



Mary Jane "Bo" Blase

March 7, 1947 - May 6, 2020

S. WINDSOR, CT/UTICA - Our beloved Aunt passed peacefully in the comfort of her own bed on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. As always, her hands were beside her face as she went to sleep. Her unexpected passing, although precipitous, fulfilled her wish to be joined with her sisters Nancy and Pinky who she immensely missed.

Mary Jane Blase age 73, born to the late Frank J. and Marion (Garcea) Blase was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1966. She worked as a N.Y. cosmetologist at local salons in Utica.

Fun-loving and compassionate of heart, Mary Jane was the nexus of her family and friends. She was humorous, kind, good-natured, and honest. She was also gifted with a knack for telling a story. Although never having been a natural mom, she was blessed with an awesome relationship with her nephews, niece, and their families. She was fiercely protective of her loved ones, empathetic, and wise. Her family came first to her very last day.

Mary Jane was a talented cook combining old-school preparations with new techniques. She also mastered baking, from simple recipes to advanced, intricate cake decorating. She was an "anything and everything" shopper and cooking filled her days, always looking to prepare a special meal for those who ate at her table. In years past, she traveled and shared memories of fun-filled vacations, always with "the more, the merrier" motto. She hailed from humble beginnings, and although she was carefree and spirited, she never forgot her roots. A devout Catholic, she recited her daily prayers, and relied to

St. Jude for guidance. Above all, she put her trust in God's will and her life in his hands.

Mary Jane was preceded by her sisters, Florene "Pinky" DeSimone (June 11, 2016), Nancy A. Blase (February 9, 2020); and her infant brother who died at birth. She is survived by her brother-in-law, Philip A. "Phil" DeSimone; her beloved and cherished nieces and nephews, Frank DeSimone and fiancée Edina Gagula, Philip and Renee (Spine) DeSimone, and Jamie and Joseph Barbero; her individually adored great-nieces and great-nephews, Frankie DeSimone and fiancée Ashley Sommers, and Bianca DeSimone; Philip, Joseph, and Vinny DeSimone; Nicholas, and Joseph Barbero; cousins, including Marie Manca; many friends. Her life was companioned by her cocker spaniel, "Buba" who was the king of the house!

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the family will honor Mary Jane's life privately. Please take a moment to connect with Mary Jane's family through the "Memories" section of her obituary on our website.

Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Cannot remember Mary Jane without thinking of Pinky and Nancy also. It seemed as if they were a threesome until Mary Jane and Nancy moved to Conn. They were great girls. We seemed to know their family forever. May they all Rest In Peace. We will pray for them. Dolly (LaBella) Testa and Rose (LaBella) Freedan*

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“ *To all MayJane's family
I'm certainly shocked as I was when you lost Nancy who I worked with at MetLife & met Pinky thru both of them !!
I am so so sorry for your losses in such a short time ! My prayers for strength are with you all!!
Sylvia (Pietrogiacomo) Amoroso*

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