



Martha Dannenhauer

January 22, 1947 - November 24, 2017

ROME - Martha A. (Emm) Dannenhauer, age 70, reached the end of her journey as she passed away on Friday, November 24, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center amid the comfort of her loved ones.

Born in Syracuse on January 22, 1947, Martha was the daughter of the late Dr. William C. and Dorothy (Cummings) Emm. She graduated from Nazareth College in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. Martha's main employment was with the New York Telephone Company, later known as Verizon, in the Business Office at the Syracuse location. She retired in 2003 after 26 years of service. Martha's profession was well-matched to her personality of connecting to people. She was poised, precise, and persuasive in her service style and was admired by her co-workers. Martha's mannerism was a mixture of silly and sarcastic. She appreciated humor and loved laughter. She had a dash of a controlling personality, mitigated by a preponderance of good intentions and love.

Selfless in her actions, self-assured in her thoughts, and self-directing in her humanitarian efforts, Martha's altruistic attributes were instilled by her parents who were role models for compassion and integrity. They believed in education, lifelong learning, and a solid work ethic. In 1997, Martha completed her Master's program in Adult Education and Literacy from Syracuse University. She took leadership in this area and volunteered at the Learning Place in Syracuse. Most recently through AARP, she prepared tax returns and was an advocate for those in need of assistance. She also oversaw the

Business Center at the Turning Stone Casino for a period of time.

She was raised and nurtured with a strong Catholic influence and sustained a deep spirituality in God and his plan and her role in that plan. She surrendered to his will and was ready for whatever he had in store.

Martha was grateful to God for giving her a daughter who fought for her life at birth and became her whole world. Though faced with challenges, Martha was a great mom, attentive, aware, and accommodating of her daughter's life. She wanted the best for Sarah! She was graced with two grandchildren, Sam and Carla, and was extremely close to them. She helped raise them, watched them grow, and loved them so much. All she wanted was for them to have the best that life had to offer. She will always be present in their lives from above, to guide and assure them of her love.

Martha was also blessed with a bond with her friend Pat. Although they were diverse in spirit, they were kindred in soul. They came to love each other, formed a family, and worked as a team to accomplish challenging goals. Some of their intentions have not been carried out, but Pat will continue the mission. Pat has risen to the challenge above and beyond what anyone could expect in seeing Martha through the myriad of needs during her journey. On their more adventurous side, they were off season travelers, favoring the beauty of the East Coast, as well as the lights and shows of LasVegas. All in all, it has been a great life, and "that's that!"

Martha is survived by her daughter, Sarah A. Richards; her grandchildren, Samuel W. Richards, US Air Force and his wife Nicole, and Carla A. Buffett; her sister, Catherine Remsberg; and her best friend and house mate, Pat Webb. Martha found friendships that were unique to different phases of her life and meant so much to her, especially Cheryl and Bob Thomas, SJBA friends, college friends, and Verizon friends. She felt that "friends are angels that help you stand when your wings are broken". Among her greatest loves were her four legged companions Max and Molly, and she always remembered Lady Girl and Susie who have gone before her. They all kept her laughing and filled her heart with unconditional love. She was predeceased by

her brother-in-law, Stanley Ray Remsberg.

The family is grateful to Dr. Atul Butala and his entire office staff for their unparalleled guidance and kindness; the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center 6th Floor staff who were outstanding and amazing in their loving care and personal time devoted to Martha. Many friends were made in this place and time and Martha was thankful and personally touched by their compassionate care. The amazing Intensive Care Unit angels gave Martha the most graceful send-off to her new life. A sincere thank you to the Floyd Volunteer EMT's for their timely response. Special appreciation to Fr. Anthony LaFache for his spiritual support and administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Martha's funeral service and Celebration of life which will commence on Monday, December 11, at 9:00 am at St. John the Baptist Church, 406 Court Street, Syracuse, NY, where her Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Father Michael Carmola. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Inurnment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Dewitt. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Martha's memory may make a donation to the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah 84741 or online at <https://www.bestfriends.org>.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ John McCabe lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer



John McCabe - December 05, 2017 at 06:29 PM

JM

Martha, you were such fun to work with as a volunteer in the AARP Tax Aide Program. Your thirst for knowledge, your dedication and effort towards helping others will remain an example for a long time.

John McCabe - December 05, 2017 at 06:33 PM

CL

“ Cheri Lamphere lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer



Cheri Lamphere - December 04, 2017 at 01:14 AM

ST

“ SALLY J TALCOTT lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer



SALLY J TALCOTT - December 03, 2017 at 08:08 PM

DH

“ *May you rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior .
God bless you and your family and all those who cared for you in
this life .*

Dr. David H. George

Dr David H.George - December 01, 2017 at 07:18 PM

PG

“ *Such a shock to read about Martha. I'm in
shock & in Florida visiting my son & family. I'm
sad I won't be able to attend her services. RIP
sweet Martha. Gone too soon.*

Peggy Garvey-Miner



Peggy Garvey-Miner - December 01, 2017 at 03:14 PM

FT

“ *Dear Martha, It has been a long time, but we did have some
wonderful times together. We shared laughter & tears, we shared
the stories of our children! You always were impressive with your
intelligence & generosity! God Bless You Martha, may your name
remain eternal! God Bless your family & all those who loved & cared
for you!*

Francine Thomas - November 29, 2017 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ *Too soon to say goodbye to Martha. We weren't ready for this, but
she had fought hard and deserved to rest and be free of pain and
discomfort. I am so thankful that Jo & I were able to be with you &
Martha when her time came. She was a very special part of our
family. I hope she knows that....*

Diane & Randy Mohr - November 29, 2017 at 05:37 PM

MH

“ How do you say goodbye to a BFF, as my granddaughter says,- emphasis on Forever? Kindergarden Halloween costumes, a birthday present Brick, Bonanza in "Living Color", learning to dance to Dick Clark's bandstand, friday night basketball - Go SJBA!, Cap & Gowns, College adventure, all the adult life joys - 50th class reunion- and struggles.

You made a life full of strength and love.

To paraphrase Bogart -- We'll always have the Grand 70th Birthday Party and your Love.

Mary H

M. Hummer - November 29, 2017 at 10:21 AM

MB

“ *It is so hard to believe that Martha has passed on. She touched so many of our lives with her enormous generosity of spirit and huge loving heart. My first memories of Martha began in kindergarten at SJBA - how could anyone so little have all those curls??? Our friendship grew not only as school mates, but imagine my joy when my family moved to Cadillac St. and Martha lived only 3 houses away! We spent endless hours playing in her finished basement and skating on the home-made rink her Dad made for her in winter. In 2014, our class had a 50th reunion which we 'forced' Martha to attend, and of course, she lit up the room. She shared her profound wisdom and life lessons, or made us laugh with that incredible dry wit and physical humor. The class of '64 and all whose lives were touched and enriched by Martha will miss her so much, and we will never forget her. My deepest condolences to her family and all her friends.*

Mary Lou Bender

Mary Lou Bender - November 29, 2017 at 10:19 AM

BH

“ As I sit here, still stunned by the news of my good friend, Martha's passing, trying to make some sense of this great loss, I can only find solace in knowing she's no longer in pain, she's suffering no more and although she's no longer physically here with so many of us whose lives she touched and we loved, the memories she's given me will never be forgotten...

She was my mentor, my colleague and my dear friend, a big part of my Verizon life, and someone who I always looked up to. I'll keep her in my thoughts and prayers along with her partner in crime, Pat. Rest peacefully, my friend....

brigette holl - November 28, 2017 at 10:38 PM

KH

“ Martha- gone but will never be forgotten, you fought hard.



Karin & Trey Hellwig - November 28, 2017 at 09:27 PM

NI

“ Nicole lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer



Nicole - November 28, 2017 at 05:38 PM

DA

“ To all those you knew and loved Martha... May God's peace, the only true peace, rest and abound in your hearts.

*This picture of Martha is exactly how I will always remember her..the words written of her have described her to a tee!
Martha has a special place in my heart....I might open an IRA in honor of her(right PW!)*

*PW--Prayers and hugs to you my friend! We know where Martha is!
She so graciously and triumphantly called upon God in a time of need...and He heard her!*

Love to all

Dawn Ellen

Dawn - November 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM

PW

How special you are, Dawn Ellen! You go girl with that IRA! She would be so very proud of you.

Pat webb - November 28, 2017 at 10:10 PM

SM

“ *Sandy Mack lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer*



sandy mack - November 28, 2017 at 06:56 AM

JT

“ *Jordan Tine lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer*



jordan tine - November 27, 2017 at 10:29 PM

PW

“ *Pat Walter lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer*



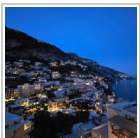
Pat Walter - November 27, 2017 at 09:15 PM

AS

“ *April Schad lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer*



April Schad - November 27, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Donna Bonfiglio lit a candle in memory of Martha Dannenhauer*



Donna Bonfiglio - November 27, 2017 at 06:32 AM