



Mary Jane "Chinz" Jones

February 4, 2023

UTICA – Our family expresses with deep sadness the passing of our beloved Sister and Aunt, Mary Jane “Chinz” Jones, on Saturday, February 4, 2023 after a nine-and-a-half-month courageous fight battling ovarian cancer.

She was born in Utica, a daughter of the late Richard and Nancy (Pugliese) Poccia. After her high school graduation, she worked for the Utica City School District and then went on to her career as a clerk for the United States Postal Service, retiring from the Frankfort Post Office. After her retirement, she enjoyed summers in Old Forge, working with her family at Hollister’s Trading Post.

She is survived by two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry Ventura, and Jean Marie Irizzary and Kevin Scott; nieces and nephews, Richard and Jennifer Ventura, Andrea and William Hollister, Lisa and David Miranda, Jenna Irizzary; great-nieces and great-nephews, Anthony and Erika Ventura, Dominick and Brianna Ventura and their daughter Elaina, Marsella Ventura, Alexis, and Karleigh Hollister; Dylan, and twins Davin and Dalton Miranda; and many cousins.

The journey for Mary Jane was made more comfortable because of the special attention offered by Dr. Manzurul Sikder, Darren, and the staff at the Infusion Center at Slocum-Dickson Medical Group; and the staff of Hospice

Palliative Care, Inc.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mary Jane's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the service. Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery.

"Chinz, give heaven a little bit of hell!"

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Tribute Wall

PM

“ To Andrea and family,
When we went to Old Forge every year for Fire School, one thing I always looked forward to was stopping at hollisters, and seeing Mary Jane. We are so saddened to learn that she lost her fight. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers. When I think of Mary Jane I will always remember her beautiful smile ,and I too will smile.
Peggy and Richard Maneen

Peggy Maneen - February 20, 2023 at 10:45 PM

AD

“ To the Ventura Family, so sorry to hear of your loss. You are in are thoughts and prayers.

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - February 08, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Jane "Chinz" Jones.



February 08, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Jane "Chinz" Jones.



February 08, 2023 at 09:28 AM

DC

“ I was so heartbroken to hear about Mary Jane. We were neighbors for many years and remained friends even after I moved away. I always had a great time whenever Mary Jane was around. She always made me laugh with some of the things she would say! She will truly be missed by not only her family but also her friends, near and far. Rest in Peace Mar!!

Donna Capraro - February 08, 2023 at 08:43 AM

BO

“ sorry to hear about Mary Jane..she was always so much fun when ever I went onto the Frankfort post office..we had many a laughs over our Utica/Proctor days..she loved Old Forge and her family...the loves of her life...
Bonnie Raffuel DeBrango Enjem

Bonita - February 08, 2023 at 07:58 AM

JO

“ I am very very saddened by this. She was a breath of fresh air and brought light and laughter to each room she entered .. every time she walked in my store she made my day. Smiles and laughs ..always with her sister and Jenna ...this is such a terrible loss for the entire family and all her friends. Rest easy Mary Jane ... you touched so many lives in such an unforgettable way

joette - February 07, 2023 at 09:51 PM

MC

“ Poccia’s and Ventura’s I am soo terribly saddened to hear about the passing of Mary Jane! I will always remember living across the street and asking her every chance I got if I could pet her Doberman, boxers, and any dogs she had in the yard. Most of the time the answer was usually “no” followed by a smile and a pleasant word.

She was always so nice to me and I may or may not have learned some “fun” words from her (that I continue to use today) 😂

My sincere condolences and love to all!

Michelle Capraro

michelle capraro - February 07, 2023 at 10:23 AM

TH

“ Words can not express how heartbroken I am about the loss of my friend and neighbor of 50 years . We shared a lot of wonderful memories. We laughed together many times. You always made me laugh when you swore. I will truly miss you.

Theresa - February 07, 2023 at 10:16 AM