



## Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo

May 13, 1959 - March 5, 2017

WEST UTICA - Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo, age 57, peacefully went home to the Angels on Sunday, March 5, 2017 in the comfort of her home with her loving family by her side.

Born in New Hartford on May 13, 1959, Kelly was the daughter of Judy A. (Paige) Quinn and the late Joseph "Richard" Quinn. She was a graduate of Whitesboro High School/Class of 1977. In July of 1977 she married the love of her life and father of her children, Michael C. Reali with whom she shared many good years. She followed his career as a drummer and was his greatest fan. His untimely passing in the fall of 1999 was a tragedy to her and their children. In 2005, after many years of dating, she married Michael A. Caputo. He was a positive influence on their family life and he loved her unconditionally. He enriched her life and she was grateful to him. Michael passed away on November 27, 2007.

Kelly's giving, caring spirit was reflected in her many selfless acts as a family advocate at Headstart, a career that spanned 25 years. She then held a position at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center in the Labor & Delivery Department until accepting a promotion to the St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a Surgical Technician, the position from which she retired in 2010.

Kelly was an amazing woman who loved unconditionally, with sensitivity and understanding. She was simply special, someone who touched the lives and hearts of many, young and old. Kelly knew how to smile even in her weakest time, sharing with everyone the joy that comes from such a simple act. She

may have lived a short life, but she made the most of every day and enjoyed each experience with good grace and a grateful heart. She fought fearlessly through the most challenging circumstances, with strength and self-respect. To her children, she left a legacy of her hope and high spirits in the face of adversity, and they are so proud to inherit her will to persevere.

Kelly shared her compassion and personal space with those in need; they could call her home their home. Christmas Eve was her special day and the grandest of times. She decorated and prepared a spread to please everyone at the table and set the stage for perfection for that special night. Her home had a holiday theme and a tree gleamed in every room. Her love for family had its roots with her parents and siblings and continued on to her five daughters. When they began to have families of their own, she loved her “Pea Pods”, nicknames for her grandchildren beginning with the letter ‘P’. She also had a special relationship with each of her nieces and nephews and was known to family and friends as “Aunt Kelly”. She was a self-taught artist who worked intuitively in a variety of mediums. Her creative craft also included music which was her outlet. And, she could dance up a storm. A word to the wise, “don’t be anywhere near her shoulder when “Wipe-Out” played” for she would clear the floor!

Kelly drew up a bucket list when she was diagnosed. It included taking her entire family to Disney World and “Nana Queen Bee” magically knew no pain. She dreamed that she had attended a Miami Dolphins/Buffalo Bills football game and on this Christmas Eve past she was escorted by her grandson Mikey to attend the game which went into overtime. The Dolphins won and it was another great day in her days of wishes granted. Kelly was of the Episcopalian faith and shared a personal relationship with God.

Kelly is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Christina A. Reali, Susan L. Reali, Tiffany and Derek Roberts, Laurie and Brandon Morrissette, and Kimberly L. Reali; her mom, Judy Paige; her grandchildren/‘Pea Pods’, Donté, and Ámya; Mikey, and Audrina; Julia, and Madisen; Farrah, Olivia, and Phoenix. She also leaves her siblings, Karen and Chris LaTour, Jeff and

Chrissy Quinn, Korey and Steven Woodard, Ted and Carolyn Quinn, Ryan Quinn and Jill Dixon-Mitchell; her stepmother, Patricia Quinn; cherished nephews and nieces; great-nephews, great-nieces, in-laws, Judy Riolo, Tony and Char Reali, and Diane Munn. Kelly was blessed with friends who she loved as family, Rosie Levinia, Toni Velazquez, Cathy and Jack, and Florence and Barry Fabrey. She was predeceased by her stepdad, Charles Bolon; and beloved friends, Carol, Donna, and Gladys, as well as many others.

The family extends their appreciation to the staff of the Regional Cancer Center and the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center; the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially the angels, Crystal, Ann, and Irene. Special thanks to Heather and Kayleigh who were personal nurses and outstanding friends to Kelly and the family.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Kelly's funeral service and Christian Celebration of Life will commence on Friday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Mike Jones, officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 10.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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## Service

**MAR 10.** 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *It has been a great many years since we've sat and talked over tea, but it was an everyday ritual with rosie...I will always remember our times,talks and laughs. May you rest in peace now my friend. You will forever be remembered!!!*



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**Shari paulson** - March 10, 2017 at 04:52 PM



“ *Bill Hajdasz lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



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**Bill Hajdasz** - March 10, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo.*



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March 10, 2017 at 02:07 AM



“ *Lavender Dreams was purchased for the family of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo.*



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March 09, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ *Wanda Wooden lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



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**Wanda Wooden** - March 09, 2017 at 02:33 PM



*As a co-worker, and friend at Headstart, we shook the floor together a couple of times...her smile and friendliness was contagious. Always to be remembered Kelly, RIP!  
Wanda*

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**Wanda Wooden** - March 09, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo.*



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March 08, 2017 at 07:40 PM

MG

“ my dear friend Judy so sad for your loss. lost a son recently so can identify with what you are feeling. A hug from me and family to you. love ya friend  
Martha S. Griffith

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**Martha S. Griffith** - March 08, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JD

“ Kelly thank you being my friend

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**JOHN DAVERN** - March 08, 2017 at 03:44 PM

BH

Toy Departed freind thank you for being there for me and my children Jennifer, Catherine Zachary .always remember the drive in movies with Mike and the kids it took 2 cars for all of us to go.you were amazing freind and you always kept my secrets .until we meet again having you Mike and both my boys meeting me at the gates of. Heaven. Please give your girls and mine the strength to say goodbye

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**Bobbi Hunter** - March 08, 2017 at 08:11 PM

 Crystal Pike

“ The last time I seen aunt Kelly was on Halloween I'm not sure when it was but I'm pretty sure it was b4 I moved outta utica, but she still amazing woman, she even sat there with the family & watch tv, n had laugh with us all but even thou she had her worst day but we all made her day like always...love you & miss you already aunt Kelly :(  
!!! Fly high with the rest of the angels beautiful

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**Crystal Pike** - March 08, 2017 at 01:33 PM

DG

“ I last saw/spoke with Kelly in line at the WalMart checkout when she was first diagnosed and awaiting confirmation from further tests. In true Kelly fashion, her greatest concern was for how it would affect her family....NOT what she was about to face. I promised her prayers, and in return I got a "Kelly hug" and a "Kelly smile." May your wonderful memories help to carry you through this extremely difficult time. Until we meet again, may your soul be in peace.

Debbie Gates Gibbs - March 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM

MT

“ Rest in Peace Kelly. I know you will always be with the people that love you in spirit. You were so strong and amazing. You taught your children and all around you the same. May God Bless your girls and give them continued strength....

Love, Mary Ann Reali-Thompson

Mary Reali Thompson - March 08, 2017 at 10:17 AM



Rose  
McFarland

“ Kelly - You were and always will be in my heart and my memories...you were the best friend that anyone can count on. I remember all our good times and wish there were more to come. But the moment came where you needed to best ANGEL that god needed. You will always be loved my dear best - friend - sister. MUCH LOVE TO YOU MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND/SISTER !!!!  
XOXOXOXOOXXO  
LOVE ROSIE

Rose McFarland - March 08, 2017 at 10:16 AM



DP

“ *Diana Pierce lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



**Diana Pierce** - March 08, 2017 at 10:08 AM

DP

*To Sue and all her family we are very sorry for your loss. I loved your mom she was always sweet and up beat person. Worked hard for her family. She will be missed. Prayers for you and your family for God to give you strength and peace. Love Diana and Tom Pierce.*

**Diana Pierce** - March 08, 2017 at 10:12 AM



“ *Kelly Marek lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



**Kelly Marek** - March 08, 2017 at 09:38 AM

DR

“ *Danielle Rossi lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



**Danielle Rossi** - March 08, 2017 at 09:13 AM

RM

“ *May your mom be in the arms of the Lord watching you for eternity.*



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**Ron Merritt** - March 08, 2017 at 08:39 AM

SA

“ *Sally lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



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**Sally** - March 08, 2017 at 08:00 AM

DS

“ *Dorothy Saponaro lit a candle in memory of Kelly L. (Quinn) Reali-Caputo*



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**dorothy saponaro** - March 08, 2017 at 07:40 AM

DS

*GOD HAS ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL ANGEL...*

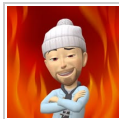
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**dorothy saponaro** - March 08, 2017 at 07:41 AM



“ My mother was a kind, strong, caring, compassionate, funny, and most importantly...a loving woman. She gave this world more than she took. She was welcoming to strangers, and treated everyone like family. Her door was always open to a friend or foe in need. She made friends with people from all walks of life and never judged ANY of them. She knew what it was to struggle and she knew how it felt to be set. She urged the world to smile and to be kind to one another. She believed there was always something positive and beautiful from ANY negative situation. She was always just great like that :) being able to always believe is something better. She worked hard to get me and my sister into a better Living situation. Everything we have , everything we've learned, everything WE ARE...is because of our Mother. She was by FAR the greatest person I was ever blessed to have in my life and was able to love...she was an angel amongst all, and God just needed her back home. I love you Mom. It's never goodbye. I'll see ya soon.

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**Laurie Morrissette** - March 08, 2017 at 06:43 AM



*Well said Laurie*

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**Dboy Litz** - March 08, 2017 at 06:46 AM

RM

*Simply beautiful.*

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**RoseMarie McFarland** - March 08, 2017 at 07:52 AM

DR

*Beautiful Laurie*

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**Danielle Rossi** - March 08, 2017 at 09:15 AM