



Mary T. Allanson

November 3, 1953 - September 7, 2019

UTICA- Mary T. Allanson, age 65, went home to God after a courageous battle with cancer, with those she loved most in her heart.

Born in Clinton on November 3, 1953, Mary was a daughter of the late James Crawford and Mary Frances “Franny” Allanson. She also knew the love and support from her late stepfather Arthur Evans.

Mary was a graduate of Clinton High School Class of 1971. She went on to receive a Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Rochester. Initially Mary worked as a Psychiatric Nurse and eventually began working in the field of chemical dependence earning a NYS Counseling Certification at the Oneida County Alcoholism Day Rehabilitation Program. She later transitioned to Insight House Chemical Dependency Services. Mary incorporated spiritual and alternative methods to heal the mind, body and soul of her patients, including becoming a certified acupuncturist. She was very passionate about her work, it was something she could intrinsically appreciate as she herself was celebrating 30+ years of recovery. Mary continued in her career accepting a position as a Coordinator for the City of Utica drug court, and later as a Coordinator for the Herkimer County drug court, a position she later retired from. Through their work relationship Mary met her life partner Rochelle “Shelly” Cardillo. Their common clients, ethics and interests brought them together. Mary and Shelly were blessed with many loving years spent traveling, laughing and taking care of their many feline companions. On October 22, 2018 after 25 treasured

years, they were wed. Mary was battling cancer at this time and this marriage was an affirmation of their commitment to one another. Shelly stayed by her side until the very end.

A loving and giving soul, Mary had a deep spiritual connection to God. She trusted him and relied upon him for guidance and peace as she journeyed to the end of this life. She was a great listener and inspired others to be the best version of themselves through her wisdom and comforting heart. She was eclectic in her passions and pleasures, always appreciating fine jewelry and food and was a voracious reader.

Growing up Mary cherished summers at the family camp at North Lake and also in Cape Cod with her cousins. Later in life she would enjoy spending her time in Verona Beach on Oneida Lake with Shelly's family.

Mary is survived by her wife and life partner Shelly Cardillo, sister and brother-in-law Jo and Sam Weiss, brother Eric Allanson, and sister-in-law Kit (Allanson) and Steve Miller. Nieces and nephews James (Jamie) Crawford Allanson III and Lori Dawley, Kili Weiss, Willie and Shelly Weiss, Mac and Shaela Weiss, Dewey and Erica Weiss and Cody Weiss, Marika and Erika Krull, Naomi and Joshua Roof, Tomi and Mark Pogact, Otto Allanson, Lara and Adam Enders, Ben and Janelle Allanson, as well as 19 grand nieces and nephews. She also leaves members of Shelly's family, including her brothers-in-law Joseph Cardillo and Timothy Wissenbach, sisters and brother-in-law Gina Cardillo, Marisa and Matt Brooks, Donna and the late Victor Cardillo.

Nieces and nephews

Victoria Cardillo and Anthony Mangano, Patrick Cardillo and Cheyenne Hawkins. She also held the memory of Shelly's late parents Rufino and Beverly Cardillo very close in her heart. Mary will be deeply missed by her best friend and "sister of the heart" Suada Covic and Suada's family; husband Zemir and sons Zehrudin and Zenedin. Suada was such a great comfort and was by her side until the end, they could not have been more blessed to call each other family. Mary also leaves behind her step brother and sister, Arthur Evans and Becky Evans Rossi, many cousins, with special mention of Patti

Anania and Julie Rowan. Friends, Linda Houk and Elaine Clark, Will Brown, The Valley Girls (Allison, Leslie, Carol and Linda) and Robert- they were all a great source of inspiration and support. She was predeceased by her brothers James Crawford Allanson II, and Robert Allanson as well as her step sister Meghan Evans Wahl and many aunts and uncles.

The family is grateful to Dr. Atul Butala and his staff, Nurse Practitioner Brenda Carney, the entire 6th floor staff at MVHS @ St. Luke's and the personnel at the Siegenthaler Center, all of which were outstanding in tending to Mary with care and compassion during her final journey.

Mary's celebration of life, including visitation and a memorial service will all take place at Daniele at Valley View, 620 Memorial Parkway Utica NY.

Visitation will commence on Sunday from 2-4:30 with a memorial service to follow. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., online <https://hospicecareinc.org>. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Daniele at Valley View
620 Memorial Parkway
Utica, NY 13501

Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 4:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ I was very saddened to read that Mary has passed away. I met her through my employment with the State in Utica (VESID at the time), and we became friends. I visited her as well while she was employed in Herkimer and then lost touch as time went on. I have thought of her often over the years, always remembering her sweet personality, gentleness and kindness. Heaven has gained a true ange. My thoughts are with her entire family...she will not be forgotten.

Sharon Sobolewski - September 23, 2019 at 12:37 AM

KG

“ We are so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. We just returned home and found out. Are hearts and thoughts are with you and your family...Karen, Spiros & Michael - Acropolis Greek Restaurant....

Karen Gentile - September 20, 2019 at 07:57 AM

ND

“ Shelly, my condolences on your loss. I have fond memories of working with you and Mary. She was very dedicated to her work. She is gone too soon. God's peace be with you and your family. 🕊

Nancy DeAngelis - September 20, 2019 at 12:23 AM

JU

“ When I think of Mary, I see her beautiful, sparkling smile, and I hear her laughing. She was a ray of sunshine in many lives. It's terribly sad that she didn't have more time in this world. Her love will live on through Jo, Eric, Shelly, and everyone who knew and loved her.



Judy - September 19, 2019 at 05:28 PM

DN

“ so very very sad to hear of mary's passing.i will always have a very special place in my heart for mary. she believed in me and helped me find my way when I was lost. such a kind soul, thinking of her will always make me smile. thank you mary !! my condolences to her family.

David Nimey - September 18, 2019 at 12:07 PM

LH

“ We will forever love and miss you my sweet Mary. Sending much love to you Shelly. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of her journey home 💕💕

Linda and Ken Houck - September 18, 2019 at 08:50 AM

PR

“ I share the sadness of all those that loved Mary. My deepest sympathy to Jo, Kit, Eric, Art and Becky, most of all to her loving wife.
Mary, you will remain in my heart and thoughts always.

Pamela Ray - September 18, 2019 at 07:24 AM

JB

“ Mary will be alive in the hearts of those that loved her. A person that had so many gifts, but I shall remember her twinkling gaze that made you understand what an old soul she was. That intonation of her voice, and her perfect diction, always humored.. rarely shocked. Shelly, my sincerest sympathies and love. May her memory be eternal.

John Brown - September 16, 2019 at 07:58 AM

PA

*I share the same thoughts & feelings about Mary.
Thank you for expressing them. 💜*

patti - September 18, 2019 at 09:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Mary T. Allanson.*



September 16, 2019 at 07:46 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mary T. Allanson.*



September 15, 2019 at 09:09 PM

CB

“ *Connie, Art, and Becky purchased the Fairest of
All for the family of Mary T. Allanson.*



Connie, Art, and Becky - September 15, 2019 at 08:37 AM

RW

“ *Mary, I am truly saddened about your passing.*

To Shelly, her family and her friends my deepest condolences in the passing of Mary.

A little story about how I met Mary and how she made an impact on my life and helped me become the person I am today.

It was Insight House 1998-1999, I wanted to try acupuncture but skeptical about it and really did not believe in it. Mary not only got me to believe in it but helped me through rough patches of my life and helped me become the better person I am today.

I hated that dang tea she pushed during the acupuncture sessions, but later in life I realized how much that tea helped me relax and assisted me in focusing on the task at hand. So thank you Mary. She truly was an amazing person.

She also helped me get grounded with my spiritual side and helped me understand that spirituality is not just about religion but a connection. So again thank you.

I also will always remember the care and compassion Mary had for her clients/patients.

When I got into the field and saw Mary after several years, I think there was a bit of amazement by few others but not Mary, she told me she knew I had it in me to accomplish what I set my mind to and I was able to do that because of Mary's encouragement. So again thank you.

I knew that I have not seen Mary in several years but I know this, God gain a beautiful amazing angel and Mary will be missed by many.. God Speed.

Roxann Wilkinson - September 13, 2019 at 04:23 PM

LG

“ Shelly my deepest sympathy to you and the family and friends who loved Mary. I am so sorry for your loss.

Lisa Gilberti - September 13, 2019 at 02:30 PM

RL

“ Mary you're sure going to be missed I can't tell you enough how you help me in drug Court my sister Norma left February 10th could you please tell her I said hi and I always called you my angel now you really are love you Roger

Roger Lanphere - September 12, 2019 at 04:26 AM

RL

I'm sorry my sister Norma left August 31 2019 Wow Mary was one of a kind and surely going to be missed

Roger Lanphere - September 12, 2019 at 04:48 AM

JL

“ Oh Mary you are too soon gone. We loved your beauty, your dimples, your realistic take on life. I hope you and your Mom are enjoying each other's company at the water's edge, gazing at a beautiful sunset. Love, cousin Jeannie and family.

Jeannie Leach - September 10, 2019 at 08:24 PM