



Laura C. (Brucker) Salvatore

March 31, 1949 - September 6, 2007

Mrs. Laura C. (Brucker) Salvatore, age 58, of Frankfort, passed away on Thursday, September 6, 2007 in the comfort of her home with her loving family and friends by her side.

Born in Utica on March 31, 1949, Laura was the daughter of the late William and Joyce (Marshall) Brucker. Raised and educated locally, she was a 1967 graduate of Utica Free Academy. On October 5, 1968 she married Michael L. Salvatore. As a couple, they were perfectly matched to each other's personality and were blessed with a 38-year union that exemplified what true love and a good marriage should be.

Proud to have been a mother who was able to stay home and raise her daughters, Laura also held positions as a receptionist at various Obstetrics and Gynecology offices in the Utica area for 22 years. She loved the fact that she could be an advocate for the patients. Her selfless nature and compassionate soul were the foundation of her many acts of kindness. Her home was open to family, friends, and neighbors, and they were truly welcomed. A great entertainer with a spirit of loyalty and a unique and priceless sense of humor, she also had great strength of character and a resilient nature which allowed her to endure and persevere during her illness with cancer. Laura collected angels, and sea shells. She was intrigued by sea life, especially whales. Her most enjoyable times were spent at Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard immersed in the relaxation of the ocean, the sand, and the quaintness and natural beauty of the area. Indeed, she considered herself a

“Capie”. She took pleasure in gardening and decorating her home especially at Halloween and Christmas and was a great cook with a gourmet style of presentation. She pursued beading and creative arts including wreath making, and bestowed thoughtfully handcrafted remembrances, creative baskets, and cakes to family and friends. At one time she volunteered at the Frankfort Center Firehouse with the Auxiliary Fire Dept. along with her husband who was very devoted. She taught religious instruction classes and acquired a deeper spirituality through the experience. She was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Laura is survived by her husband and best friend Mike; her daughters and “sons”, Deanna and Vinny Lercara of Utica, and Michelle and Paul Brown of Marcy; and her ‘canine son’ Hannibal, with whom she shared a special closeness. Also surviving are her sister and brother-in-law, Wendy and John Grems of Frankfort; her brother and sister-in-law, William and Lisa Brucker of TN; her great-aunts, great-uncles, aunts, uncles, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Carmen J., Sr. and Carol Salvatore and Regina and Stephen Synakowski. She also leaves many meaningful friendships which blessed and enhanced her life. She was predeceased by her brother, Michael Brucker; and her in-laws, Carl and Jennie Salvatore.

A truly sincere and grateful thank you is rendered to Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Samir Desai and their staff; the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center Intensive Care Unit and 2 West; Dr. Scott Brehaut and Nurse Practitioner Natalya Akhtyrsky; and the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. team, Nancy Crawford, R.N. who embraced Laura with such professionalism and personal ways, which were comforting, uplifting, and encouraging to her. A special thank you is to be expressed to Laura’s family and friends for their continued support and love.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial

contributions in Laura's honor to the Regional Cancer Center or Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Laura's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where her Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will be celebrated.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Mr. Salvatore, Michelle & Deanna, Mr. and Mrs. Synakowski, Chris and Shawna,
I'm so so sorry to hear of Mrs. Salvatore's passing. She, as with all of you, have been amazing neighbors and friends to our family, and I know we'll miss her.
I'll never forget all the help she was during my graduation party and how great it was to have you all there.
You're in my thoughts even though I couldn't make it home!
-Maria##imported-begin##Maria Vallese##imported-end##

September 10, 2007 at 04:04 PM



“ Mike and family, there are no words to tell you how sorry Tony and I were when we heard about Laura's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you .She was a beautiful lady, with a beautiful smile and a personality to match. All the wonderful memories you have will hopefully help you through the days ahead. Thinking of you always, Mary & tony##imported-begin##mary & tony grasso##imported-end##

September 10, 2007 at 12:02 PM



“ Mike and Family,
I did not know Laura, but I have gotten to know Mike over the course of a few years when he was my bus driver and also a close friend of my grandfather's. I'm sorry I could not make the services, as I was out of town. But know that my condolences and prayers are with you all. -Marty Ciaccia##imported-begin##Martin Ciaccia##imported-end##

September 10, 2007 at 11:53 AM



“ Dear Mr. Salvatore, Michelle & Deanna,
I am so very sorry to hear about Mrs. Salvatore's passing. My father & I are thinking of you at this time. He wanted to go see you yesterday but wasn't feeling well. She was such a wonderful woman. I remember how much time I spent at your home as a kid. She always made me feel like I was a part of the family. I wish I could be there. My love to all of you. You are in my prayers. Love always, Jacki (LaFache) Lukasik##imported-begin##Jacki (LaFache) Lukasik##imported-end##

September 10, 2007 at 11:48 AM



“ Laura will be missed. She took me under her wing at Medical Arts when I started. She was a true friend and always showed compassion to her co-workers and the patients there. My thoughts and prayers are with you all now at this most difficult time.
Brenda Gray##imported-begin##Brenda Boehlert Gray##imported-end##

September 10, 2007 at 09:44 AM



“ A very wonderful lady has been lost, but she will always be looking down upon us as an angel of god!

She is no longer in pain. You too will heal only with time. I am truly sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you Deanna and your family.

Love Ree##imported-begin##Maria Denato - Good Friend of Deanna##imported-end##

September 09, 2007 at 11:23 PM



“ We hadn't known Laura for very long, but...we surely developed a "very special" bond with one another. My life was enriched by her friendship. She was an amazing woman and we will miss her deeply. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Mike and your family, during this very difficult time. You were a wonderful husband to Laura.##imported-begin##Bill and Nannette Britt##imported-end##

September 09, 2007 at 04:23 PM



“ MICHAEL, DEANNA ,MICHELE,AND FAMILY WE ARE BOTH SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, AND SO SORRY WE CANNOT BE THERE WITH YOU PHYSICALLY BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE THERE WITH YOU MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY. LAURA WAS A WONDERFUL WOMEN AND WILL BE MISSED BY SO MANY. WE ALL HAVE WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF HER. ALL OF YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WITH LOVE AND THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY, TOM,JOANNE AND FAMILY##imported-begin##TOM & JOANNE LAFLUER- MYRTLE BEACH,SOUTH CAROLINA##imported-end##

September 09, 2007 at 10:54 AM



“ Mike and family, we want to express our sorrow for your loss. I know my parents are very sad about the loss of such a wonderful person. We wish we could be there at this time but please know you all are in our hearts and prayers.
Love, Andrea Raiano (daughter of andy and Jill)##imported-begin##Andrea Raiano##imported-end##

September 08, 2007 at 08:56 PM



“ Mike, Deanna, Michelle & family,

I'm so sorry to hear about Laura. I know you were always a very close-knit family and you will miss her dearly. She always had a kind word to say to me whenever she saw me, and I will miss seeing her when we all get together at Steve & Regina's. I'm very sorry for your loss.

Mary Zarnoch-Riley

(Steve Synakowski's sister)##imported-begin##Mary Zarnoch-Riley##imported-end##

September 08, 2007 at 02:17 PM



“ You are always in our Prayers & our Hearts. You will also be remembered by your LITTLE ANGEL##imported-begin##Mr & Mrs William Gautreau (Hellen & Bill)##imported-end##

September 08, 2007 at 11:36 AM