



Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio

October 23, 1947 - March 15, 2014

Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio, age 66, passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the 3 o'clock "Hour of Mercy", a time of reflection of Christ's Passion during Lent. Her passing occurred at Mohawk Valley Health Systems @ Faxton-St. Luke's Health Care Center with her family by her side, after a long struggle. Born in Utica on October 23, 1947, Mary Jane was the daughter of the late Patsy Amelio and Lorraine Anzalone. Raised and educated locally, she attended T.R. Proctor High School. At one time, she was married to Michael L. Plescia, a union that was blessed with two wonderful children.

For more than nine years, MJ and her son owned and operated Club Nautico Boat Rentals in the Florida Keys, a business in the midst of a marina and a seafaring culture that she loved. Upon her return to Utica, she applied her natural sales skills in managing the family company, Power Performers, a task she not only loved, but also one in which she excelled. MJ was an empathetic person who did not judge people, but accepted them for who they were, faults notwithstanding. She was a great mother and a gentle grandmother. An excellent homemaker, she had a flair for home décor and interior design that reflected her creativity and beautiful persona. A two-time cancer survivor, she volunteered her time at Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. a few years ago. She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. During her lifetime, Mary Jane was loved by all, loved all, and will be missed by all.

Mary Jane is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Brenda L. and Robert H. Johnson, Jr. of New Hartford; her son and daughter-in-law, Michael A. and

Christa M. Plescia of Whitesboro; and her grandchildren, who affectionately called her Grammy: Gabrielle, Alexander, and Garrett Johnson, Abbigail, Victoria, and Isabella Plescia, and Jayden Mueller. Always close to her heart was the memory of her grandson, Mitchell Avery Johnson, who preceded her in death on December 29, 2005 and with whom she is now reunited. Also left to mourn her passing are her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Lee Szymanski of NJ; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins including Renee Dale, Eric Dale; Frank and Maricella Amelio, Anthony and Michelle Amelio, and their families. She is also survived by her many cherished friends. She was predeceased by her brother, Robert Amelio who passed before his time, and whom she dearly loved.

The family extends appreciation to the doctors and staff of the 6th Floor Hospice & Palliative Care Unit at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for the fine medical attentiveness rendered to MJ as a dear family member.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary Jane's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 10:00 at St. John the Evangelist Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Reverend Art Hapanowitz. .

Tribute Wall

JR

“ MJ you were such a loving soul you touched my family and I more than once. Even though its been a while since I seen you i would think often of you and always hope for the best. Rest in peace ans to the family im very sorry for your loss my Prayers are with you.

Jim Ryan - March 20, 2014 at 11:17 AM

MA

“ Brenda and family ,
I am very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother , Prayers are with you at this time .
Mary Knoth

mary - March 20, 2014 at 08:58 AM

JB

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeff Boehlert - March 20, 2014 at 07:31 AM

JB

Such a good spirit, goodbye my friend. Rest in peace. Jeff Boehlert

Jeff Boehlert - March 20, 2014 at 07:35 AM

LY

“ I was so saddened to hear of MJ's passing. My thoughts are with you all. Please know she inspired many and will be truly missed.
Lynn B.

Lynn - March 19, 2014 at 10:19 PM

JD

“ Brenda, Michael and families : I was so very saddened to hear about your mom. We were great friends many years ago. No words can take away your pain. MJ will always be in my prayers.....Janet Docko



Janet Docko - March 19, 2014 at 02:25 PM

GR

“ I am so saddened by your loss. After talking to you (brenda)..your mom sounds like my kindred spirit. I very much regret not meeting her. may you find peace and love in the memories you cherish.
greschen (from village florals)

greschen - March 19, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JE

“ Joe & Kathy Egitto lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio



Joe & Kathy Egitto - March 18, 2014 at 07:25 PM

JE

Dear Michael and Brenda, We are so very sorry to learn of Your Mother's passing.

Joe & Kathy Egittoo - March 18, 2014 at 07:30 PM

DD

“ Dawn Trota DeCarlo lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio



Dawn Trota DeCarlo - March 18, 2014 at 07:21 PM

DT

Brenda, Michael and families, I am so sorry to hear of this tremendous loss. I have very fond memories of MJ going back to my childhood. Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time,

Dawn Trota - March 18, 2014 at 07:23 PM

GT

“ Gloria And Frank Trota lit a candle in memory of Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio



Gloria and Frank Trota - March 18, 2014 at 04:34 PM

GT

Dear Michael & Brenda I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom will be greatly missed, I remember how many good times we had together. Please know that you and your families are in my prayers. She was a great lady and will be missed by me. Take care of yourself and each other. Love Gloria & Frank Trota

Gloria and Frank Trota - March 18, 2014 at 04:40 PM

PM

“ *Paul Mangano sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mary Jane "MJ" Amelio*



Paul Mangano - March 18, 2014 at 11:46 AM