons.

Please take a moment to listen to the following song in Kathy’s “Memory” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWoQW-b6Ph8>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Celebration of Life

DEC **22**. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan.*



December 21, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Gary & Noreen Wiater sends our condolences to Bernie & Kathy's Family. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile.*



Noreen Wiater - December 21, 2019 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan.*



December 20, 2019 at 04:24 PM

HV

“Bernie and family, our deepest condolences and most sincere sympathies. Thinking of you with heavy hearts. Kathy's kindness, her unconditional love for others and giving nature will always be remembered.

Hank & Kayci

Hank Visalli - December 20, 2019 at 10:44 AM

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“I will always remember my sister as a genuine and honest person and I will miss her joyful smile. I'll keep our childhood memories close to my heart.”

Tony Talerico - December 20, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“Kathy always had a smile and kind words as passing our house on Noyes street. Our thoughts are with you Bernie and Boys on this difficult time. Tim & Joe, Former Neighbors Noyes street.

Tim Wissenbach - December 19, 2019 at 09:19 AM

LV

“ Kathy became a very dear and precious friend. What started as work related, evolved into a great friendship. She was a sweet, kind, caring person. Always talked about bernie and the family. Her heart was always open to all in need. When I last saw kathy, even though it was not one of her best days, she held her head up high, laughed and joked. It has been my great honor to have known kathy and have her as my friend. I, truly will miss her as I know everyone that knew her will. Her pain and her suffering is now over and she is in the hands of our lord. I love you kathy. Blessings gs to her family, you all have wonderful memories and those memories will be with all of you .our hearts are all saddened.

Lucille vincent - December 19, 2019 at 08:48 AM

TF

“ It was an honor to be just a little part in her benefit just a few short months ago. We witnessed many many family and friends who shared a wonderful day with Kathy. We'll keep her and family in our prayers.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - December 19, 2019 at 07:11 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan.



December 18, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan.



December 18, 2019 at 09:50 PM



“ I had the honor of living next to Kathy mom and dad and now to her brother and sister in-law such a great family.If it was a card game or a Saturday morning garage sale with her sister or just a family gatherings she always wave with that beautiful smile.My heart goes out to the entire family keep all those beautiful memories So sorry for your loss.

kim lisandrelli - December 18, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ Rest In Peace Beautiful My son Isaiah Rios loves you dearly



Donna P - December 18, 2019 at 05:43 PM



“ Kathy and I used to get to work early Kathy or I would get each other a muffin and swap stories of our Grand babies and lots of other things I'm going to miss her so much she was and always will be one of my best friends she loved her children and grandkids so much and was so very proud of them

Robin - December 18, 2019 at 05:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan.*



December 18, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Pamela Colenzo Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Kathleen "Kathy" (Talerico) Meenan*



Pamela Colenzo Ward - December 18, 2019 at 04:42 PM