



## Mrs. Marissa A. "Rissy" (Gentile) Wendt

February 15, 1971 - May 30, 2018

SYRACUSE/NEW HARTFORD- Mrs. Marissa A. "Rissy" (Gentile) Wendt, age 47, went directly to Heaven to be with the Lord when she passed away during the hour of Divine Mercy on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 in the comfort of her parents' home with her entire family by her side. Marissa fought cancer valiantly for two and a half years before she succumbed to the disease.

Born in Utica on February 15, 1971, Marissa was the daughter of Wayne and Sylvia (Skane) Gentile. She attended St. Peter's Catholic Grammar School and was a graduate of New Hartford High School/Class of 1990. She continued her education at Mohawk Valley Community College where she took prerequisite courses that prepared her for the State Board Exam to enter the field of nursing as a professional Registered Nurse. On February 29, 2008 she married Karl J. Wendt. Karl felt blessed to have such a good wife and a remarkable relationship. Marissa was the captain of the ship, and Karl was her co-captain.

Marissa worked as a Registered Nurse in local hospitals in Utica and in the Home Care Division at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse. She was a compassionate, caring nurse and was beloved by her patients and co-workers. She had a big heart for humanity and incredible patience. Marissa was meant to work in the medical field and was especially proud of her professional accomplishments.

Marissa had a hysterical sense of humor and the quickest, most sassy wit. She was a makeup diva, and her beautiful smile lit up a room. She brought life

to the party and laughter to everyone's lips. She was fond of family gatherings and outdoor activities, especially at the family camp at Otter Lake in the Adirondacks. She loved the pine and cedar scent of the outdoor air, bon fires, and she was the queen of s'mores. Whenever they were fishing she was the first to reel one in, much to the dismay of her brother! She enjoyed shopping, and she loved to cook and bake. She watched cooking shows focused on Cajun and Southern food, and programs featuring her favorite comedians. She believed in the Lord and was a parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. She promised to meet her loved ones at the bench, just outside the gate of Heaven, and she will bring hope to all!

Marissa is survived by her husband, Karl; her devoted parents, Wayne and Sylvia; her beautiful daughters, Sydney, Mackenzie, and Xiomara "Xio", all of whom she loved with all her heart; she had a special love for Jordan Gentile along with Chelsea and Olivia. She will remain in the hearts of her siblings and their loves, Wayne, Jr. and Susan (Wagner) Gentile, and Rochelle and Chad Hull; her nieces, nephews, including Austin, and Paige Gentile, Hope, and Hannah Russo, Josh, Chad Jr., and Isabella Hull; uncles and aunts, including Anthony and Phyliss Gentile; numerous cousins; and mother-in-law, Kay Wendt. She remained in close contact with her grammar school friends, especially Janene "Bird" Tirado, Matt Mackay, Joe Carlo, Jr., and her nursing school friend, Michelle Conte. She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Albert C. and Frances Gentile; and her especially beloved maternal grandparents, Anthony "Ba" and Thelma "Gigi" Skane.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Dr. Sharon Springer, Dr. Olga Klingerman, the nurses, and the staff of Hematology-Oncology Associates, Syracuse; the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their outstanding care; a special thank you to Reverend Joseph Salerno and Father Tom Servatius for their visits and their blessings, and the many in the Tuesday Rosary prayer group hosted by Jim and Patty Salerno, and her sister Bernie Hughes who offered their prayers up for Marissa; her co-workers and company administrators who were amazing, supportive, and generous beyond

expectation; her sister, Rochelle “Roey”, her friend Janene, and her sister-in-law, Sue; they all worked diligently organizing Marissa’s fundraiser last July which was such a hopeful and inspiring event.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Contributions in Marissa’s memory may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <http://hospicecareinc.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Marissa’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

“Until we meet again...”

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 3.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

**JUN 4.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church  
1736 Burrstone Road  
New Hartford, NY

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ Wayne, Sylvia and family...you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I have been reminiscing about the times I spent with her as a child. I regret that I never knew her as an adult.... I posted pictures on Facebook that I have of her. May God give you special Grace through the healing process. Cathy Mammone Soldato

Cathy Mammone Soldato - June 03, 2018 at 08:51 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marissa A. "Rissy" (Gentile) Wendt.



June 03, 2018 at 10:27 AM

RA

“ Marissa-It seems like yesterday when we dated back in 1996. We met through your sister Rochelle who I worked with at Fays on Kellogg Road. Years later we kept in touch on Facebook. We had mentioned that one day when I was back in NY we would catch up over some coffee. Hold that cup of coffee for me up in Heaven.

Richard Aikin,Jr. - June 03, 2018 at 08:25 AM

LM

“ Our deepest condolences to Wayne and Sylvia , Marissa's Husband and Girls and to the rest of the family. You will remain in our hearts and prayers.

Larry and June Matheis - June 02, 2018 at 07:56 PM

MB

“ *Marissa, I will never forget you. Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. Fly high pretty lady!*

Michelle Glod Bach - June 01, 2018 at 08:25 PM

TZ

“ *Sylvia and Wayne, please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of such a beautiful woman. God only takes the best and you will be in our prayers to get thru this difficult time.*  
*Ray and Terry Zangrilli*

Terry Zangrilli - June 01, 2018 at 03:00 PM

MK

“ *Rochelle-sending you and your beautiful family , a ton of love, hugs and prayers during this difficult time. Please know how much you are loved,*



Melissa Kolb - June 01, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marissa A. "Rissy" (Gentile) Wendt.*



June 01, 2018 at 09:08 AM

RP

“ Wayne, Sylvia....our deepest condolences to you....Jesus has another Angel in Heaven. Our daughter, who passed 4 years ago is our angel and now your daughter. Our prayers go out to you.....Ralph and Rosemarie Paladino



Ralph Paladino - May 31, 2018 at 09:46 PM



For some reason, one particular memory stands out for me when I think of Marissa. My sister and I were traveling cross country having left a very unpleasant visit to California and were headed to Canada. So, of course, we decided to pay a visit to our upstate relatives. specifically, my Aunt Thelma who we knew would take us in. Claudia had roots and a place to live in Tampa. but I was essentially homeless. Marissa was living in my aunt's upstairs apartment IIRC. And the three of us sat outside and talked for probably two or three hours about the uncertainty of our futures and feeling kind of restless and at sea. I felt like I really bonded with my second cousin that night. I will always remember her with great fondness,

MarshaElaine Strong - June 11, 2018 at 10:11 PM