



Patricia A. "Patty" Cecilia

September 17, 1960 - May 1, 2017

UTICA - Patricia A. "Patty" Cecilia, age 56, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 1, 2017 with those who loved her most at her side.

Born in Utica on September 17, 1960, Patricia was the daughter of Virginia (Mallozzi) Cecilia and the late John A. Cecilia. She was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1978. She continued her education at Utica College of Syracuse University where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1982 and a Master of Science degree in Adolescence Education in 2005.

Patty began her academic career in the Utica City School District in 2005 at T.R. Proctor High School teaching English to 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students. Currently, she felt privileged to be an ESL (English as a Second Language) instructor at the Learning Center at Proctor. Patty maintained high standards for herself and her students. She was extraordinarily hardworking and coordinated her curriculum with other content area disciplines. Patty was humorous and witty, and a stickler for syntax and semantics. Grammatical errors never escaped her critical eye. She was recognized by many as an exceptional educator.

Patty was altruistic, always thinking of others before herself, especially her mom. She spent quality time with her and cared for her. She was blessed with nieces and nephews who she considered her own. In so many ways, she was their second mother and go-to auntie, and they loved her so much. Their lives will be different without her, but their many memories of her will remain.

Her pastimes included golf and league bowling, reading on varied subjects, and movies, including documentaries at the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute Film Series. Patty was the arbiter of family affairs and she proposed peaceful solutions to problems ... and then ordered a pizza!

Patricia is survived by her beloved mom, Virg; her sisters and brothers-in-law who adored her, Joann and Steve Carl of New Hartford, and Lori and Jeff Farrell of Oriskany. She had a special relationship with each of her nieces and nephews and because she knew each of their personalities and fashion styles, she always picked out the most perfect gifts for them: Jenna Carl, Shelby Carl, Mackenzie Carl; Daniel Farrell, and Samuel Farrell. She also leaves her aunts and uncles, Jean Green, and Rosemary and Dave Martin; her many cousins who have been wonderful and supportive; and her friends, Dorothy Buley and Rosann Mino, who were part of the family and looked upon as "sisters". She was predeceased by her paternal grandparents, Gino and Rose (DiPietro) Cecilia; and her maternal grandparents, Nicholas and Josephine (Perretta) Mallozzi.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Merima Ramovic-Zobic in whose guidance Patty put her faith; Dr. Dilip Kachare who offered honest advice and comfort; the staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Interventional Radiology Department for their compassionate care; and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. who provided peace and assurance to all. She was blessed and never forgotten by her family, her friends, and her fellow T.R. Proctor staff and students.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all have been greeted. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Patricia's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 p.m. at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev.

Joseph Salerno. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

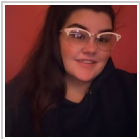
2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

GL

“ I'm am so srry to hear about patty she was a warm hearted person loved her dearly se will be missed you are all in my prayers May she RIP Gail Lewis

gail lewis - May 08, 2017 at 02:18 AM



“ Ms. Cecilia always pushed me to my full potential when it came to writing. She was the best English teacher I could ask for, she made my Senior so much easier

Brianna Snyder - May 06, 2017 at 01:21 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Patricia A. "Patty" Cecilia.



May 05, 2017 at 08:10 PM

VS

“ Virg and Family,
We are thinking and praying for you and yours. This is a very hard time. Patty was a very sweet person. Know that I care - Love Vinny Servadio

Vinny Servadio - May 05, 2017 at 03:31 PM

TN

“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of Patty. I had bowled with Patty many years ago at the Vista Lanes, I have fond memories of her during our bowling years. Patty was a beautiful person inside and out. Always smiling. Rest In Peace Patty.



Trudy Berkman Nitti - May 04, 2017 at 08:49 PM

MR

“ I am completely saddened and devastated from the loss of my close friend, Patty. I met Patty about ten or eleven years ago at Proctor High School, and we became not only colleagues, but also fast friends. Patty was the type of person I could share both a laugh and a cry with, and she would never judge. She was one of the kindest, most honest, and exceptionally caring people that I have ever met! Those who know me best, know that I don't like to leave my classroom except when I really have to, but I would always make time to visit Patty a few times a week because she was, and will always be, one of my closest and most beloved friends. Patty cared about people and her students more than anyone can possibly imagine. She was an enthusiastic instructor who figured out the best ways to reach her students no matter how difficult the circumstances. Patty spent countless hours both before and after school mastering her craft and helping countless students along the way. Sometimes it's difficult to understand why the best people are often taken from us way too soon, but I try to remind myself that everything happens for a reason, and that our memories of Patty and our amazing experiences will live on in our hearts and souls forever. I miss my friend so very much, and it's difficult to hold back the tears as I compose this message. Patty is a special soul, and someone I will always remember as the years pass. My condolences go out to her family and friends, and anyone who was lucky enough to come into contact with Patty. I will personally never forget Patty, and a piece of me will always be lost because of the special bond we shared. May you rest in peace, my good friend...and I know that one day we'll see each other again. Until then, your memory will remain in my heart and soul...forever.

Marc Rogowski

Marc Rogowski - May 04, 2017 at 10:34 AM

LG

“ *Linda Bronga Guarascio lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. "Patty" Cecilia*



Linda Bronga Guarascio - May 04, 2017 at 10:15 AM

MC

“ *Aunt Virg, Joann and Lori,
I am so sorry to hear of Patty's passing. I know how you all are feeling and my heart aches for you. This ache never goes away but by keeping good memories in your heart helps and I know you have a lot. I remember when I came into the family you all welcomed me and my memories of Patty make me smile. Paulie's stories of him and girls were cherished and I have a special place in my heart and memories of Patty. She always made me smile and a true listener, always concerned about others. I am sorry I can not be in Utica for you now but know that I send a virtual hug and prayers to you all..
XOXO
Love,
Mary Lynn (Keri and Daniel)*

Mary Lynn Cecilia - May 04, 2017 at 07:51 AM

SF

“ *So Sorry For The Family's Loss I Knew " Patty " Ms Cecilia By Being One Of Her Students At Proctor When I Was In High School , She Was An Amazing Teacher With A Bright Smile & Outgoing Personality She Always Wanted What Was Best For Her Students & Went Above And Beyond Too Give Us That....I Won't Forget Her !
R.I.P Patty*

Stephanie Fleury - May 03, 2017 at 04:03 PM

PK

“ I met Patty back in the mid 80's when we worked together @ Homestead Savings Bank. We laughed & giggled everyday@ work. What a special gal. Later on she worked @ Met-Life/United Health-Care with my husband, Bill, and he had the same fun experience with Patty. No matter where in the area we would bump into each other, we would pick up as if no time had ever passed and the laughter continued." God Bless You Dear Patty. Keep them all laughing in Heaven as you did with us. " You will be forever missed , loved, and remembered. You touched all that knew you.

Patty and Bill Klimacek

Patty and Bill Klimacek - May 03, 2017 at 03:44 PM

DJ

“ I was sorry to hear of patty's passing .I have know her for years living around the corner from her,when we were kids. Your at peace now .My prayers go out to her family,Donald Fleury and family



Donald K Fleury jr - May 03, 2017 at 03:09 PM

JS

“ My heart is heavy hearing of Patty's passing. Thoughts and prayers to all of her family and friends. She was a very special person, and will be missed.

Jean Skahan - May 03, 2017 at 10:47 AM

DK

“ I had privilege of knowing Patty when she worked at UnitedHealthcare. She was a kind, loving person. I know how excited she was to go and be a teacher. She will be dearly missed and there won't be a day go by that we all will think of her and her beautiful smile.
Fly high with the angels Patty.

Doreen Kelly

Doreen Kelly - May 03, 2017 at 09:51 AM

DK

I mean dearly missed.

Doreen Kelly - May 03, 2017 at 09:53 AM

DK

I sorry that this is saying this. I mean dearly missed

Doreen Kelly - May 03, 2017 at 09:55 AM

KG

It was my good fortune to have had the opportunity to know and work with Patty. We coordinated with students in a program designed to help those who were very behind, achieve success. A challenge to be sure but Patty always had a kind word and a way of reaching even the most discouraged student. If we are lucky, we might encounter a real angel in our lives. Patty will always be mine and I hope to live up to her example. The heavens sing while we mourn but another angel has gone home.

Karen Gavigan - May 03, 2017 at 12:20 PM

BL

“ *Patty was a wonderful person and kind soul who will loved by all who knew her. I will most certain miss her! We shared many good times in high school and I will treasure our friendship always.*



Barbara Laible - May 03, 2017 at 07:11 AM

DP

“ I am so sad to hear of the passing of Patty. Words cannot describe what we all are feeling right now. She was so much more than just a coworker to the Thomas R. Proctor staff: She was a friend to all who knew her. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have known her for the past twelve years, and I am grateful that for so many, I was able to share a classroom (B-211) with her, and work closely alongside her. In that time I would witness her continuously go above and beyond the call of duty, ensuring that her students got the most out of their educational experience. She always gave 110% to her students. Countless times I would witness her stay after school long after the contractually obligated time, sometimes staying past 4:30, tutoring students, and working one-on-one with her struggling ESL students in order to make sure that they understood the material. I would watch her meticulously explain concepts, break down instructions, model writing practices, give feedback, and then repeat these practices over and over until her students understood. She worked harder off the clock than most teachers (myself included) would during the normal school hours, because it meant so much to her for her students to achieve and succeed. Never thinking of herself, but always putting her students' needs before her own. I can only imagine how many at-risk students she helped pass and graduate, who might not have otherwise, had they not had someone so dedicated to the profession. Patty was not only an outstanding teacher and coworker, but a beautiful person in general. She was the closest thing to a living saint, that I can imagine. I'm sure everyone else who knew her would agree. she will be forever loved missed by all who knew her.

David Plescia - May 02, 2017 at 11:40 PM

BD

“ Betty DiNardo lit a candle in memory of Patricia A. "Patty" Cecilia



Betty DiNardo - May 02, 2017 at 09:12 PM

BD

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences, you all are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and the days to follow. Beautiful Patty was truly one of a kind and was loved by all. She was a dedicated auntie, wonderful sister, sister-in-law, friend and the most devoted daughter one could ask for. No more suffering Rest In Peace. ❤️ Mike and Betty DiNardo

Betty DiNardo - May 02, 2017 at 09:11 PM

CT

“ I knew Patty as a very gracious, kind person on our Thursday night golf league. Very, very sad to know of her suffering and passing. She now rests in the arms of our Risen Lord. God Bless you Patty!!

Carol Trzepacz - May 02, 2017 at 06:26 PM